



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

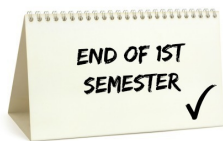
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January 2025

District Administrator

January Special Board of Education Meeting

Please be advised that the January Board of Education special meeting has been rescheduled. The meeting will now take place on Monday, January 20, 2025, to accommodate Board member participation at the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Annual Convention.



End of Semester

The first semester of the 2024-2025 academic year concludes on January 16, 2025. Parents and guardians are encouraged to actively review their

child's quarter and semester grades. As needed, please feel free to communicate with your child's teachers or the building principal to address any questions or concerns. Your engagement and support play a crucial role in your child's academic success.

Semester Reflections

With the start of the 2025 calendar year, the School District of New London is excited to embark on new learning opportunities that inspire fresh ideas, drive positive change, and enhance educational experiences for every child.

As we prepare to begin our second semester of instruction on January 20, I encourage students and parents/guardians to embrace the opportunities for growth and achievement that lie ahead. Together, we can make the most of this semester and continue our shared commitment to success.

The School District of New London remains dedicated to fostering learning environments that exemplify our mission: "Success For All Students."



Let's make this semester one of growth, discovery, and excellence!

B 212

The January B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes the ACT 20

Implementation Development Team for their outstanding dedication and effort. Under the leadership of Jody Peterson, Parkview Elementary Principal, and with



the collaboration of fellow elementary principals, Title I specialists, reading specialists, and certified teaching instructors, the team successfully launched the ACT 20 assessment protocol during its first week of implementation on January 6, 2025.

Congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to our ACT 20 implementation team for their commitment and hard work in establishing the process and protocol for our District's ACT 20 requirements. Your efforts exemplify the B212 Extra Degree of Effort!

Director of Business Services

Property Tax Bills

Property tax bills were mailed in December and included here are a few reminders if you receive questions:

- The levy approved by the Board was 2.3% lower than 2023.
- The mill rate (5.33) approved by the Board was 10.4% lower than 2023.
- Property valuation increased by 9.1%.
- Depending on the municipality the property tax owner lives in, the net school property tax impact could vary significantly.
- Tax bills should be received for items like the school levy credits, valuation changes and other taxing jurisdictions to analyze impacts

- Overall, most property tax payers will see a reduction to the school portion of property taxes.

A key factor to share when discussing the tax bills is that New London still is at the floor (\$11,325) for the revenue limit per student and also is well below the state average (7.09) for mill rate.

The business services webpage also has many documents that show approvals by the Board:
<https://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us/district/businesssvcs.cfm>

Please encourage any property tax owner that has questions to contact the district office, and we would be happy to help them with any questions they might have.



Director of Pupil Services

Five Additional AED Devices will be arriving

In addition to the recent donation from the Shamrock Club of New London for the purchase of an AED (automated external defibrillator) device, the district has received funding from two additional sources for the purchase of five more AED devices. Three will be provided from a 75% match from Gold Cross Ambulance. The other two devices will be coming forward from an anticipated donation from the Manawa Masons. One of these devices is recommended to be placed at the bowling alley, to support our middle school and high school bowling teams.

ACCESS Testing Has Concluded



Federal and state laws require that students identified as English Learners (ELs) be assessed annually to determine their

level of English language proficiency (ELP) and ensure that they are progressing in achieving full English proficiency. This includes students who receive special education services.

The ACCESS assessment window this year was from December 2, 2024, thru January 31, 2025. The School District of New London has over 100 students taking the ACCESS assessment. At this time, our district is 100% complete with testing. Our bilingual teachers and tutors complete this testing with our students, and when the test results (scores) arrive, they will be shared with families.

Dynamic Learning Maps Testing Window

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments are for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom general state assessments are not appropriate, even with accommodations. DLM assessments offer these students a way to show what they know and can do in English Language Arts, mathematics, and science. This year the test window will be March 17-April 25, 2025.

4K Enrollment/Registration



Based on our census and local family information, families will soon be receiving information regarding 4K enrollment for our community

collaborative program. If you know anyone with students eligible for 4K, please encourage them to fill out paperwork or call our offices to get the process started! Questions can be directed to Lesley Baehman at (920) 982-2011.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Future Freshman Night

On January 6, New London High School will host its annual Future Freshman Night. The event provides valuable information to both students and parents/guardians about the transition to high school. Attendees participate in discussions designed to help them navigate this exciting milestone, ensuring they feel prepared for what lies ahead.

In addition to informative sessions, students and parents/guardians have the opportunity to explore classrooms, meet with teachers, and learn about the diverse range of clubs and activities available at New London High School. Below are the noted informative topics which will be shared:

- NLHS Mission, Vision, and Expectations
- Skills needed for success in college and careers
- Course Offerings
- Course Pathways
- Scheduling
 - How to assist your child
 - How to plan course sequencing
 - How to schedule through Skyward
- Dual Credit Courses
- Youth Apprenticeship
- Advanced Placement Courses
- School to Work
- Special Education Services
- Removal of class rank and weighted grades
- Athletics and Activities
- Bulldog Peer Mentoring students will be available to answer questions and give building tours

