



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

## Monthly Update

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### November 2024

#### District Administrator

##### School Board Election Timeline

During November, preparation timelines for the annual school board election on April 1, 2025, are communicated with our school community.

Please note the following dates and publication notices:

- November 26 (Tuesday) Publish notice of election (*Press Star* publication on November 21)
- December 27 (Friday) Deadline for non-candidacy for incumbent
- January 7 (Tuesday) Deadline for filing for School Board 5:00 p.m.
- March 31 (Monday) Publish notice of election (*Press Star* publication on March 27)
- April 1 (Tuesday) Election
- April 28 (Monday) School Board members take office

Current Board of Education members who are up for re-election are Holly Schweitzer and Mandy Wilz. The term of office is three years. Please contact the School District of New London administrative office for more information or general election questions.

##### B212 Extra Degree of Effort

The November B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes the 2024 Boys Varsity Cross Country Team. Under the coaching reigns of Head Coach Nick Schaefer and Assistant Coach Shaunna Ferge, the Bulldog boys' cross country team was crowned sectional champions and



competed at the State Cross Country Meet on November 2.

##### Fall High School Musical

Congratulations to the talented cast and dedicated crew of the New London High School musical production of "Guys and Dolls." Over the three nights of performance on November 8, 9, and 10, our school community was treated to captivating performances filled with vocal performances and dance routines. Every act demonstrated our students' remarkable fine arts skills, leaving the audience in amazement.

##### 2025 WASB School Board Convention

Registration for the 2025 Wisconsin State Education Convention is now open. The annual conference takes place January 22-24 in Milwaukee.

For over 100 years, the Wisconsin State Education Convention has been the state's largest gathering of educational leaders. Historically, more than 2,000 people attend the three-day convention. The event, held in January at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, is co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB), the Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials (WASBO), and the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA).

Board members should contact District office by December 15, 2024, if you are interested in attending the 2025 programming.



##### Start of the 2nd Academic Quarter

The second academic grading period began on November 4. Parents and guardians are encouraged to continue open, frequent communication with classroom teachers and school personnel. Students are encouraged to give their "Bulldog Best" in everything they do.

### **Veterans Day Programing**

A sincere thank you to all of our area veterans who participated in our annual Veterans Day Program at New London Intermediate Middle School. During the program, patriotic messages and songs remembered past and current veterans of our community and great country.



### **AMVETS Flag Folding**

Recently, local New London AMVETS organization members conducted a classroom demonstration about the American flag for all fourth grade students. The students actively participated by answering questions as they learned about the flag's creation, the symbolism of its colors, and the meaning of each fold when it is properly folded. We extend our gratitude to the dedicated AMVETS members who took the time to make this important event possible.



### **Director of Business Services**

#### **Tech Ed Donation**

Bill and Deb Krostue, grandparents in the School District of New London, made a donation in the amount of \$1,200 to the High School Tech Ed department. We thank the Krostue family for their donation!.

*Thank You*

#### **Total Compensation Meetings**

The committee has met three times over the past month to continue to develop recommendations to bring forward for the 2025 health and dental insurance renewals.

#### **2025-27 WI Biennium Budget Development**

Over the next few months there will be significant discussion across the state on how the 2025-27 biennium budget looks for public education in Wisconsin.

New London is still at the lowest revenue limit authority of \$11,325 per student. The Association for Equity in Funding (AEF) has several valuable documents to advocate for more equity in funding for school districts like New London.

The two links below are excellent examples of how New London has been impacted:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cBbsPSg\\_naE5wt5\\_bDYCiC9XN98exDBk](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cBbsPSg_naE5wt5_bDYCiC9XN98exDBk)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s9lplhh10NU>

We will continue to provide updates to the Board and the community on the needs of the district.

### **Director of Pupil Services**

#### **Donations from Gloria Mihna**

Gloria Mihna, the New London Resident who has previously donated and provided all the color blind glasses to the School District of New London has made another sizable donation to the district, providing a large supply of winter boots and slip on shoes for the students at the elementary level. She was also able to donate shoes for the High School caring closet, as well as a large amount of leggings



for the elementary school students. A tremendous amount of thanks and gratitude to Gloria for her continued support of the district and our students.



### **Child Development Days–New Name, New Location, New Format**

On both Friday, October 4, 2024, and Friday, November 1, 2024, the special education team conducted their child-find activities for the school year. This year the program took on a new name and a new format at a new location. Now entitled Little Bulldogs Community Connection–this event will now occur eight times per year as opposed to the previous two times annually.



The program took place at the New London Public Library starting at 9:00 a.m. Many area families brought in their students aged 2.5 to 4 years old to be screened in multiple areas including: gross and

fine motor skills, speech, communication, cognition and medical concerns. The early childhood staff organized this activity, and they were supported by our school psychologists, speech and language pathologists as well as our occupational and physical therapy department. Congratulations to the early childhood department for the excellent turn out at this event. These events will now continue to occur once a month on the following upcoming dates:

- December 6
- January 3
- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2

### **Donation to the Special Education Program**

Bill and Deb Krostue, grandparents in the School District of New London, made a donation in the amount of \$750 to the special education program in New London. The money will be used specifically to support the occupational therapy department needs. A sincere thank you to the Krostues for their tremendous generosity.



### **ACCESS for ELLs Testing**

ACCESS for ELLs is an English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in Wisconsin to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. ACCESS for ELLs testing window is about to open. Students

will be testing this year from December 2, 2024, through January 31, 2025. The bilingual program estimates that we will test 125 students this year.

### **Special Education Parent Advisory Council**

On October 22, the School District of New London's Special Education Parent Advisory Council met. The goal of the Special Education District Parent Advisory Council is to create an opportunity for cooperative conversations with parents and community stakeholders with the intent to support our District mission statement of "Success for All Students." This group has a particular focus on families who have students that are supported by IEPs (Individual Education Plans). Our next meeting will be on January 21.

### **Coffee Cart has started at the High School**

Students in Mrs. Jaglinski's Transition Program (18-21 years old) are thrilled to announce the launch of their student-run coffee cart as part of the transition program. This initiative will provide students with valuable work experience while serving delicious coffee and snacks to the school community. Students have learned how to make different types of coffee along with working on their communication skills. We have been thankful for all of the support.



### **Donation from Ellsworth Cheese**

On Wednesday, October 30, 2024, both Kandi Martin and Erin Marsh were invited to Ellsworth Cheese to receive a donation in the amount of \$1,500. This very generous donation also accompanies their hygiene drive. They also donated hundreds of deodorants to be distributed for students in both the Middle School and High School. The School District of New London would like to thank Ellsworth Cheese for their continued support of the students in the School District of New London.



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

#### **Math Leadership Team**

On October 25, teacher representatives from elementary, Intermediate/Middle, and High School met with Intermediate/Middle School Principal Ann Pinch and Parkview Elementary Principal Jody Peterson to discuss continued best practices for math education district-wide.

Grounding meeting norms of desired student success revolved around:

- What is it we expect students to learn? (Learning Maps/Unit Plans)
- How will we know when they have learned it? (Formative/Summative)
- How will we respond when they don't know?
- How will we respond when they already know?

Current math instructional snapshots were discussed in relation to historical and cohort trends. A review of instructional best practices, staff professional development, and tier 2 intervention target groups was also established for further discussion.

Thank you math team representatives Megan Hinde, Ayla Oudenhoven, Joe Morrison, Lynn Schaal, Laurie Sloma, and Kyle Tesch for supporting continuous improvement in the area of math education.