



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

## Monthly Update

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES  
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### March 2025

#### District Administrator

##### New London Area Chamber of Commerce Educator/School Personnel of the Year Nominees

The New London Area Chamber of Commerce recently released the 2025 Educator/School Personnel of the Year nominees. Nominees were selected from the New London Area Chamber of Commerce membership based on their active involvement in supporting Chamber members and the greater community.

Congratulations to the following School District of New London employees recognized as nominees:

Jennifer Doran  
Kevin Spindler  
Erin Marsh  
Joe Gruentzel  
Kasey Kaepernick  
Scott Bleck  
Tara Korth  
Breezy Tiegs  
Amber Yerkey



The New London Area Chamber of Commerce Educator/School Personnel of the Year nominees will be honored with the winner selected at the annual Chamber Banquet on April 10, 2025, at Crystal Falls Banquet Hall in New London.

##### Elementary Learning Showcase

Each year, our elementary schools proudly present the Literacy and Learning Showcase—an event dedicated to promoting literacy, celebrating student achievements, and strengthening family-school engagement.

A heartfelt thank you to our elementary administration, teachers, support staff, and, most importantly, our students for their creativity and dedication in showcasing literacy excellence. Your hard work and enthusiasm make this event a true success!

Literacy and Learning Showcase event dates and times:

Lincoln Elementary:  
February 27, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Parkview Elementary:  
March 6, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SugarBush Elementary:  
March 6, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Readfield Elementary  
April 3, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

##### Public School Week

February 24-28 was recently recognized as Public School Week within Wisconsin. As a public school district, the School District of New London is proud of its commitment to serving all students and families to meet its Mission of Success for All Students.

Time and again, the School District of New London has supported educational and growth opportunities for students that provide:

- Safe, secure, nurturing environment
- Establish and maintain school family, community partnerships
- Foster students' development assets
- Ensure that students master the essential curriculum
- Recruit, develop and retain a highly qualified staff
- Model what is expected
- Value diversity
- Meet the needs of the future.

##### B 212 Extra Degree of Effort

This month, we proudly recognize our winter co-curricular coaches, advisors, and student participants for their dedication and commitment.

Co-curricular programs play a vital role in our School District, serving as a bridge between our schools and the greater community. These activities provide meaningful opportunities for engagement, bringing

students, families, and supporters together to cheer on our athletes, performers, and participants.



A heartfelt thank you to our winter season coaches, advisors, and student participants—your B212 Extra Degree of Effort does not go unnoticed. Your hard work and dedication are truly appreciated as we continue to foster a connected, engaged school community that champions Bulldog Success!

## **Director of Business Services**

### **School Breakfast Week**

March 3 - 7 is National School Breakfast week. Many of our families participate in school breakfast and our food service program does a great job continuing to provide several different options for students to select from.

We encourage you to remind families this is always an option. It is healthy, convenient and is a great start to their instructional day if they are not able to eat breakfast at home. The cost for a breakfast is \$1.20 for students in K-5 and \$1.35 for students 6-12. If they are on reduced status, the cost is \$.30. There are additional items available via a la carte if desired as well.

Please contact us or the food service team with any questions.

### **Facilities Committee Meeting**

The Facilities Committee met on February 12 to discuss the topics below. Expanded notes are a part of each of the topics. I will also add context during my report.

- A. Review and discussion of Town of Caledonia Tennis Court Project

We are attempting to schedule a meeting with the Gruetzmacher Family to determine the shared costs for courts in Gruetzmacher Park.

- B. Review and discussion of high school stadium bathrooms and concessions

The committee recommended working with Somerville to create a drawing for the potential project. This will create a “bid document” that can determine the cost of the project and not just estimates.

- C. Review and discussion of custodial services contracts

The committee recommended further review of a potential extension with our current partner, SSC.

- D. Review and discussion of 2025 high school roofing project bids

No more updates - the bids were approved in February.

- E. Review and discussion of solar project proposal

No update at this time. Further discussion will continue about potential options.

## **Director of Pupil Services**

### **Donation from Wolf River Community Bank**

Michelle Hull, Karen Duch, and Julia Martison from Wolf River Community Bank, brought in a donation to be distributed to our students. Each year on Presidents Day, the employees at Wolf River Community Bank participate in an Employee Focus Day, during which they work on a project to support those in need. It is part of “Volunteer Fox Cities.”

This year, they assembled 800 care bags for children within the School District who may benefit from a little extra support. They prepared two types of bags:

- **Personal Hygiene Bags** – These include toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, deodorant, gloves, hats, headbands, scarves, socks, and a blanket.
- **Snack Bags** – Filled with a variety of snacks, including Goldfish, crackers, cookies, fruit snacks, and more.

The goal was to give back to the communities that they work and live in.

The School District of New London would like to thank Wolf River Community Bank and their employees for their generous support. Joe Peikert is the current president of Wolf River Community Bank.



Pictured are: Michelle Hull, Erin Marsh, Karen Duch, Kandi Martin, Julia Martinson, and Brian Yerkey.

### **Safety Dispensary Machines Available in Waupaca County**

Two safety “vending machines” are now available as a resource for Waupaca County residents. These machines are located at the Waupaca County Courthouse and also at the Compassionate Connection Center in Clintonville. These vending machines include: gun locks, first aid kits, Narcan, condoms, tick removal kits, and covid tests. All the items are free to the public and can be accessed in those two locations. This resource became available in January. Citizens can access the machine and do not need to provide any information to be able to gain the materials that they need.

### **Safety Bot Alert Updates**



The School Social Worker continues to monitor and report all the Safety Bot alerts that are received within the school district.

These come up

whenever the system alerts of a troubling email or message in the student’s Google docs, emails or Google classroom. Students have also been doing a good job of communicating with our administration team and pupil service team when other students

are sending troubling messages on SnapChat, Facebook or Instagram.

### **Emergency numbers available for our students and families**



### **Director of Teaching and Learning**

#### **ACT Testing**

On Tuesday, March 11, Juniors completed the spring ACT standardized test assessment. Wisconsin requires all 11th graders to take the ACT as a statewide assessment mandated by the Department of Public Instruction. The test measures whether students are meeting academic standards and gauges college readiness, providing data that helps inform school accountability and instructional improvements. In short, it ensures that every student’s progress is evaluated uniformly and that schools can use this information for college admissions, scholarships, and overall performance-tracking decisions.

Thank you to all staff, students, and parents/guardians who supported promoting best effort and results.