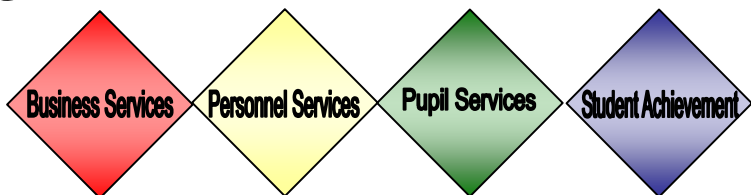




School District of New London



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Math Expressions

Resources will soon arrive which will extend our Math Expressions adoption to grade 6. Training will continue through the summer months which will allow the opportunity for K-6 implementation during the 2011-12 school year.

Environmental Science:

We have recently been approved to offer Environmental Science – Ecosystem Management for transcripted credit through Fox Valley Technical College. A grant was secured to offset the cost of text resources. Opportunities such as this enrich our efforts to provide a rigorous and relevant learning experience for New London students.

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten

The 2010-11 school year is quickly coming to a close. The final day for 5K-12 students is Friday, June 3, but classes will conclude for 4K on Thursday, June 2. We will celebrate with a full group Parent Outreach opportunity at Hatten Park on Wednesday, June 1.

With the success of our first year nearly behind us, we begin to focus on the 2011-12 school year. We currently have registered 117 students and organized rosters and transportation for the upcoming year. We will work with our collaborative partners to update our student handbook and develop an Outreach Opportunity calendar for the next school year.



Science Resources

The May 4 Early Release was dedicated to the review of social studies and science learning target

documents and the pacing of curriculums for grades K-4. Kindergarten, second and fourth grade teachers were provided physical science kits while first and third grade teachers received nonfiction reading resources to enrich curricular opportunities. An electronic pacing guide was made available to ensure balance between the introduction and mastery of benchmarks. Grade level teams discussed field trips directly related to their learning targets, and efforts will continue to encourage community learning connections.

Graduation Rates

The Department of Public Instruction released new graduation rate data on May 2. This year all states are required by the U.S. Department of Education to report graduation rates using a new formula called a four-year adjusted cohort rate, which will be reported in WINSS <http://dpi.wi.gov/sig/index.html> alongside DPI's current, or legacy, rate. In general the difference between the cohort rate and the legacy rate is that the cohort rate does not include students who took more than four years to graduate. The use of an adjusted cohort graduation rate allows the U.S. Department of Education to compare graduation rates across states.

2009-10 graduation rates for our district are as follows:

<u>SITE</u>	<u>4YR ADJ RATE</u>	<u>LEGACY RATE</u>
NL District	84.3%	92.7%
NL High	84.7%	92.9%
SEM	85.7%	100.0%