



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

## Monthly Update

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### October 2020

#### District Administrator

##### Wolf River Community Bank Field Goal Contest

New London High School participated in the Wolf River Community Bank Field Goal Contest for a chance to win money for the school. Watch staff members Ms. Bellile, Activities Secretary; Ms. Bruce, Assistant Principal; and Mr. Sloma, Activities Director; kick their field goals. Visit the Wolf River Community Bank YouTube page to watch the video at [bit.ly/NewLondonFieldGoals](https://bit.ly/NewLondonFieldGoals) (case sensitive). Thank you to Wolf River Community Bank for this opportunity and for their \$1,000 donation to our school.

##### National School Board Week

October 4-10 is National School Board week. This special week is a time to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our communities.

This year's theme — Strong Boards, Strong Schools, Strong Communities — speaks to why board members are motivated to serve, even while they're facing new challenges.

We appreciate all of the time and effort our school board members contribute to the success of the School District of New London.



##### New London Chamber Award

Recently the New London Area Chamber of Commerce held its virtual Chamber Awards Program. The School District of New London was recognized amongst Chamber members as the recipient of the 2020 Excellence in Innovation Award.

Specifically, the award recognition was for the community connections initiative work to develop a



mobile application solution in partnership with the School District of New London, the City of New London, and the New London Chamber of Commerce. Since the implementation of the application, over 900 downloads of the New London Connect App has occurred. App users are able to access local information from each organization with the intent to share information about the greater New London area. Thank you to our valued Chamber members who nominated and continue to support positive partnerships with the School District of New London.

##### B 212

With unknowns and determination to create opportunities for our students, the October B212 extra effort recognition salutes our fall co-curricular coaches. Our fall co-curricular season

has been anything but routine and predictable over the past several months. With recognized structural guidelines put in place to create safe playing and practice environments, our fall coaches have done their very best. Without question, our students and families have appreciated the opportunities created to engage in competition.



#### Director of Business Services

##### Total Compensation Committee Meeting

The committee will meet before the regular Board meeting on October 12 to review the health, dental, life and vision insurance renewals for January 1, 2020. The committee will determine next steps and formally make a recommendation for Board approval at the October 26 meeting.

This is the normal timeline for renewals and discussion about



health, dental, life and vision coverages offered to employees.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) was reviewed with the committee to discuss the impact of the Act on the District.

### **Director of Pupil Services**

**Hispanic Heritage Month**  
September 15-October 15



#### **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by

celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The School District of New London has temporarily suspended the bilingual families celebration event previously scheduled on October 5, 2020 and it will be rescheduled at a later date.

#### **Child Development Days Moved to January**

Child Development Days (the School District of New London's annual child-find process) was scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 13 at Lincoln Elementary School. At this time, that activity will now take place on Tuesday, January 26. The district will continue to process through special education referrals received from outside agencies and sources. We still plan to conduct hearing, vision, speech and cognitive assessments during our Child Development Days event in January.



#### **SHAPES Survey**

Two weeks ago our high school Allies in Mental Health team conducted the SHAPES survey for the high school. The SHAPES is the School Health Assessment and Performance Evaluation System. This tool helps schools determine if they need to make any improvements in their mental health support systems. Members of this team included the high school administration team, school psychologist, school counselors, pupil services staff members and also school board member, Tina Ruckdashel. The team worked as a group to ask critical questions and examine any lagging areas that needed to be addressed to meet the students' mental health needs. This group will continue to work as a team throughout the year and will continue to provide updates to the School Board.

#### **Bulldogs of Character/Pumpkin Donation**



Festival Foods and Cuff's Berry Farm generously donated pumpkins to our Bulldogs of Character program in the district. The Bulldogs of Character program will be distributing pumpkins to students via the food pick-up sites at town. Elementary students in grades 3 and 4 and also middle school students will be asked to decorate their pumpkins and send in pictures that will be shared out on the district's media platforms later in October.

### **Director of Teaching and Learning**

#### **Parent/Teacher Conferences: UPDATE**

With limited in person appointments, all of our Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this fall. Families will secure an appointment slot and a teacher will confirm the best manner for contact and call during a scheduled appointment. They will receive additional information from their buildings, but the basic format is shared below:



### ***Elementary***

These appointments will be scheduled by the teacher the week of October 19 and will include a 15 minute conference via phone or Google Meet/Zoom. Teachers hope to connect with families at a time that works well for their family.

### ***Intermediate/Middle School***

Building administration and staff will use Skyward Scheduling to schedule a 10 minute telephone conference for one of the following times:

- Monday, Oct 22 4-7
- Friday, Oct 23rd 8-Noon
- Monday, Oct 26 4-7

### ***High School***

Building administration and staff will use Skyward Scheduling to schedule a 10 minute telephone conference for one of the following times:

- Monday, Oct 19 4-7
- Friday, Oct 23rd 8-Noon

### ***New London Connect***

New London Connect Teachers will continue to update families on progress, concerns and celebrations. Grades K-6 will be contacted to set up an individual conference with each student as well.

### **The Latest in Instructional News**



The most up to date information including any information sent out to families and support for technology during COVID 19 can be

found on our website at

<https://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us/district/covid-19.cfm>

The latest instructional update can also be found on that page but will be discussed further during our monitoring report.