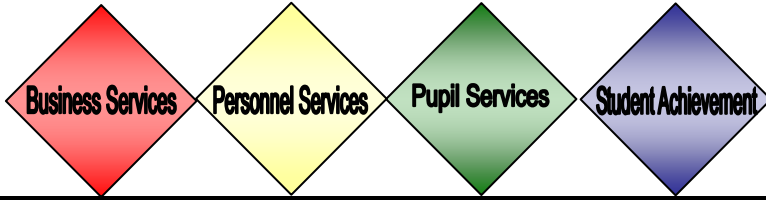




# School District of New London

## DIVISION



## MONTHLY UPDATE

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After changing out the filter media and having a couple of positive test results the DNR has now approved drinking of the **water** at our **Sugar Bush School**. One more positive test (going in during the week of 4/6) and our average annual test results will be within the Federal Guidelines and hopefully will stay that way. While the DNR has given permission to drink the water we will continue with our bottle water until we get more positive results from the April 6 test.

The **food service** mandatory bidding process is now complete. Our district sent out request for bids to eleven firms, recommended by DPI, that provide food service management programs. Even with eleven invited bidders we had only one proposal and that from **Taher, Inc.** our current food service provider. We can now continue with Taher for 2009-2010 with up to four one year renewals.

Couldn't help but notice a reference in the school board candidate questionnaires to **district property inventory records**. American Appraisal has worked with our district since 1980 in providing required audit and insurance information to our insurance providers and in our financial audit to the Department of Public Instruction. In fact American Appraisal conducted a complete physical inventory of all equipment of \$300 or more in value in December of 2008. Actually the Federal government requires that we keep inventories of only those items valued at \$5,000 or more however we keep inventories of both \$5,000 and more items and \$300 and more items. The \$300 or more list more for insurance than Federal reporting.

These inventories include buildings and equipment both inside and outside. Values stated are original cost, replacement cost, and depreciated values. These numbers are then transferred directly to the Wisconsin Property Insurance Fund so that our insurance values are current.

Annually, at the end of each fiscal year (6/30) we send computerized lists of additions and deletions to American Appraisal so they can again keep the records current.

So should any mishap occur we know the value of inventoried equipment by classroom and building.

**Six new 74 passenger school busses** were **picked up** at Nelsons Bus in Whitewater, WI. on **April 9**. Five of our current units that are being replaced will be leaving here after the end of this school year.

Our fleet will then total thirty-four units of 72 passenger to 75 passenger busses for regular transportation and three units equipped with wheel chair lifts and used primarily for transporting those students with special needs. These 37 units have an original purchase value of \$2,933,145. In addition we have two mini-vans, a suburban, two pick up trucks, and a cargo van.

After several discussions and some arm wrestling with **AERCO**, the firm that manufacturers all but two of the boilers we have in the district has agreed to sell us **repair parts direct**. So no more middle man in handling parts which should result in a **20% savings** in boiler repair parts.

**Transportation fuel cost** are **down again** in Feb to \$2.08 for diesel and \$1.82 for gasoline now **lower than** in **January of 2007**. So while snow removal has taken its budget toll this year we should have approximately a \$75,000 surplus in transportation fuel. (The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away).

Work on **costing** (determining the value of all salary and benefits and projecting future cost) **for teachers** is now underway. The law requires us to take what we refer to as a snapshot of all staff on April 1. This snapshot includes their salary, their benefits, and all related cost as of that date. This then provides the base for all salary and benefit calculations and proposals. Currently we have on staff 185 teachers, counselors, and other educational specialists. This does not include administrators or support staff.

While not required by law we use the same process for support staff (secretaries, para-educators, custodians, food service, maintenance workers, mechanics, and drivers) and administrators.