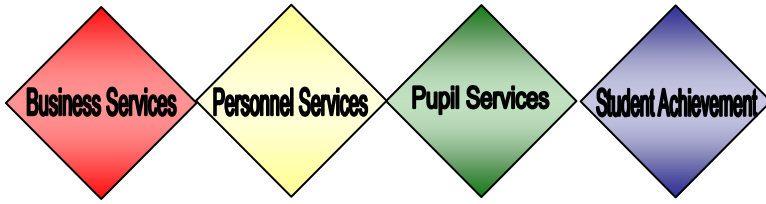




School District of New London

DIVISION



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Secretarial Training for 2010-2011

On July 29, 2010, Julie Haase, lead building secretaries, health aides, and the school nurse were trained in a revision to the Vaccination area of Student Management Health Records in our Skyward program. The Vaccination area has been redesigned to accommodate more complex compliance rules and to streamline data entry and maintenance of this information. Vaccinations will be divided into two areas: Required Vaccinations and Vaccines Assigned to Students. The Required Vaccinations area will use vaccine codes adopted from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control). Districts will be required to use these codes to define/cross-walk their current vaccination codes. Staff trained worked through a webinar, followed by some hands-on application of their new skills with our own students.

On August 24th, secretaries will have their beginning of the year inservices to update them with programming changes, review critical compliance issues, and complete first aid administration check offs with Sue Resch. By completing their training in advance of other support staff, secretaries are back on the front lines as students, parents, and staffs are seeking answers to their questions!

Recognizing Teacher Leadership

At this Fall's 2010 WITESOL (Wisconsin Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Conference, a Pre-Conference Workshop with Lori Menning, is the featured, expanded offering for teachers of ESL and Bilingual Students. She will present on best practices in working with English Language Learners.

Lori is becoming recognized as an exemplary educator beyond our regions - to the state and national levels. She will be presenting again in fall at her second national conference. With each presentation, she brings New London schools and our best practices approach in teaching and learning to the educational forefront.

School Medication Act Impacts

In my April report to the Board, I shared Governor Jim Doyle had 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 provisions of this law focus on the large number of people in school settings who have responsibilities for administering medications to students. The new law zeroes in on training of ALL school staff that may need to administer medications. For staff in the School District of New London, this means that teachers planning field trips, as well as, coaches or advisors of all sports and activities will need to complete the DPI Wisconsin Medication On-Line Training Course. The program contains three courses divided into 20 units of information on medication administration. Each of the units provides information and an assessment quiz taking approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. At the end of each course, the participant will receive a certification that the course was successfully completed. Courses 2 and 3 teach advanced medication administration information and techniques requiring a school nurse to provide additional physical skill training and observation.

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, training required for those administering drugs, and education requirements for school nurses. New London families can rest assured that all compliance needs are in place and as always, the well-being of our children comes first.