



School District of New London

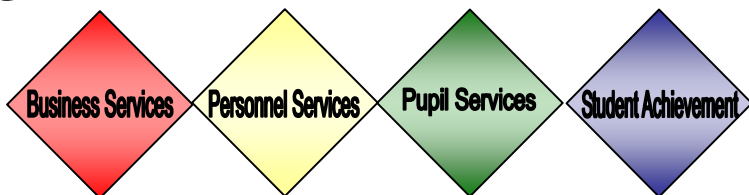
DIVISION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Parent Outreach to our Hispanic Families

On December 15, 2011, we held a special presentation, in conjunction with Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC), for our Hispanic families. The presentation focused on opportunities available at FVTC to improve their English language skills and to learn of additional bilingual classes there. Mayra Pasayes, Hispanic/Latino Culture Support and Recruitment Specialist at FVTC, came to the high school to do a bilingual presentation of offerings.

SCHOOL LANGUAGES

We speak 8 native languages in the School District of New London. Languages spoken in our schools include: English, Czech, Hmong, Lao, Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

The School District of New London currently serves 128 (141 in the 2010-2011 school year) English Language Learners (ELLs) with the support of four full-time bilingual teachers and one full-time and one part-time bilingual tutor.

While our Spanish speaking students receive biliteracy instruction (instruction in both English and Spanish languages), students who speak other languages receive ESL (English as a Second Language) services to assist them in the development of their English language acquisition and comprehension of the language.

Wisconsin Act 81

Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting/Training

Wisconsin Act 81, effective December 9, 2011, requires all employees of Wisconsin public school districts to report suspected child abuse and neglect. School boards must require all employees to receive training provided by the Department of Public Instruction within six months of initial hiring and at least every five

years thereafter. Initial training of all public school employees must occur no later than June 9, 2012.

DPI is advising all school districts to review policies and contract language.

DPI is taking the following steps to support implementation of Act 81 by January 31, 2012.

1. Two alternatives will be available to meet the new training requirement:

- A webcast, following which educators will be able to download a certificate to document their viewing.
- A PowerPoint presentation with speaker notes that may be delivered by a local educator or county official. Again, a certificate may be downloaded.

2. A second, optional webcast, recommended for school administrators and pupil services professionals, will provide more in-depth information about the school's role in preventing child maltreatment.

3. DPI will update The School's Role in Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect publication.

4. A new home page on Child Abuse and Neglect will be established with links to the training noted above and other related resources-<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sspw/can.html>

Donations !

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Waupaca has donated gently used clothing and a check for \$195.00 to assist in supporting our homeless students and their families. We now have 38 identified homeless students in district. The church has also provided this outreach opportunity to three other school districts within Waupaca County.