



School District of New London

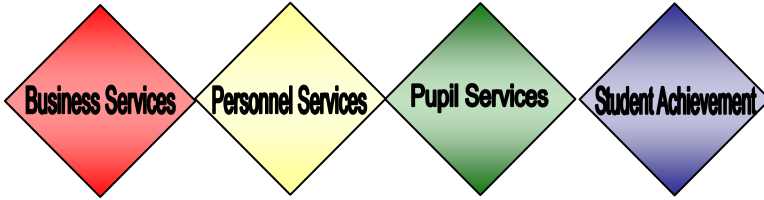
DIVISION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Career Fair 2010



This year, on the afternoon of April 21st, we're sending middle school students to a career fair at Clintonville Middle School. The afternoon includes interactive activities for student involvement focused on the **Sixteen Career Clusters** identified by Wisconsin's DPI (Department of Public Instruction).

As students arrive, they will receive their Interest Inventory and Vender booklets. Each child will spend about an hour in the Career Fair completing their booklets, connecting interests with future opportunities. Students will show their completed booklet and receive coupon for drawings. By asking the vendors quality questions regarding careers in the clusters, they have an opportunity to receive additional coupons for prizes (-a natural incentive for middle schoolers!).

Students will be back at New London Middle School in time for the end of the school day.

ESEA Audit April 13, 2010

I'll be sharing our evidence regarding Title III-A : English Language Learners and Title IV-A: Safe and Drug Free Schools with the auditors from DPI in the day-long process.

Safe School Medication Act Signed

On March 15, Governor Jim Doyle signed Senate Bill 414, granting school nurses immunity from civil damages and requiring public and private schools to develop written policies for the administration of drugs.

The bill was introduced in the legislature at the request of State Superintendent Tony Evers, who noted in a statement that "the provisions of this law are important given the large number of people in the school setting that may have responsibilities for administering medications to students and the increasing proportion of students with special health care needs.



"With the school nurse to pupil ratio in Wisconsin averaging one nurse for every 2,359 pupils, it is increasingly important for school staff to be prepared and trained. (Similar to the state average, the School District of New London has 1 nurse to 2,365 students.)

This law will enhance the health and safety of students by giving schools clear guidance as to what drugs can be administered to students, the instructions that must accompany those drugs, records that must be kept, the training required for those administering drugs, and the education requirements for school nurses."

Mrs. Resch and I have been completing a review of medication administration policy for a simple revision regarding over-the-counter medications brought to school by students. They will now be required to come in an unopened container. Our policy regarding prescription medications is already compliant with the new state regulations, which go into effect on December 1, 2010.