



# School District of New London

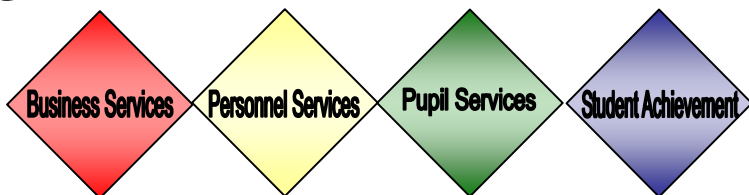
**DIVISION**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

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## Homeless numbers continue to climb!

Our homeless numbers continue to grow. In two prior years, our identified homeless students numbered at 29 both years. To date, we have found **36** children who qualify as homeless across our school district. And different from previous years, each of our school buildings is impacted.

Different too, the types of homelessness our children are experiencing. We have had families living in a tent earlier in the year. More of our high schoolers have been identified as "throwaways," or students who are no longer welcomed in their homes due to family financial difficulties.

This school year, we have had the added benefit of the remaining supplies from the New London community's "Pack It Up for Kids" campaign to assist these students with school supplies. I also know that many of these families are on "adoption" lists by schools and school organizations to make their Christmases a bit brighter.

## Wisconsin DPI Mini-Grants announced

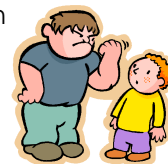
Mini-Grant proposals were submitted early this past fall for consideration for discretionary AODA dollars across the state. The grants are intended to encourage youth to become more involved in the development and implementation of programs which are meaningful to them. While our school staff submitted several proposals, only one was awarded a grant. Shandee Kempf and Corene Strohfeltdt, elementary school counselors, were awarded a \$1,000.00 grant for their work with Bulldogs of Character at the elementary school level. There, our youngsters are very involved in monthly Character Education presentations to their school peers on the Character pillar of the month. We are excited, as Ms. Kempf and Mrs.



Strohfeltdt work together to build comparable programs across all elementary schools in the district.

## 2010-2011 Pupil Nondiscrimination & Educational Equity Report

School districts are required to annually submit a pupil nondiscrimination and equity report. A bit different from the board approved 5-year study this past October, which focused on equitable participation in student opportunities (academic, athletic, and scholarship) across the school district, this report focused on reported incidents (verbal or written) of discrimination and harassment in regards to protected classes. The report requires data regarding potential threats or discriminatory treatment by school staff and also reports by students of harassing behaviors toward other students. We also share updates to board policies and procedures which have been updated in the previous school year regarding discrimination, harassment, and complaint procedures. As a requirement due to changes in state laws, we did implement a Bullying policy during the 2010 – 2011 school year.



There were no reports of staff, policy or practice which specifically treated a protected class differently, which could be construed as discriminatory.

Verbal/Written complaints regarding student to student protected classes in the previous school year, for the School District of New London, are as follows:

Sex	9
Race	4
Disability	7
Religion	2
Sexual Orientation	5