



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES
PUPIL SERVICES • TEACHING AND LEARNING SERVICES

September 2021

District Administrator

4k Collaborative: Head Start 9
Day Care Center
of New London 13

Start of the Academic Year

September 1, 2021, marked the start of the 2021-2022 academic year. With anticipation and excitement, students and families were welcomed back to school. In addition, active participation with school orientation and building-level open houses presented opportunities for students and parents/guardians alike to jumpstart the academic year.

New To the Bulldog Family

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

We emulate our sincere "Bulldog Pride" for students, families, and district employees who create excellent learning environments. Grade level staggered starts to the school year were a success that provided

specific student orientation to routines and expectations for our buildings and provided guided attention for students on their first day.



Student Enrollment

Our September 7, 2021, tentative District student enrollment is as noted below. On Friday, September 17, 2021, our official student enrollment count will be established and submitted to the Department of Public Instruction.

Student Enrollment Count as of 9-7-21

Lincoln Elementary	213
Parkview Elementary	264
Readfield Elementary	130
Sugar Bush Elementary	113
Intermediate Middle School	633
High School	699
Catalyst Academy	43
Rural Virtual Academy	8
Total:	2103

NAME	ASSIGNMENT	BUILDING
Amie Blanchette	Language Arts	ISMS
Cassidy Flanders	School Counselor	HS
Madison Hansen	Special Ed Teacher	SB
Gary Henschel	Social Studies	HS
Lindsey Kleitsch	Spanish	ISMS/HS
Melissa Krull	Reading/Elem	RF
Nicholas Livingston	School Psychologist	LN/SB
Erin Marsh	District Social Worker / Family Engagement Coordinator	District
Chaselyn Miller	School Psychologist	PV/RF
David Ruda	Instrumental	ISMS
Cassandra Rupno	Language Arts	ISMS
Laurie Sloma	Math Teacher	HS
Nicholas Tillema	Language Arts	HS
Samantha Ahrens	Educational Assistant	LN
Christopher Berberich	Technology Specialist	District
Taryn Bosquez	Educational Assistant	LN
Molly Brown	Admin Asst to Dir of Pup Svcs	HS
Katie Christian	Transportation Supervisor	Bus Garage
Robin Eplett	Educational Assistant	PV
Richard Flocker	Educational Assistant	RF
Tara Lindholm	Transportation Office Secretary	Bus Garage
Bailey Mares	Educational Assistant	PV
BoLynda Masseth	Educational Assistant	PV
Crystal Norby-White	Educational Assistant	LN
Amy O'Donoghue	Educational Assistant	LN
Elizabeth Stickers	Private Duty Nurse	ISMS/LN
Jennifer Williams	Educational Assistant	PV



B 212

Our September B 212 extra degree of effort recognizes Brian Mathu and Megan Bergel. Mr. Mathu and Mrs. Bergel did an exceptional job planning and running our Freshmen First Day of school experience.



The time, effort, and commitment demonstrated made for a smooth transition for our Freshmen class and New London High school staff. Thank you for your continued efforts and leadership.

School Community Engagement Kickoff

On Friday, September 10, 2021, our District hosted the first school community engagement event at Bulldog Stadium. Admission for all who attended the Varsity football game versus Waupaca High School was free. In addition, current and former District employees were invited to participate in and join our school community for the event. Thank you to all who participated, specifically the New London Gridiron Club, who assisted with the tailgate meal.

Director of Business Services

Transportation Update

The start of the transportation year is going well. Each year there are new stops, different riders, new drivers, childcare points and an abundance of other changes many stakeholders work through the first few weeks of school. Katie, Tara, Josh and all of the bus drivers are doing their very best to ensure safe, reliable transportation for students each day.

A note about routes is below about the route structures to start the school year:

- Readfield = 3 AM/PM routes & 2 4K noon route
- Sugar Bush = 2 AM/PM routes & 1 4K noon route
- In-Town = 13 AM/PM routes
- In-Town = 3 4K & 1 EC noon routes
- SPED = 2 routes

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding as normalization happens and routines can be established.

Martinson Lumber Donation

Chris Martinson donated 340 board feet of basswood to the High School Woods department to use in classes. We sincerely appreciate the donation for the program!



Pack it Up for Kids

The Rotary Club of New London has sponsored a backpack program for school supplies for several years. This program has evolved to provide backpacks for free and reduced students of the school district.



This year approximately 235

backpacks with school supplies have been distributed to students across the district. This is a great community event because there are local businesses that sponsor funding as well as many individual community members as well.

Our students really appreciate the support to start the year with a new backpack and supplies.

Director of Pupil Services

Mental Health Grant Received

The School District of New London was awarded \$56,000 for our Mental Health Grant application. This will allow the Pupil Services Department to continue to build on areas within our programming, including Social Emotional Learning programming and support of our mental health initiatives.

Allies in Mental Health Training-Year 2

Once again, members of our high school staff and pupil services team, as well as school board member Tina Ruckdashel, will participate 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 also participating in this training.

Outside Counseling

Providers

The district continues to have 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.

These agencies have the opportunity to be physically present to offer their therapy services during the school day on our campus to allow for easy access to mental health care. Students are able to attend appointments during the school day, without their parents needing to take off of work to transport them. This helps eliminate the barrier to accessing mental health care services for our families and provides convenience for access.

Resiliency Training

During our August inservice training, Rogers Behavioral Health Services presented a large-group resiliency training to our entire support staff and professional staff. This was an opportunity for staff to reflect on last year and gear up for working with students this school year. This session received a great deal of positive feedback from the staff and interest in continued discussion on this topic.

Director of Teaching and Learning

August Inservice

Back to School Inservice days took place on August 26, 30 and 31. District level activities were the focus of the morning of August 26 with all staff attending speakers on Generational Differences, Resiliency and celebrating our new and veteran staff.



The remaining days were allocated to PLC time, Building Level onboarding and preparation for students. October 1 is our next inservice day, all staff are again attending this session.

Instructional Committee

Our next Instructional Committee meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office. Members of the committee are: Katie Batten, Chris Martinson, and Tina Ruckdashel.

Thanks to New London Engineering



The School District of New London is proud to be a part of a community that supports education and promotes access for all students to explore both career and college opportunities. One of our latest celebrations includes a gift from **New London Engineering** who sponsored 300 safety glasses to be gifted to each of our students enrolled in a **Technology Education Courses** including pathways in manufacturing, construction, and engineering. With courses in Woods and Construction, Electricity, Power Equipment, Welding, Metal Working, Drafting, Engineering, Machining and much more, New London has dual credit options as well as trade recognized certification available for students who explore the trades during their enrollment in New London High School. For further information on our course offerings, visit our online course description guide at

<https://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us/highschool/Course%20Description%20Guide%202021%202022.pdf>



DonorsChoose

With success with our DonorsChoose Tyson match program last year, the School District of New London has been offered an extended partnership. We will have our own landing page and process for approval in this new platform and will be notified of potential match opportunities like the Tyson partnership last year.

Teachers in New London have been awarded \$47,000 and completed over 80 projects on DonorsChoose in large part to a local donation match made possible through Tyson Foods last year. These projects vary from books to laptops and other tools to enhance the learning environment and support student success.

As one of the 200+ members of the DonorsChoose District Partnership Program, New London will be able to fully support teachers in the use of the DonorsChoose platform, ensure safety and security, and align efforts with the district's strategic priorities.

