



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES
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September 2020

District Administrator

WASB Regional Meeting

The 2020 WASB Regional meeting is scheduled for **October 22, Region 7**. The meeting will be online and no registration is required.



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With back-to-school processes in full swing, District operations rely heavily on our District office staff to ensure a great start to the school. Thank you, Jill Willner, Janel Pttler, Lori Gonnering, and Wendie Kronser for your pleasant presence as individuals seek information from our District Office. Time and again Jill, Janel, Lori,



and Wendie have gone above and beyond to meet the needs of our school community. Thank you for your continued 212 effort!

New To the Bulldog Family

Congratulations to our newest members of the Bulldog professional staff as they begin their journey to foster "Success for All Students." As a District, we welcome your active involvement to support and lead within the School District of New London, welcome aboard!

- Michelle Anderson, Speech/Language Path, RF
- Megan Bergel, Social Studies, HS
- Kyle Collins, English/Language Arts, HS
- Chris Doran, Special Ed, HS
- Brent Dusek, Tech Ed, HS
- Bailee Hardy, Phy Ed, PV/RF
- Jordan Krause, Bilingual, ISMS/HS
- Lukas Mueller, Phy Ed, LN/SB
- Joshua Murnane, Associate Principal, ISMIS
- Riley Schussler, Counselor, HS

- Kevin Spindler, Vocal Music, HS
- Matthew Sullivan, School Psychologist, PV/RF

Director of Business Services

\$2,500 Donation

The High School Tech Education Department received a \$2,500 grant from the American's Farmers Grow Communities sponsored by the Bayer Fund in which farmers can direct support to a non-profit of their choice. April Heideman is a local farmer and she chose to direct this donation on her behalf.

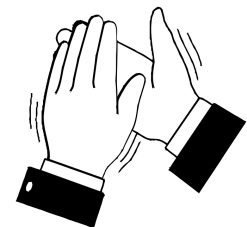


Funds were deposited in the high school activity account designated towards the Tech Ed Department. Mr. Gruentzel received the check and is planning to appropriately use the funds.

Thank you to April Heideman for selecting the district!

Thank you

The start of the school year is always full of busyness. This year with COVID-19 obstacles and construction project work, the tasks for the start of the school year were at peak levels. A huge thank you to everyone on our school campuses that make that happen. I want to extend a special thank you to the custodial, maintenance, grounds, food service and transportation teams for pushing themselves to uncharted limits. The extra hours and tasks completed are critical to the re-entry process for staff and students.



I am thankful for the great teams we have in the district and am proud of how each of them has risen to the challenge of putting kids first!

Director of Pupil Services

Allies in Mental Health Training

On Tuesday, August 18, and Wednesday, August 19, members of our high school staff and pupil services team, as well as school board member, Tina Ruckdassel

participated in the Allies in Mental Health training. This is a comprehensive mental health system model which is being led by CESA 6. Our team will meet periodically this year to continue our work to increase support and services for mental health in our district. This will be a two-year process. We are in Cohort group 3 with CESA 6 and other districts are joining us in this training.



Outside Counseling Providers

Rawhide Counseling Services provided a mental health training on August 24 to our entire district staff. The topic they addressed was "Dealing with Stress and Anxiety during the Pandemic."

Rawhide is one of the district's outside counseling providers in the School District of New London. The district also has Memorandums of Understanding with: Sherman, Integrity, Open Trails, Full Circle, Rawhide, Samaritan, and Rapha Counseling Services.



The School District of New London will continue their collaboration with these agencies this year to provide easy access to mental health support for our students and families.

Crisis Plan Updates

All of the building level crisis plans have been updated. Each building level principal conducted training on the building specific



crisis plans during August inservice week. The crisis teams will also continue to update their Heartsaver training each year.

PPE Update

All buildings throughout the district have been supplied with their necessary PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) materials. These materials include: mask, face shields, protective goggles, distancing stickers. Many buildings are also using movement arrows. Hand sanitizing stations are present outside each classroom and in common areas throughout the buildings. The thermometer stations are at all the main entrances and offices have additional hand-held thermometers available.

Eyeglasses Donation for Color Blind Students

The School District of New London received an anonymous donation of 80 pairs of eyeglasses that assist students who have been identified as struggling with colorblindness.

These glasses assist students with detecting differences between colors. They also add additional vibrancy to the colors that people with color blindness may not fully experience.



The eyeglasses will be distributed to students who are identified as color blind, throughout the School District of New London.

Director of Teaching and Learning

August Inservice

August inservice was a little different than years past, with a combination of in person and digital trainings, meetings and events taking place.

A key component of this year's efforts was being ready for digital instruction with added training with Google, Edpuzzle, Screencastify, and document cameras. Additionally, training related to crisis and healthy environments was a focus for staff upon their return to school.

The other focus was on health and safety procedures and practices related to COVID 19 and our response by instructional level and building. Additional planning for orientation week and the staggered start kept staff engaged with our first days back.

Sincere thanks to all staff for their diligence in getting ready for our students.



At Home Learning

At the time of this report, we have the following numbers for students choosing to learn in the At Home Learning Model.

- Elementary: 120
- Intermediate and Middle School: 117
- High School: 114 + Next Generation Academy

New London Connect: this program is hosted by New London Instructors:

- K- Gloria Peterson
- 1- Jennifer Pelot
- 2- Tania Pietro
- 3- Leah Stanzyc
- 4- Tawny Parker
- 5- Jamie Krewaldt

In order to allow students to have coursework in all departments while protecting the integrity of lower instructional numbers in classrooms, New London is happy to share the Edgenuity Platform facilitated by the following staff members:

- 6-8- Josh Murnane, Trisha Peach
- 9-12- Jennifer Bruce, Anne Ferge

At this time, families asking to change programs will be addressed at a building level. To allow for transition, we advise changing programs at the quarter.



First quarter ends on November 3, 2020, second quarter ends January 21, 2021, and third quarter ends March 26, 2021.

Staggered Start 2020



The staggered start to the school year was a success that allowed each grade level to provide orientation to a new normal for routines and expectations for our buildings. Thank you for your support.