



# School District of New London

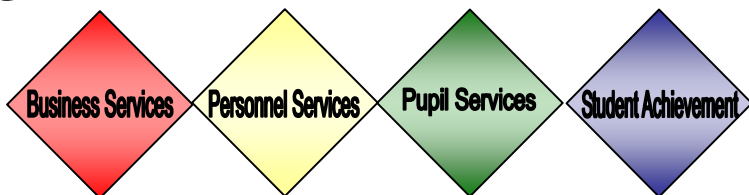
**DIVISION**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

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## DPI Audit Time...AGAIN!



We received word from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that we would be quickly participating in another audit.

This time the audit focuses on the Verification of Indicator 13 – Coordinated and Measurable Annual Transition Goals and Services for students sixteen years of age and older student records. All districts are each required to submit new student documents for examination verification of compliance with Indicator 13 annually. In the past this was completed every 5 years.

Indicator 13 reports on the percent of youth with IEPs aged 16 and above with an IEP that includes appropriate measurable postsecondary goals that are based upon age-appropriate transition assessment, transition services, including courses of study, that will reasonably enable the student to meet those postsecondary goals, and annual IEP goals related to the student's transition services needs. There also must be evidence the student was invited to the IEP team.

Our special educators write strong IEPs; I anticipate a "clean bill of health" on our documents reviewed for the DPI.

## GEDO #2 Start Up

This year we have 14 students currently enrolled in the GED Option 2 program. In order to qualify for the program, students need to be more than a year behind their class, be 17 years of age, and pass the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) with 9<sup>th</sup> grade level skills in reading, language, and mathematics.

You might be surprised to hear that the young people in this situation have displayed

extraordinary skills through their testing. Many scored at post-high school levels in all areas assessed. We are looking to another successful year in alternative education.

## #1797 Knights of Columbus Donation

Do you recall dropping money into a canister and receiving a Tootsie Roll from the Knights of Columbus in their fund raiser to support children with special needs?

That Tootsie Roll campaign gives our programs an additional boost every year. Duane Herning sent a donation of \$438.51 from our local Knights of Columbus Chapter. Annually, the special education program receives funds from the Knights of Columbus targeted specifically for "students with intellectual challenges."

In previous years, we have purchased a handicapped swing, sensory diet items, Occupational Therapy items, and paid for Equine Therapy for a six week stint. Presently, we've had Mr.



Marquardt deposit our new windfall for safe keeping. Ms. Olver, Ms. Kamba, and Mrs. Spencer are looking at other materials/needs which may further enhance their programs.

## HOMELESS Numbers are up!

In the 2010-11 school year, we had a total of 29 students, who met qualifications as "homeless." Already in the new school year, our students identified as homeless total 12.