

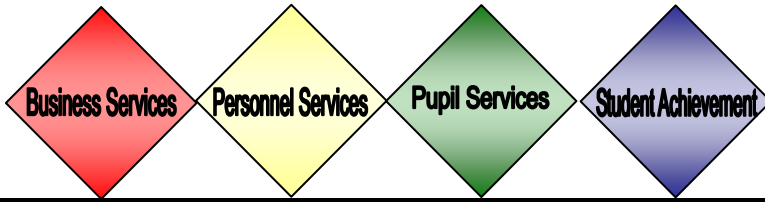


School District of New London

BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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FERPA Training Updates:

FERPA (Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) Training was provided to all administrators, counselors, school psychologists, nurse, and key building secretaries.

FERPA reauthorization went into effect on January 8, 2009. The training reviewed the FERPA requirements and provided an additional review of records and maintenance of records was completed with the team.

ACCESS Testing complete:

ACCESS Testing for our ELL population was completed within the window, which ended on February 13, 2009. We currently have 123 students identified as English Language Learners who have completed this assessment.

Youth Risk Behavior Survey:

260 random students in grades 9-12 were given the on-line Youth Risk Behavior Survey (OYRBS) during the month of January. Survey questions included the following categories.

- Health Status
- Traffic Safety
- Weapons
- Physical Fighting
- Threats and Personal Safety
- Bullying
- Depression and Suicide
- Tobacco Use
- Alcohol Use
- Marijuana Use
- Other Drug Use
- Sexual Behavior
- Weight Loss

- Eating Habits
- Physical Activity
- Other Health Issues
- Social Support

The New London Middle School students completed a separate Youth Risk Behavior survey tailored to their age group today, February 16, 2009. Again this was completed as a random sampling of students.

For both surveys, parents of the classes selected were given information about the survey and passive permission forms.

Data will be analyzed and used to raise awareness of important student health issues, to change community norms and perceptions, to apply for funding, and to assess the need for and monitor the impact of local prevention efforts (e.g. alcohol, drug, and tobacco use).

Male and female students in New London will be compared to male and female students in the State of Wisconsin. Similarly, we will compare students according to their academic success rate. This information will be shared with individual schools, the Board of Education, and our New London community at a later date.