



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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May 2020

District Administrator

Class of 2020 Be 212 “The Extra Degree”

The class of 2020 has earned the month of May Be 212 “The Extra Degree” of effort recognition. Thank you for your continued effort to make our school community great! Without question, the spring of

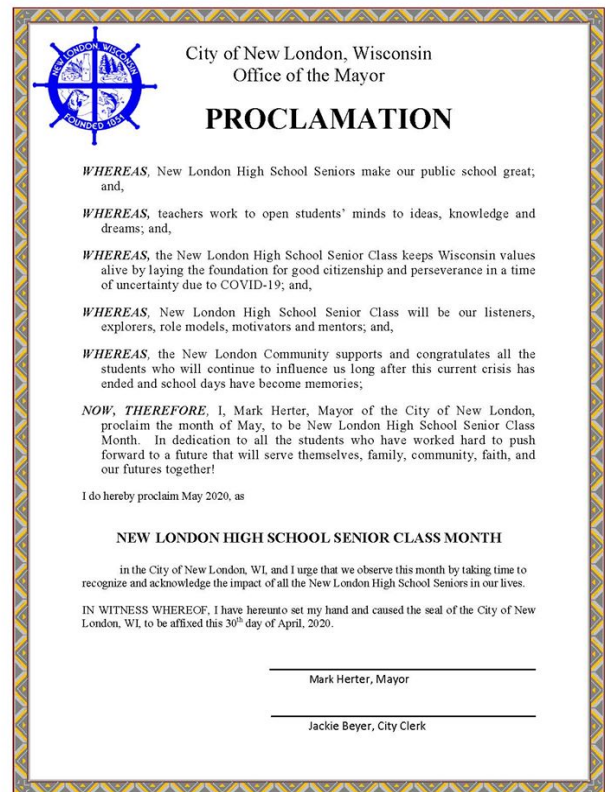


2020 has presented our Senior class with obstacles that no other class has ever had to conquer. With great respect and dignity, the class of 2020 has navigated the educational

landscape to lead our school community. Our Seniors display tremendous strength and are ready to fulfill our District vision to be effective communicators, problem solvers and critical thinkers, self-directed lifelong learners, and responsible contributing citizens. Congratulations to the class of 2020 for current and future accomplishments. Our entire school community celebrates your success.

Class of 2020 Proclamation

Recently the City of New London recognized a proclamation for the class of 2020. The City proclaimed the month of May to be New London High School Senior class month. In dedication to all the students who have worked hard to push forward to a future that will serve themselves, family, community, faith, and our futures together.



Donation

Recently Wohlt Creamery donated cheese products to support our District. Products received were incorporated into our nutrition food service lunch and breakfast programming. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Wohlt Creamery for its generosity is given.



Retirees

The School District of New London salutes the following individuals for their commitment and continued dedication to supporting “Success for All Students.” Over their career, thousands of children and community members have been influenced in positive ways. As a school district, we give our very best gratitude of thanks. Congratulations!

- Callie Cochran-Hager
- Lori Flury
- Bob Oudenhoven
- Cheryl Yandre

Director of Business Services

Membership Audit

New London was selected by DPI to have a membership audit this spring. Districts are required to have audits to ensure that proper procedures are in place to accurately count students that are attending the school district. The business office has oversight of this process.



The audit was completed by our auditors and verified student counts from Summer School 2019, September 2019, and January 2020. Erickson and Associates completed the fieldwork and there were no mistakes made in the pupil count.

The district strives to be perfect in the counting of students but this is not an easy accomplishment because of the complex scenarios that some of our families have for enrollment. If the auditors note several errors in the counting of students, an automatic audit is due for the next year and the audit costs over \$3,000 to complete.

A credit to all staff involved to ensure that the district is following the guidelines established for counting students.

Public Thank You

Hilker Warehousing LLC (Tom and Lori Hilker) have graciously donated three semi reefers to the district to pack up Readfield and Parkview Elementary Schools for the summer projects. Mr. Bleck and I thanked Tom in person, but we want to thank them



publically again for their generosity. This is a great gesture that reduced the district’s cost for storage.

Director of Pupil Services

ACCESS for ELLs Score Results

The School District had 104 students that took ELL ACCESS tests this year. Our Bilingual staff of Joanna Mertz,



Kristen Retzlaff, Nora Robles, Aurea Poppy, Kelly Muniga, and Lilly Rios conducted the testing. ACCESS stands for Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English for English Language Learners. It is a large-scale test that assesses the student’s acquisition of the English skills necessary to be successful in a mainstream classroom. Students earn scores from 1-7. Level 1 is entering—students then go through the stages of beginning, developing, expanding and bridging before the final exit stage—level 6. Level 7 is used for students who are native English speakers or who have never been designated as ELL. This test does not assess content area knowledge. The testing is conducted each year in December and January to determine the gains our ELL learners are making. Fifteen of our students achieved a mastery level that allows them to fulfill their requirements of the program. Currently 89 students are scheduled to receive additional bilingual services in the 2020-21 school year.

Delivery of Therapy Services

Special Education therapy services continue to be delivered virtually. Our therapist team, that includes: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Speech/Language Therapy continues during the school closure time period. Our therapists are working with the students and families to deliver virtual lessons so that students can continue to make gains for the goals written into their individual education plans. The students are meeting with the therapist via the Google platform and also receiving therapy packets that were sent



home and also sent on the delivery busses to access what they need.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Family Survey

The School District of New London has shared a survey for families to provide feedback on our digital and distance learning efforts. Thank you to the families who have already responded. If any family has limited internet or connectivity and would like a printed copy instead, please contact the district office. [LINK](#) to the digital survey is also still an option.



- Skyward on-line registration opening date, July 20, available through Skyward Family Access
- Free and Reduced Application support (August 4-7)
- Bilingual families will be invited for registration support between July 20 and August 12 by our Bilingual staff; families will be contacted for their individual appointment times.
- Pack it Up for Kids will continue; however, details will be developed over the summer.



Summer School



At this time some of the details about summer school options are unknown and may develop over the summer with updated guidance from the state level.

June

- We will offer opportunities consistent with past years to include credit recovery for our students in Middle and High Schools.
- Camp Invention has been CANCELLED.
- Some optional packets may be available for pick up for families and students grades K-4 who may be interested. (Details to be determined.)

July-August

- At this time, digital is the only option, with a potential update from the state June 1, 2020. We will keep you posted as this is better clarified and options develop.

Registration

All registration activities will take place **digitally only**; we will not be hosting registration in person. Families will receive further information in July and August. Please note the following dates:

Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award Winner!



The School District of New London is proud to announce that New London High School teacher Missy Porath has been awarded a 2020 Herb Kohl Teacher Fellowship Award. Educators are chosen for their ability to inspire a love of learning in their students and ability to motivate others, and for their

leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Further details on this program can be found at the following [LINK](#). Congratulations Missy!



Cesa 6 Grant CTE \$1000

The CESA 6 Smart Thinking Foundation, through the generous donation of CM Regent Insurance Company,



has awarded a micro-grant to the School District of New London to help fund and enhance our Academic Career Pathways Website.

The grant, in the amount of \$ 850.00, is intended to help our district innovate and achieve our strategic goals related to Career and Technical Education.

