



School District of New London

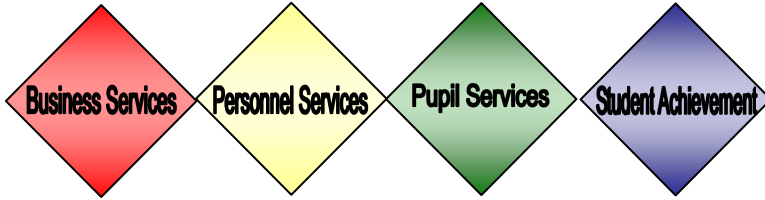
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Building cleaning:

On schedule with middle and high school still being worked on.

Status of maintenance projects:

Bus yard driveway has been blacktopped, patch behind middle school, Parkview playground patch, blacktop around new maintenance garage, and administrative office parking lot overlay will all be completed within the next week.

We still have the High School and Readfield projector project to complete.

There are a couple of areas still being painted, one room at the Middle School and a room and partial hallway at Parkview School.

The sidewalk/driveway is now complete at Parkview and the Miles sculpture should be in place by the time of the August meeting.

Budget

Just to repeat from my July report early indications of **tax impact of next year's budget**. At this point using the State's revenue limits and aid numbers our tax levy is estimated at \$9.64 per \$1,000 of equalized value compared to \$9.58 per \$1,000 this past year. **An increase of \$6.21 on a property valued at \$100,000.** Hopefully with some adjustments to our Community Services budget we will be able to trim that down further.

Fiscal year end.

This work goes on until our audit is completed on August 16 and 17.

While year end work is almost complete we must also gear up for the presentation of next year's budget and our annual operational borrowing.

Personnel Change

Kevin Christian who has been our head custodian at the Lincoln School will be leaving us. Kevin has accepted a position as a youth pastor in a congregation in the Minneapolis area. Kevin's last work day will be September 1.

Kevin has done a fine job for New London Schools and will be missed. We wish him well in his new career.

Kevin leaving, along with a resignation of a full time day custodian supplied through Building Services will initiate at least one if not two internal transfers of Head Custodians as well as a couple of postings for replacement Head custodians.

While we had a contracted person working days at our Readfield School and that person did a good job, we now know that we would prefer to have our own (New London) employee in the full time day positions. Contracted cleaning people come with a very specific and sometime narrow job description. Observing this for the last two years at Readfield we know that the job description of an elementary custodian needs to be very board and very flexible.

Good News/Bad News

Rain, we certainly have had enough of it.

Good news, we haven't had to irrigate the lawns this summer.

Bad news, overuse, by the public, of the soccer field behind the administrative office combined with the excessive rain have made a muddy mess of the field.

Difficult as it may seem we may want to look at putting some use limits on these fields to preserve them for our educational program.