



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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March 2021

District Administrator

New London has Two Herb Kohl Foundation Award Recipients for 2021!

On Wednesday, February 24, 2021, the selection committee of the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced recipients of 317 awards for Wisconsin students, teachers and principals. Awards in the amount of \$6,000 are being made to 101 teachers, 16 principals and their schools, and \$10,000 worth of scholarships will be given to 200 graduating high school seniors.

This year, New London is honored to have two staff recognized with this honor, Amber Yerkey at the New London High School and Gloria Peterson at Parkview Elementary. Congratulations to all 2021 awardees!



Herb Kohl
Educational Foundation, Inc.

Donation to School District of New London

The New London High School Fitness Center recently received a generous donation from Robin Salzwedel, VP of Operations for the Matrix Fitness/Johnson Health Tech Company, located in Madison, Wisconsin.



Matrix donated five new H7xe hybrid bikes fully stocked with an integrated touch screen display, Vista Clear Television Technology, wifi, Bluetooth capabilities, charging docks, immersive Virtual Active program, and virtual trainer. Students can use all the features available, from spin training, course races, speed races, and calorie or heart rate targets created by physical education staff. Students can also utilize the Virtual Active program, which presents a virtual trainer who takes users on rides through various parts of the world chosen by the rider. Resistance is automatically adjusted based on elevation changes and follows what the rider views on the screen.



The NLHS Physical Education department and School District of New London are grateful for Robin and the Matrix Fitness/Johnson Health Tech Company's generosity.

B 212

Recently students in grades 9 through 12 were recognized for their commitment to academic success. On Tuesday, February 23, students earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.85 or higher were acknowledged for their academic



performance during the 2020-2021 first semester.

Without question, students recognized for their academic achievement have demonstrated their B 212 extra effort and commitment to academic success.

Even with varied instructional models presented during the academic year.

Congratulations to all students recognized with their recent accomplishment. Additionally encouragement is given to all students to demonstrate best effort to foster academic excellence during our second semester and beyond.

Congratulations to our Highest Honors Award Recipients!

2021

Jocelyn Banaszynski
Kendra Bowden
Blake Fuerst
Grace Golla
Emma Gorman
Robert Gossen
Izabela Gullixon
Sarah Heideman
Mikayla Henderson
Caitlin Herminath
Gavin Hutchison

Ellie Karpf
Emily Kling
Zebulan Lehman
Amelia Mares
Charles Metko
Ryan Mussell
Hannah Otto
Logan Peach
Jackson Peterson
Olivia Philippon
Mark Radke

Katelyn Schley
Annalynn Seehafer
Brianna Sorge
Weston Spencer
Lindsey Spoehr
Rachel Thompson
Courtney Timm
Justin Vanevenhoven
Josephine Wenzel
Hanna Wisniewski
Gabe Wohlt

2022

Chayton Behnke
Briley Bolen
Brooke Casey
Ashlynn Clarke
Emma Desrochers
Olivia Dreas
Alayna Feavel
Jackson Fields
Riley Fischer
Amy Franco
Maribel Glodowski
Jack Grable

Garrison Gregory
Kendall Heise
Derek Helsten
Molly Kable
Madeleine Kloehn
Sawyer Kohl
Devan Kratzke
Joseph Krause
Maya Krause
Kenidi Lathrop
Payton Ludick
Kassidy Mares

John Mariano
Cole Penn
Emma Reismann
Keagan Reybrock
Carter Schendel
Owen Schlueter
Kiara Swinford
Lucas Williams
Beth Willner
Alaena Wolf
Raven Young Procknow

2023

Renna Amaral
Katie Behling
Jenna Carpenter
Kaitlyn Crews
Brooklyn Fuerst
Mason Gulbrandsen
Emely Hernandez

Paige Hobbs
Hannah Hochhausen
Will Hoover
Kylie Johnson
Jane Johnston
Evan Kedingner
Glavin Lubinski

Autumn Martin
Adam McGlin
Ian Oberstadt
Rachel Schuler
Olivet Stein
Elizabeth Steingraber
Halia Sternhagen

2024

Elsie Abba
Wyatt Adamovich
Kaylie Cartwright
Shelby Glodowski
Carson Gregory
Maggie Kane
Jack Kedingner

Allison Kloehn
Grace Leone
Julia Ludick
Autumn Magolski
Wyatt Magolski
Eliana Peach
Alyssa Pukita

Anna Roberts
Karlee Schramm
Isabella Sloma
Mason Walter
Gabriel Wood

Director of Business Services

Facilities Committee Meeting Update

The Facilities Committee met on February 22 and the agenda items are noted below with a short summary:

- A. Review and discuss tennis courts at New London High School

This item did not have consensus for the committee to make a formal recommendation to the full Board at this time. The topic will be reviewed at a future meeting when all members are present.

- B. Review and discuss summer 2021 sidewalk improvements

Bids are being sent out by the City of New London for several sidewalk improvements / additions along Werner Allen. District work will be a part of bids that the committee will review when received.

- C. Review and discuss Parkview parking lot project

The district is asking for bids on this project for Parkview's parking lot off Werner Allen. Werner Allen is being repaved this summer so this is good timing to get bids.

- D. Review and discuss boiler replacement needs at Lincoln and ISMS

The ISMS boiler plant will not make it through another winter. Partial upgrades to the plant will be necessary during summer 2021. This replacement work will be set up to accommodate full plant replacement in summer 2022.

- E. Review and discuss transportation management program

Discussion was held on the transportation management program currently in place with a contract from Kobussen. Look for more discussion about this at a future board meeting.



F. Update on scope of work from Somerville at ISMS and HS Tech Ed spaces

The scope of work at the ISMS is becoming increasingly complex and may be above the estimated budget approved by the Board. Somerville's team continues to define the opinion of probable cost to share with the Facilities Committee, ISMS staff and then full Board. We anticipate a more comprehensive update in April.



There is consideration to formalize a contract with Somerville to provide instructional related improvements to the Tech Ed spaces at the HS. We plan to meet again with the HS Tech Department to clearly define prioritization for consideration.

- G. Update on summer 2021 capital purchases that are budgeted for
- H. Update on school forest deed review from legal counsel

Robert Sorenson from Menn Law provided additional review of the deed, title review and prior legal feedback from last fall and concurred that the FFA does not own the school forests and the Board has sole discretion on what to do with the property. Committee discussion was to send this information back to the FFA for them to research the details and nuances of redrafting the deed for the committee and potentially the Board to review changes.

Why are the High School Lights On?

The high school lighting control system is currently being replaced from a lightning strike in August 2020. The absence of controls leaves lights on during hours they are normally off. There may be times people drive by and notice all of the lights on during nights and weekends. This is temporary until the controls are replaced and building staff can regain that functionality.



Director of Pupil Services

March 19, 2021, In-Service

Our in-service on Friday, March 19, will focus on mental health and safety programming throughout

the entire day. Professional and support staff will be in attendance all day and all presentations will take place virtually via the zoom and google meet platforms.

Topics presented will include: *5 Stones*-Human Trafficking Awareness Program, *Hidden in Plain Sight* Drug Awareness program, and various law enforcement representatives discussing multiple safety and awareness topics. We will also host another session of *Stop the Bleed* Training.

We will offer sessions on Suicide Prevention, Adolescent Mental Health First Aid, and Non-Violent Crisis Intervention training.

Additionally, we are excited to partner with staff members from Emanuel Lutheran and Most Precious Blood for this training.

ACCESS Testing



Federal and state laws require that students identified as English Learners (ELs) be assessed annually to determine

their level of English language proficiency (ELP) and ensure that they are progressing in achieving full English proficiency. This includes students who receive special education services.

The ACCESS assessment window is February 22-April 30, 2021. The School District of New London has over 100 students taking the ACCESS assessment. At this time, our district is over 70% complete with testing. Our bilingual teachers and tutors complete this testing with our students.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Scheduling

With input and course selection complete for the 2021-2022 school year, New London High School staff will begin to build the master schedule for next year. This will include counselors conferencing students on their college and career readiness as well as a double check on graduation requirements.

If you are aware of a family who is moving into the area or is not a current student in our district, but interested in attending with us, please have them

contact Lesley Baehman in the Office of Teaching and Learning as soon as possible so our numbers can be updated.



Summer School

New London is proud to offer summer school options at all levels. At this time, we are securing staff interest and building program options for summer school.



The traditional summer school for grades K-grade 4 will take place at Lincoln Elementary July 12- August 6, 2021.

We will be asking families for interest in summer programs soon so we can plan and finalize course offerings later in March. Some of the options we added last summer including summer learning packets and iReady online connections may continue.

Our goal includes enrollment materials being shared in April and finalizing rosters in May to allow families to plan.

New London High School will offer credit recovery opportunities for students who did not pass their classes in the 2020-2021 school year. This roster may change based on the success and failures from the second semester.

Assessment Updates



There are a number of items being discussed in legislation at both the state and federal level related to assessments as impacted by the pandemic.

- The requirement for administering the state assessments and reporting results will not be waived at the federal level
- The testing windows for most assessments have been extended to include weekend and evening hours and additional weeks have been added to testing windows
- Wisconsin Department of Instruction is applying for a waiver related to the 95% participation requirement

As Board members, please continue to promote the positive impact assessment has had on our district and the opportunities that students have based on their participation. It will be helpful to have the data as an additional point of reference when identifying gaps and goals for instruction in the future. If families do have questions or concerns, please have them contact me, dsievert@newlondon.k12.wi.us or their building principals for specific questions regarding the testing environment or schedule.

Virtual Options Will Continue in 2021-22 School Year and Beyond

In addition to traditional instruction, the School District of New London will continue to offer virtual options for students who have shown success in this model. Families interested in these programs should contact Lesley Baehman

lbaehman@newlondon.k12.wi.us (920) 982-2011 in the Office of Teaching and Learning as soon as possible to secure their spot in any virtual programs.



Families who do not live in our resident area, but are interested in attending New London, the open enrollment application period for the 2021-22 school year is February 1 - April 30, 2021.