



September 2023

District Administrator

Start of the Academic Year

The 2023-2024 academic year began on September 5, 2023, with schools across the District opening their doors once again after months of summer vacation. Students and parents/guardians were



excited to return, and the day was filled with enthusiasm as students caught up with their friends and met their new teachers for the year.

To kick off the academic year, schools had planned various events such as orientation programs and open houses. These provided ample opportunities for parents/guardians and students to familiarize themselves with the school's facilities and learn about the upcoming academic year, co-curricular activities, and building procedures.

The start of the 2023-2024 academic year was an exciting and informative time for everyone involved. The orientation programs and open houses effectively set a positive tone for the year.

Sugar Bush Elementary and Intermediate Middle School Renovations

The renovation work at Intermediate Middle School and Sugar Bush Elementary has been progressing smoothly, with the project nearing completion after a busy construction timeline over the summer. Students, staff, and parents/guardians were thrilled to return to school and discover the updated classrooms, bathroom facilities, and improved heating and cooling systems, which create a more conducive and comfortable learning environment. Continued focus will remain on completing the final finishes and punch list objectives to ensure that each aspect of the project scope is executed to the highest standards.

WASB Fall Regional Meeting

The WASB Fall Regional Meeting for Region 7 will be held on October 26 at the Bridgewood Resort in Neenah. Please contact Jill Willner if you are interested in attending.

B 212

The September B212 Extra Degree of Effort acknowledges the work done by our certified elementary staff and support staff at Sugar Bush Elementary. Over the past two weeks, these staff members have



demonstrated unwavering commitment and dedication to ensure that the newly renovated classroom spaces are transformed into functional and practical learning environments for students.

The Sugar Bush Elementary staff have worked diligently to prepare the classroom and support instructional areas so that they are well-equipped and ready to support school functions and provide quality education to students.

We are proud of the hard work and efforts of the Sugar Bush Elementary staff, and we are confident that their efforts will lead to a positive and successful school year for all students.

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

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

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 225

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

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.

August Inservice

During and prior to the August inservice, all the district staff were able to participate in trainings related to Safety Training. These include Bloodborne Pathogen Training, Mandatory Reporting, CPR, Medication Administration and Epi-Pen and Glucagon Training. The November 13, 2023, inservice will also be a full 8 hour day of training sessions related to safety.

Director of Teaching and Learning **September Enrollment Data**



September 15, 2023 is the state "third Friday" date for data snapshot to be secured. That enrollment data serves to calculate

funding and impacts state and federal reporting. As with any year, we have had our share of new students, last minute transfers, and are active in asserting our enrollment data is accurate. Please continue to encourage community members to have families share residential changes and potential enrollments as soon as possible. Lesley Baehman, building secretaries, counselors and specialists continue to follow up on students to assure they are transferred or enrolled appropriately. At the time of this report, online enrollment percentage was much improved from last year. This is a celebration of their efforts.

Learning and Achievement Data

State assessment results were sent home to families during open house and will be sent or mailed home to those who did not attend. Results, averages and state comparisons are under embargo and cannot be discussed, but individual scores are helping address student needs at the start of the year. We

will have more of that data released in October and November for the state accountability reports.



Data teams and building guiding coalition use last year's data and state results to identify students who may need additional help including:

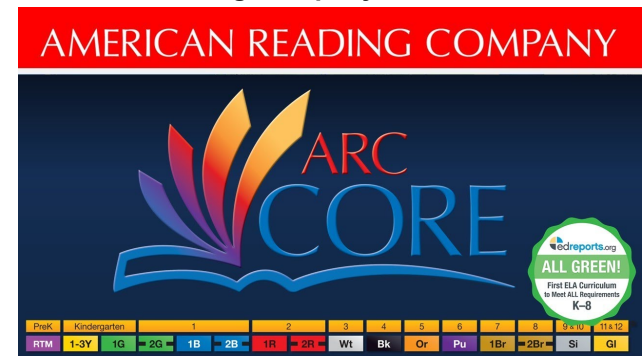
- Summer school
- Transition support
- Continued intervention
- Additional data points to determine needed support
- New interventions

Local data being collected includes beginning of the year baseline data.

- Reading Readiness (Fastbridge)
- iReady Diagnostic Reading and Math
- IRLA
- Scholastic Reading Inventory
- other local reports and measure in Educlimber

All of this helps determine services, schedules and program goals. Our next checkpoint on student achievement will be in October/November based on the lifting of embargo restrictions and will also be reviewed during any instructional committee meetings.

American Reading Company ARC



With the added work on implementation and planning by staff on our implementation team, feedback was gathered to guide our goals for this year. I will continue to seek feedback from all staff throughout the year on the confidence, success and areas for improvement in our ongoing implementation of this program.

Overall feedback from the implementation team included gratitude for the time to work during the summer on these efforts, an increased level of confidence and a need for consistent expectations for all staff heading into this year. Anxiety and confidence are still areas of focus as they are with any program and change.

Feedback on the back to school inservice and training provided by American Reading Company coaches is being gathered in the next 2 weeks.

Title IA

This year we continue to qualify for Title IA grant funding for supplemental programming in Reading and Math. These efforts include using spring data to

determine needs and set goals for the following year to close the gap in reading and math achievement.



Nikki Tesch has taken on the Title IA coordinator role. She will collect the

evidence of our efforts this year. Other Title 1 staff include:

- Missy Krull- Readfield
- Tom Gauerke-Parkview
- Deb Volk- Lincoln
- Nikki Tesch- Sugar Bush
- Kristin Lozo- Math
- Alissa Davis- ISMS

The district Title I page has been updated and has copies of each school wide plan for our elementary schools and other information related to Title services.

Our district team go beyond what is required by teaching and modeling reading strategies to promote engagement and achievement.

This year, the elementary team modeled the use of ortho graphic mapping and unified language for letter formation in the early years. The ISMS team is aligning their efforts including grammar posters to hold high expectations for quality written work. At the high school Jacqueline Schommer, Lindsey Uvaas and Joanna Ledgerood hosted a session with age appropriate reading strategies for all courses.