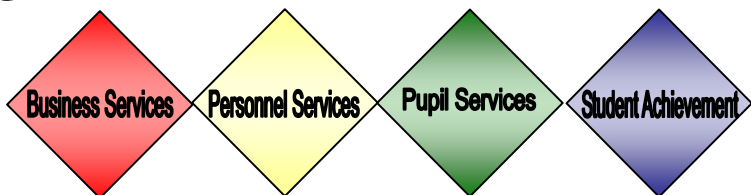




# School District of New London



## MONTHLY UPDATE

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### Election Timelines

The following is a timeline for the spring Board election:

November 14 (Monday)	Send notice of election to Press
November 22 (Tuesday)	Publish notice of election
December 23 (Friday)	Deadline for Non-Candidacy for Incumbent
January 3 (Tuesday)	Deadline for filing for school board 5:00 PM
January 10 (Tuesday)	Verification of Declarations of Candidacy Drawing of lots for Ballot Order Notify Clerks of Election
March 26 (Monday)	Send notice of election to Press
April 2 (Monday)	Publish notice of election
April 3 (Tuesday)	Election
April 23 (Monday)	School Board Members Take Office

The Board members who are up for re-election are Jeremy Gorges, Connie Neely, and John Michels. If any Board members have any questions, please contact Jill Willner.

### State Convention

The State Convention is scheduled for January 18-20, 2012. Early bird registration for the conference is December 15. The latest issue of the WASB publication *Wisconsin School News* gives a complete preview of the convention.

Before making any hotel reservations, we would like to get an idea of what Board members are interested in attending. Please keep in mind that the minimum reservation is 3 nights, so even if you only need a hotel room for 1 night, we are required to pay for 3 nights. Please let us know if you are interested in attending as soon as possible as the hotels fill up very quickly for this convention.

### Winter Planning Session

We would like to start planning for the Board and Administrator winter planning session. We are considering Thursday, February 2, as the date for the event. This may be a full day session so please make every effort to reserve the date.

### District Newsletter

We have had some discussion about the need to share the many success stories as well as challenges with a wider public. We believe that we do a pretty good job of sharing information with parents and families of those with children in our schools. Other school districts seem to get a greater amount of press than we do. Although that is not always bad in times of turmoil, we believe that we are missing an opportunity to share with our greater public and taxpayers some of the amazing stories of group and individual success by our students and staff.

We have contacted our local press to see if we can form a mutually acceptable manner in which to accomplish this task. We are in discussion to see if we can use their expertise and resources to publish and distribute a newspaper grade publication to all district residents three times a year. The publication cycle will be in December, just prior to tax bills; May, just prior to graduation; and August, just prior to the start of the new school year.

The publication would include stories from each of our schools, stories of good stewardship of the resources entrusted to the district, new initiatives and future focused.

We do not have the manpower or expertise in developing such a publication. This is where we think a mutually beneficial partnership with our local paper may make sense. As this is a community wide information effort, the costs of creating such a publication can be funded through Fund 80.

I will keep you posted as to the development of such a partnership. In the meantime if you have suggestions regarding the content of a publication of this nature, please feel free to offer them.

### Professional Development

November 23 will be a half day of professional development for our teaching staff. There is no school for students. Our High School staff will devote this time to further development of the Career Academy approach which will begin implementation next school year. Each Academy staff will have time to collaborate in the plan design.

The balance of the professional staff will gather at the MS/IS to collaborate with others at a number of sectionals designed around Student Engagement. These sectionals will range from Special Education and Electronic Grading & Reporting, to using Technology to improve instruction and student achievement.