



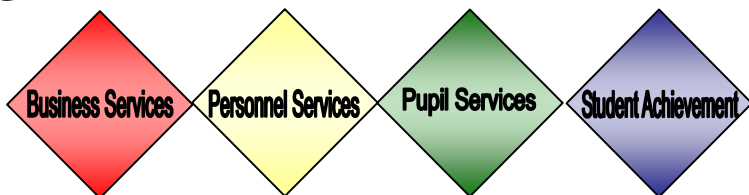
# School District of New London

**DIVISION**

## MONTHLY UPDATE

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### “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” (PWHLM) Outagamie County Campaign partners with our School District and New London Police Department

Many Fox Valley School Districts (including ours), Law Enforcement agencies, and community organizations have partnered again this spring to raise awareness of destructive behaviors of youth and their consequences.



Our law enforcement partners will be conducting alcohol compliance checks during the month of April to correspond with PWHLM. We are asking for very important

community support for these by having students, parents, and members of our community organizations write letters to the Post Crescent.

Initiatives for schools include:

- \* Share fact cards to parents of students
- \* Send fact cards to parents of high school juniors and seniors along with information about prom & graduation
- \* Share a pledge card for parents to sign – committing to not host parties where alcohol is available to teens

### Five-Year Self-Evaluation Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination and Educational Equity

During the 2011 – 2012 school year all school districts across Wisconsin will be required to evaluate the status of nondiscrimination and equality of educational opportunity in the district pursuant to Chapter PI 9 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. A letter explaining the requirements for the self-evaluation is coming soon to district administrators and the pupil nondiscrimination contact. The self-evaluation must be completed by November 18, 2011.

### Indicator 13 Seminars - Transition

During the 2011-12 school year all school districts will be required to report Indicator 13 (postsecondary transition) compliance data in special education reporting. The department, in cooperation with the Regional CESA offices, is offering full-day training sessions on Indicator 13 requirements on April 1, 4, and 14. We have a team of twelve special educators, including myself, attending on 4/4 and 4/14/2011 for training related to postsecondary transition plan requirements.



This compliance data measures planning efforts on behalf of special education students from the age of 14 through their high school career in documenting needed courses, encouraging career exploration, and developing some post-secondary goals related to education, training, employment, and where applicable, independent living. Special educators team up with regional resource personnel to assist students with the leap beyond high school. We typically tap the expertise of county community care agencies, the Department of vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), and disability specialists from area technical colleges and universities.

### Time to Heal - Suicide Support Group for Youth

A Suicide Grief Support Group at the United Church of Christ in New London started March 24 from 6:30-8:00. The group meets on Thursdays throughout the spring to support students and families impacted by suicide and to raise awareness within our community. All local area churches are on board with the group. Barb Bigelke, from the Community for Hope – Fox Cities, will lead the support group.



Counselors have a list of approximately 80 individuals impacted by a recent suicide of an NLHS student. Letters of special invite went out to each of these individuals.