



School District of New London

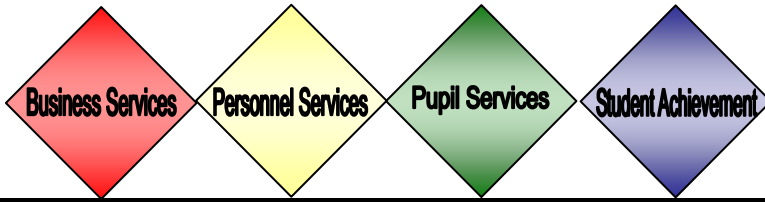
DIVISION

MONTHLY UPDATE

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OH NO – IT’S MAY AGAIN. Time to plan the **Summer work**, cleaning, maintenance, repairs. Clean everything in the system floor to ceiling, wall to wall all in ten weeks with Summer school carved right out of the middle of the ten weeks. It’s hectic, it’s difficult, it’s wonderful, it’s job security. It can’t get any better. Thank heaven for a dedicated and very **hard working custodial/maintenance staff** and the Building Services contract cleaning service.

For those that may not know that our New London custodial employees are responsible for the day to day cleaning of all buildings throughout the summer. They also do the complete building cleaning at the Middle School. Our **contract cleaners from Building Services** (Little Chute, WI) do the complete summer cleaning of Readfield, Sugar Bush, Lincoln, Parkview, and the High School.

My last couple of reports have talked about **food service** and the bid process that we, by law, went through to select a management firm for up to the next five years. **One change** that has resulted from this new contract as well as a complete review of food services by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction is devoting of more time for our food service bookkeeper to the collection of student lunch accounts. We all know that **collection of student accounts** has been an issue. We are now **devoting additional time to addressing that issue.**

Notice anything new on the face of the Middle School, Parkview School, Lincoln School and the grounds building? Like **new signs** giving the **number and street** of each building. Now required by local fire codes.

Don’t think that because there has been no snow lately that we’re now exempt from exceeding our budget. Just today we have had to order a **replacement booster heater** for the Middle School dish washer. Approximate cost including installation **\$4,000 to \$5,000.** Option, don’t replace the heater, fail our next commercial restaurant inspection by Waupaca County, pay fees and fines and then replace the heater.

The **track project** is now **underway.** About 250’ of additional land between the soccer fields and the wetlands has been cleared, topsoil is being stripped

and should be removed by May 15. For the balance of May; drainage, storm sewer, irrigation, amended topsoil, retaining walls, and granular fill (gravel) will be installed.

Our **woods classes** directed by **Mr. Dailey** have been working hard on **completing** all the **wall sections** for our **new concession building.**

We are waiting for the design plans from our engineer for our **press box** so that **Mr. Peterson** (former woods teacher) can begin work on that.

Mr. Bohm, our metals instructor, along with metals **students is constructing a cart** capable of taking 8 to 10 people from the parking lot out to the new stadium. This cart modeled after the one used by the Waupaca Comets for the same purpose.

Orders for replacement computers will be going out **May 15** for delivery on June 5. Capital lease bid requests will go out on May 18 for board action on the June 8 budget meeting.

BUDGET – BUDGET – BUDGET We are deep in to the budget process. Working on wage and salary budgets, utilities, maintenance, custodial, insurance, and instructional budget requests. Everything comes together with the same results as a lightning bolt produces, a loud bang. Sometimes the results are pleasing and positive and sometimes it’s back to the drawing board but it always gets our attention.

We also went to the Board of Education with our initial **capital projects request** list this past month and will over the next month and a half determine what projects will be earmarked for inclusion in the 2009-2010 budget year when/if funds become available.

Projects discussed this year are blacktop replacement, fire alarm system replacements, security camera systems, Middle School phone system, roof replacements, replacement of lawn/snow equipment, temperature controls for Parkview, and sidewalk replacement at Sugar Bush.