



School District of New London

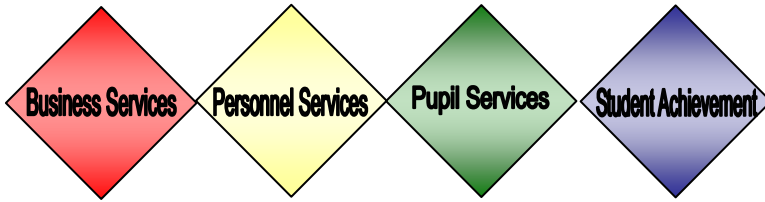
DIVISION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Counselor Transitions



With changes across the district coming in the fall, transitional needs through the Department of Pupil Services come with the change.

Staffing in guidance will change a little bit from a proposal shared in January. The change will provide better balance in case loads and meet the differing needs of age groups.

Bill Storck and Jennifer Bruce will cover all four grades of the high school. Gretchen Sasse will be the counselor for grades 7 and 8 at New London Middle School. Andy Wypiszynski will serve the two grades at New London Intermediate. This reconfiguration will give each of these counselors the equivalent of two grades. Connie Morton and Shandee Kempf will each continue to serve two grade schools, as they have done in the past. With fifth graders moving to the intermediate School, it will reduce the elementary load by one grade. There will be no guidance classes for the 4K children, yet the counselors will be available to children in the program.

This change will enable all counselors to increase their work with small group supports to students across the district. Also, a trademark in student leadership and problem solving skills at the elementary level – peer mediation – will travel up to the Intermediate School in the 2010-11 school year. Training was completed in spring and Mr. W. is anxious to lead the charge in fall.

Staff Nurturing Children and Families in Summer Months

Our Early Childhood: Special Education (EC:SE) program has had a difficult summer. In June, we lost a young boy, Carson Rettler to a tragic accident at his home. Carson had attended the EC:SE program for 2 years before moving to Shiocton earlier in the year. Our team was there for family supports at the wake and funeral to support them.

Currently, another child from our EC:SE program, Kylee McGlin is battling with a form of brain cancer at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. Most recently she is recovering from surgery. Our team is providing additional supports to the extended family of Kylee McGlin.



I'd ask that you keep some special children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



GEDO #2 Set for Fall

The G.E.D. Option 2 program for New London High School is ready to roll with a first student in fall. The D.P.I. approved program includes 16 hours of face-to-face instruction in the late afternoon/evening with work experience and a portfolio presentation as a part of the process. It will allow credit-deficient 17-year-olds to complete G.E.D. #2 program and testing requirements, earning a regular diploma. To some young people it will mean an opportunity to succeed rather than dropping out!