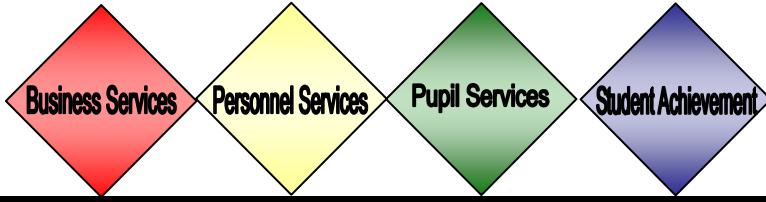




# School District of New London

## DIVISION



## MONTHLY UPDATE

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### DPI Awards AODA Student Mini Grants

This winter DPI announced AODA student mini grants awarded within each CESA region. CESA 6 received \$12,000 in grant monies. It was divided and given to 13 of the applicants. Four recipients, from the School District of New London, received almost 1/3 of the total award for the region.

Lincoln Elementary School,  
*Hugs Not Drugs*  
\$1,000

New London High School,  
*Bulldogs Against Destructive Decisions (BADD)*  
\$1,000

New London High School,  
*Fearless*  
\$800

Sugar Bush Elementary School,  
*Student Choice*  
\$1,000

The Department of Public Instruction has awarded Student Mini-Grants for 21 years. Funds come from surcharges related to drunken driving offenses. While \$143,000 was budgeted for grants, student requests totaled \$243,121, far exceeding state funding. The state's 12 cooperative educational service agencies and the Milwaukee Public Schools central office conducted initial grant application reviews, making recommendations to the DPI. No award for the Student Mini-Grant Program is for more than \$1,000. Projects from the grants are required to be completed by May 28, 2010.

The funding focus required groups and activities that students believe can help prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, improve traffic safety, or reduce other risky behaviors.

"These grants support youth involvement, which is essential to a comprehensive school health program," State Superintendent Tony Evers said. "When our young people create solutions to the problems of alcohol and drug use or other risky behaviors, they become part of a school environment that supports healthy and resilient students."

### Sharing Counselors as a Resource

On January 28, 2010, the Shiocton School District experienced the loss of a teacher. At the request for assistance from District Administrator, Chris VanderHeyden, I was able to send two school counselors to assist with trauma counseling for the day. Mrs. Gretchen Sasse and Mr. Andy Wypiszynski assisted school personnel in Shiocton for the day in meeting with staff and students in need.



Peer Share Day - March 11, 2010  
@ Boys and Girls Brigade in Neenah

Peer Share Day is a daylong event for middle school and high school students who are active in any peer-to-peer program or initiative that promotes healthy choices and behaviors. Peer Share Day seeks to provide students with workshops that are both personally enriching and of benefit to them in their work as peer helpers and leaders. There will actually be two, identical Peer Share Days happening simultaneously - one for middle school participants and one for high school participants. What this means is that all participants will enjoy the same workshops, but will do so separately, with peers in their own age range. Participants are more comfortable among same-aged peers, and presenters do an excellent job of effectively tailoring their message to meet the differing needs of the two age groups.

Presentations include: Improve through Improv presented by Peggy Eserkahn of Educational Improvisation, The Good, the Bad, and the iTouch presented by Mike McGowan, and Cooking with Cindy: Stone Soup facilitated by Cindy Czarnik-Neimeyer, ThedaCare BHS/AASD ATODA Liaison .

This year New London will send 13 middle school and 15 high school students, with two chaperone/facilitators. The endeavor is funded by Title IV-A: Safe and Drug Free Schools to cover the \$13 per participant fees and transportation to and from the event.