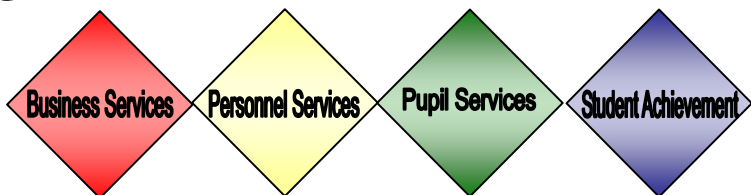




School District of New London



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship

We were recently notified that Scott Bellile and Tanner Mastaw, two of our high school students, were identified by the Kohl Fellowship/Excellence Scholarship Evaluation Committee to move forward to the state selection committee. The regional team representing the 42 school districts in CESA 6 evaluated 70 student applications to determine those worthy of state level consideration. The state review team is currently evaluating the applications and will be announcing the scholarship recipients in early March. Congratulations to these student finalists and we wish them well in the state level competition.

Budget Unknowns

Governor Walker gave his state of the state address last week but revealed very little about his intentions related to K-12 education. We continue to monitor events at the state level because they will have a direct effect on our budget. We are committed to transparency of information as it becomes known. We hosted a dinner meeting on Wednesday, February 9th with administration, board and the leadership from our two unions in an effort to share the facts about school funding and our current status going into the budget development process for next year. This is without question a time when our best collaboration is needed both internally and externally.

This continues to be a multi-year challenge, not a one time event. Although there remains a certain amount of inaccuracy due to the many unknowns at this time, we anticipate a budget shortfall of approximately \$800,000. The timeline of the Governor/Legislature may require over-layoff until the full magnitude of the problem can be understood.

As a community, New London and the surrounding area have a tremendous history of support for our schools and there is visible positive inertia. Our reorganization efforts and the community collaborative partnerships to provide 4-K have added to that positive inertia. With the establishment of career academies at the high school over the next three years, I believe we will position ourselves to emerge as a world-class district of choice. In the process we must make sure that the district is financially stable and sustainable. It means fundamentally doing things differently. These things can only be accomplished in a culture of trust between all parties. Now is the time to build trust.

Tech Presentation at Joint State Convention

New London was represented by Michele Green, Donna Young and Paula Titterton who made a presentation about our "Tech Fest" at the 90th Joint State Education Convention in Milwaukee. Their presentation was very well received and generated requests for more information. These educators highlighted the event conducted last spring in our district and provided guidance and advice about how such an event could be replicated. It was most gratifying to see such dedicated educators share their passion with educators, administrators and board members from across the state. I was asked more than once if they were available through free agency.

Years of Service Awards

During this month I am making the rounds to each of the school buildings and the bus garage to recognize individuals for reaching employment milestones. In addition to a lunch for the staff, the following individuals will receive a framed certificate and an item of apparel with the district logo to commemorate service to the district.

2010 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

YEARS OF SERVICE	NAME
40	Kaylene Dailey
	Gerold Bohm
35	James Shea
	Marianne Black
30	Charlotte Zietlow
	Barbara Coenen
25	Shirley Fermanich
	Mary Hanadel
	Nyra Thiel
	James Fischer
	Annette Hafner
	Marcia Lisney
	Carolyn Steinert
	Colleen Cloutier
20	Tammy Evers
	Judith Fink
	Marcia Flease
	Joanne Gorges
	Darcie Lehman
	Janice Popke
	Catherine Zaddack
15	Sandra Flease
	Charles Gorges
	Linda Kruzicki
	Connie Laughlin
	Wendy Magolski
	Ronald DuVernay
	Anne Ferge
	Patricia Grossman
	Sara Nordbeck
	Melissa Porath
	Stacy Ruckdashel
	Wendy Thur
	Robert Unland
Peter Schulz	

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10	Karen Bennett
	Russ Gerhard
	Sandra Hermes
	Janet Koplien
	Stan Koplien
	Connie McClone
	Norbert Meshnick
	Susan Moeller
	Wendy Muthig
	Becky Otis
	Beth Staudenmaier
	Lisia Thiel
	Nancy Uphoff
	Debra Calabria
	Barbara Crusan
	Ann Jossie
	Katie Krause
	Marc Marsh
	Gloria Peterson
	Jaime Reichelt
Melissa Sannes	
Robert Smith	
Theresa Smith	
Jill Spencer	
Brian Stamper	