

### Staff Announcements

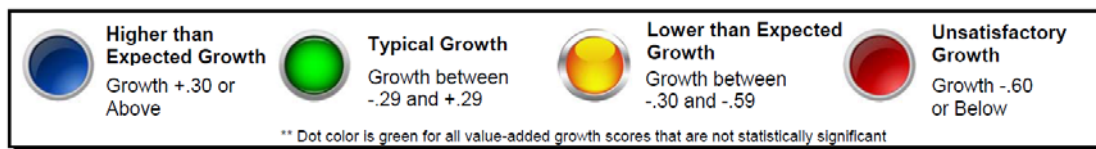
Matt Klett was appointed to the Illinois Advisory Council on Bilingual Education. He has worked hard over the past couple of years with our ESL population and this is a nice recognition for him.

### ECRA Data

The ECRA folks came out to meet with some of the administrators last week and we tried to set some priorities for assessment and program evaluation. The areas we decided to focus on include:

- New K-5 & 6-8 math program implementation
- Summer Library Program impact on student achievement / summer loss
- Look at long term impact of Pre-K program
- Look at the current special education program at NBMS

Attached is the Executive Summary of the ECRA Growth Evaluation based on the 2011-2012 School Year.



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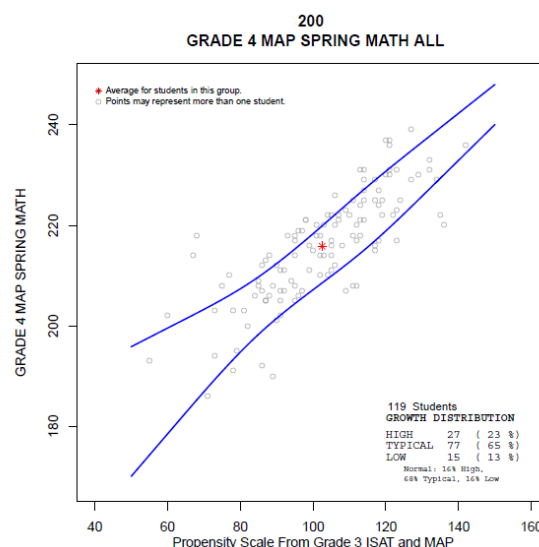


ECRA is also going to send us a summary of how our students performed in comparison with other similar students throughout the state. Additionally, the individual data plots for each grade and type of assessment are included in your packet. Those should be considered confidential due to the small number of students in some of the breakouts.

ECRA's staff felt that there were some truly positive changes in math last year.

- Manchester 4th grade ISAT -  $+.87$ ,
- Capron 4th grade ISAT -  $+.59$
- 7th grade ISAT -  $+.65$
- 8th grade ISAT -  $+.53$
- Middle School LEP -  $+.62$
- Middle school low income -  $+.30$
- Middle school Hispanic -  $+.45$

I believe the data walls developed by Lindsay Abbeduto, Kim Moore and the RTI team should get some of the credit for helping teachers focus in on the students who need



additional help. All of the principals and the vast majority of the teaching staff have really embraced the use of data to inform instruction and, hopefully, this will continue to positively impact student achievement in the district.

### **Boone County Sales Tax for School Construction**

The District 100 Board of Education voted to place a referendum for adding a 1% sales tax on the ballot in November. That would generate about \$450K or so annually for North Boone to use towards facilities projects and / or to potentially retire bonded debt. According to the *RRStar*, a D100 poll shows 71% of people in favor of the tax. Attached are the survey results from that poll.

### **Summer Library Hours**

Summer Library Hours run from June 5th through August 1st this summer.

Tuesdays, Poplar Grove will be open from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Tuesdays, NBUE from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, Capron from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

I will hopefully have participation numbers for you in August.

### **Insurance Cooperative**

Miller, Buettner and Parrott are still working on a potential 12+ district insurance. They are holding a status meeting on July 25. We will hopefully have an update for you at the August meeting.

### **PERA Training**

I was asked by Dr. Lori Fanello to be the superintendent from our region to participate in the pilot principal evaluation training. It will start on May 14 and take about ten hours to complete. I am hoping it is a positive experience. ISBE is promising to solve the access issue for all administrators in getting properly trained prior to Sept. 1, 2012.

### **Staffing Issues**

We had added an additional bilingual assistant for Capron to the staffing plan in the budget. This is in direct response to the ESL/ELL audit from last spring. We are still anticipating the need for a third Kindergarten section at Poplar Grove and potentially a part time 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher at Manchester. Both of those are pending a review of enrollment numbers after registration on July 26 & August 1.

### **Boone County Fair**

The administrators will again be taking part in the Business Day at the Fair on August 7 for the Chamber of Commerce. It is a nice way to have the administrators get back in touch with students and families as the summer ends. I will also have attended the Federal Reserve Economic Outlook presentation prior to the Board meeting, so I may have some information to pass on from that on Monday.