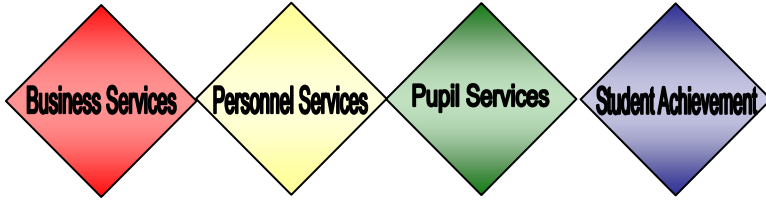




School District of New London

DIVISION



MONTHLY UPDATE

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GEDO #2 Approval from DPI

Notification of approval for the G.E.D. Option 2 program for New London High School came from the Department of Public Instruction on April 30, 2009. Beth Lewis, DPI Consultant for Alternative Education and Youth Options, stated in a phone conversation, "It I always wonderful to work with New London Schools. You people really work to help every child find success."

The proposal to D.P.I. included 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. All components for the Alternative Education proposal made to the School Board in January and February are complete.

As a review, it includes the PATHS program for at-risk youth, Credit recovery during the school day and evening (via face-to-face and online instruction), options to target more significant youth to the Starr Academy Home Plus day program, GEDO 2, and continuation of the PEGASUS program at New London Middle School.

"Meets Requirements"

In an April 20, 2009 letter from DPI, our school district was commended for meeting the requirements of Part B of IDEA. Part B specifically measures 20 Indicators of compliance for data regarding students identified with disabilities (SWD). DPI identifies four levels of compliance for school districts: meets requirements, needs assistance, needs substantial assistance, and requires state intervention. Two levels impact funding.

"Meeting requirements" focused on the data compiled from the 2006-2007 school year,

comparing local percentages with target percentages for each district across the state.

Data highlights:

Indicator 1 – SWD graduates with regular diploma : 96.30%; target 84.04%+.

Indicator 2 – SWD dropping out grades 7 –12: 1.504%; target at or below 1.672%.

Indicator 4 – SWD suspended > 10 days in 1 year: 0.00%; target at or below 3.29%.

Indicator 11 – Timely evaluations of children – evaluation and eligibility determination within 60 days after parent consent: 98.48%; target 100%.



Update – School Nursing Services

In December when one of our school nurses retired, we decided to try it with one and pull in additional nursing services when necessary. I am happy to report that in redefining Mrs. Resch's role as more of a School Nursing Administrator across the district, all is well.

We will continue in this format for the coming school year. We've identified approximately 20 days during the course of the school year when Sue will need backup nursing services to fulfill needs. These include screenings, Health days, Child Development Days, CPR and First Aid training, and Inservices for staff.