



School District of New London

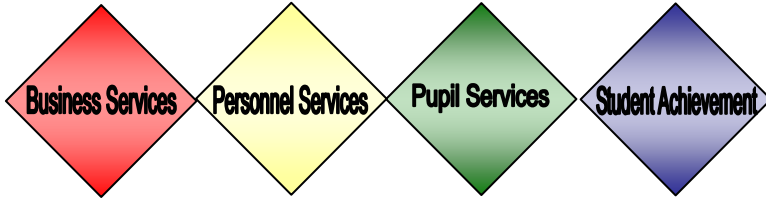
DIVISION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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On the Move!

With space issues in the town elementary schools, several special education programs will be moving to the high school in the coming school year. Besides alleviating space at both elementary schools, it also reduces the number inequities with special needs programming between buildings. Lincoln and Parkview Elementary Schools will start the 2009-2010 school year with similar numbers of special education students and staff members.

Our Early Childhood: Special Education (EC: SE) and Cognitive Disabilities: Severe programs will both be housed in rooms once used for FACE classes at NLHS. The rooms are equipped with a single stall bathroom, adequate storage, and a small room that will be well suited for Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) services. They will be neighbors to the High School CD-S program and be able to share some facilities and Community Based Instructional programs. Students who are elementary and middle school age will still have components within their week to have education with their same age peers.

TRANSFER OF SERVICE:

The Transfer of Service Exemption provides that a school district which assumes responsibility for a program or service from another school district may request and be granted an exemption to the district revenue limit equal to the increased cost due to that program or service. If the service transferred is

a student that requires Special Education or ESL services, the exemption will be reduced by the amount of categorical aid the district will receive the following year, as determined by DPI. The previous Wisconsin school district's revenue limit may be reduced by an amount equal to their reduction in cost as a result of that transfer out.

Eligible costs can include additional staff, special equipment and new programming services (OT, PT, Vision, Hearing Impaired, etc), and transportation.

This year the School District of New London has completed transfer of service claims in the amount of **\$41,207.00** for additional claims for special education students, after categorical aids reimbursement reductions. No additional costs were requested for our English Language Learners this school year.

DonorsChoose.org award:

Heather Wall, our EC: SE teacher applied through the website DonorsChoose.org and was awarded four "Passport kits" for her Early Childhood classroom this coming fall. "Passport kits" connect learning through an integrated unit, which connects history, science, art, music, and nature into a lesson for 3 -5 year old children.

DonorsChoose.org is a charitable organization that connects donors with the requests from teachers of public schools. Donors select a program they would like to support and provide the cash to make it happen.