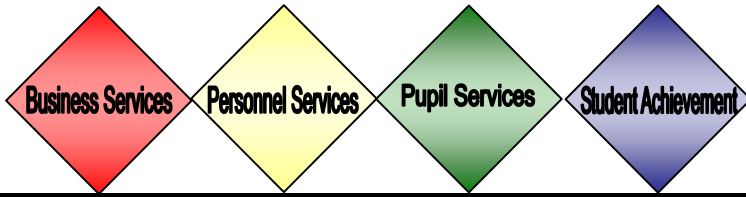


School District of New London



DIVISION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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GEDO #2 Update

We currently have 6 students being served through the GED Option 2 Program (GEDO #2). We officially started the program this past fall. The program is a D.P.I. approved program which 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 allows credit-deficient 17-year-olds to complete G.E.D. #2 program and testing requirements, earning a regular diploma.

While students have found the requirements to be more rigorous than expected, they are rising to each test with remarkable outcomes. All students have passed each test taken on their first trial. This is atypical for the program.

In November, one expelled student earned her NLHS diploma. We expect two more expelled students to reach this mark by the early part of June, along with the other 6 who meet within the school setting 4 days per week. Those six participating in the evening program will walk the stage in graduation ceremonies with their class on May 27, 2011.

Special Education Updates

Early Childhood: Special Education (EC:SE) is provided to students, between the ages of 3 to 6 years of age, who have been identified with disabilities and requiring services. Beginning in the coming school year we will be reporting out "outcomes" at the end of each school year for all children identified within our program. This will require additional assessment and time of our staff in the EC:SE room.

The School District of New London has been identified for the Procedural Compliance Self-

Assessment Cycle during the 2012-2013 school year. This again will ask staff to participate in a self-audit and reporting of any corrective actions needed and made in our paperwork. Typically the DPI then completes an on-site audit of what we accomplished and verifies our process used. We went through this cycle in the 2007- 2008 school year with minimal repairs needed to our processes and commendations in areas.

NARENWICH CONFERENCE

On March 3 – 4, 2011, Chris Doran, Danielle Sievert and I participated in the NARENWICH conference in Stevens Point. This conference focuses on at-risk and alternative education initiatives to assist all students in finding success in their educational programs. We are hoping to bring great ideas into our alternative education programming for the coming school year.

WSCA Conference Photos

I thought everyone might enjoy photos of our own Jo Collar and Connie Morton receiving recognition at the Wisconsin School Counselors Association conference in late February.

