



March 2023

District Administrator

National School Breakfast Week



The week of March 6-10 was recently recognized at National School Breakfast week.

With references from the School Nutrition Association, school breakfast supports our students and families with resources to foster our District mission of “Success For All Students.” Thank you to our food service and district staff who support daily opportunities for students to start their day with a great breakfast.

Did you know children who eat breakfast are more likely to...

- Reach higher levels of achievement in reading and math
- Score higher on standardized tests
- Have better concentration and memory
- Be more alert and maintain a healthy weight

But when the school week gets busy, it's easy for students to rush out the door in the morning without having a nutritious meal. That's why school breakfast is such a great option! In fact, students who participate in school breakfast tend to have better attendance rates and fewer behavioral problems.

The School Breakfast Program provides 12 million nutritious breakfasts to hungry children across the country every day. These breakfasts tend to be more nutritious than the average breakfast a child gets from home or a convenient fast-food restaurant.

B 212



The March B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes Katie Bellile, High School administrative assistant, for her recent involvement with coordinating the senior

exit interview. Mrs. Bellile supported the entire senior class by establishing processes and procedures and communicating with students, staff, and our community volunteers who assisted with senior exit interviews. Thank you, Mrs. Bellile, for your B212 effort.

Director of Business Services

Total Compensation Committee Meeting

Before the regular board meeting tonight, the Total Compensation Committee will meet to discuss the topics noted below:

- Review and discussion of 2023-24 CPI wage increase options
- Review and discussion of compensation data
- Review and discussion of equity analysis
- Review and discussion of workload survey comments
- Review and discussion formulating updates to the Board

We will update the Board at the meeting with potential next steps.

Director of Pupil Services

Get Kids Ahead Mental Health Grant Initiative Received For the 2nd Year in a Row

The School District of New London was awarded \$39,781 from the *Get Kids Ahead* mental health initiative from the State of Wisconsin. The purpose of this grant is that all public school districts and independent charter schools are eligible, and each district will receive a per-pupil allocation ranging from the minimum award of \$10,000 to much higher awards for districts with large student



populations. The grant must be spent on allowable mental health activities, including the following:

- Training for staff in mental health-related programs and initiatives including Youth Mental Health First Aid
- Compassion Resilience and Trauma Sensitive Schools
- Mental Health Evidence-Based Improvement Strategies (EBIS)
- Mental Health Literacy for students and adults
- Stigma Reduction programs
- Contracting with community mental health providers, consultants, organizations, CESAs, and other experts to provide consultation, training, mentoring, and coaching
- Parent training and informational events
- Student and Family Assistance Programs
- School-employed mental health professionals accessible to all students
- Mental Health Navigators

Progress of Close Gap

Close Gap is currently being used in the district for students in the schools to request an appointment with their counselors or report a concern they would like to discuss. It is just another additional resource for students who are hesitant to have a face-to-face interaction or who may be reluctant to walk directly into the counseling office. The tool is currently working very well where it is being utilized. It is not currently launched district-wide, we are doing a pilot sampling of grades, to see where it fits best.



Safety Bot Alert Updates



The School Social Worker continues to monitor and report all the Safety Bot alerts that are received within the school district.

These come up whenever the system alerts of a troubling email or message in the student’s Google docs, emails or Google classroom. Students have also been doing

a good job of communicating with our administration team and pupil service team when other students are sending troubling messages on SnapChat, Facebook or Instagram.

Outside Counseling Resources

Our school counseling program has been working with many outside counseling agencies over the past few years and have maintained these partnerships this year. We have created a memorandum of understanding with these organizations to assist our students and families with accessing mental health services on campus. The following is a list of some of the partnerships that we currently have in place:

- Samaritan
- Sherman
- Catalpa Health
- Open Trails Counseling
- Rawhide Counseling Services
- Integrity Counseling Services
- REACH Counseling
- Sexual Assault Crisis Center

Additional support for families in crisis is always available by calling 211 or United Way of the Fox Cities.

- 211 United Way Community Resources
- 311 (only in larger cities)--to report non-emergency problems--vandalism, graffiti, etc.
- 411 Directory Assistance
- 511 Road Conditions
- 611 Cell phone support
- 711 Telecommunication relay service
- 811 Diggers Hotline
- 911 Emergency Dispatch
- 988 Suicide Prevention Hotline—new

Mission of Hope House Resource Updates



The School District of New London continues to share a partnership relationship with the Mission of Hope House shelter. We are able to access necessary resources for our students and families and get vouchers for the

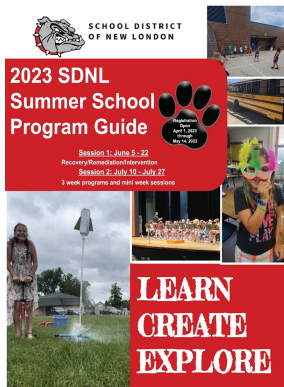
Bridge Thrift Store for our families in need. The entire Pupil Services staff recently took a tour of the facilities to update their knowledge of all the resources available via the Mission of Hope House.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Summer School

New London is proud to offer summer school options at all levels. We will review programming later in this meeting.

Registration will open on April 1, 2023, and will use SKYWARD to schedule. Final staffing decisions will be made based on enrollment.



Session 1: June 5 - 22

Recovery/Remediation/Intervention

Session 2: July 10 - July 27

3 week programs and mini week sessions

***With few exceptions, there will be NO courses on Fridays**

The purpose of the School District of New London Summer School Program is to provide opportunities for learning beyond the traditional school year. With a commitment to **Success for ALL Students**, we offer something of interest for all ability levels. Courses are designed to offer enrichment and intervention of skills as well as expose students to new applications of knowledge and talents.

Instructional Committee

The Instructional Committee met on March 8, 2023. The agenda included discussion on the recent review of materials. The team recommends asking the policy committee to further review and possibly separate policy regarding curriculum materials from library materials. The committee also reviewed more information about the Implementation of American Reading Company including clarifications on the goals for each of the four units and how we will continue to respond to the concerns and stress put on teachers.

Assessment -Testing Windows



Testing windows are open. Details based on school and grade level will be shared by principals of each building.

Grade Level or Group	Assessment
Grades 3-4	WI Forward Exam
Grades 5-8	WI Forward Exam
Grade 10	WI Forward Exam (Social Studies Only)
Grades 9-11	ACT or ACT Aspire
Students who qualify for the alternate assessment (IEP)	Dynamic Learning Map
English Language Learners	Access Exam

If you have any questions about state testing, please email dsievert@newlondon.k12.wi.us or call the Office of Teaching and Learning or your building principal.

Post Secondary Fair

Our post secondary fair took place on March 8, 2023. With over 85 booths with technical schools, colleges and universities, jobs and career



opportunities, union reps, apprenticeship, career development, and military, students in grades 9-12 had the opportunity to continue to build their own transition plans for after graduation. Students could explore, ask and seek support for

next steps regardless of their pathway. During the same time, our seniors participated in their senior exit interviews to celebrate their success in this capstone event. Sincere thanks to the staff, students, community members, vendors for making this event possible.