

Superintendent's Report

July 28, 2014

New Teacher Orientation

New teachers will begin on August 13 with all staff returning on August 15 and teachers having another in service day on August 18. New teacher assistants will meet on August 14. Students will begin on August 19.

Special Education

We received formal word from the ISBE that North Boone is now able to be a standalone entity to provide services for special needs students. This is based on the presentation that Kim Moore and Melissa Geyman made to the Illinois Student Assistance Council (ISAC) last October.

Illinois Youth Survey

The results of the biannual Illinois Youth Survey are attached. This survey is given to 6th, 8th and 10th graders to determine perceived and actual levels of teen behavior.

MAP Testing

Administratively, the principals are recommending that we expand MAP testing to include primary students. The Primary MAPs tests are not part of the MAPs testing we have been doing since 2010, but the system is similar and more reliable than the AIMSWeb and other benchmarking being done at that level used as curriculum based assessment measures.

ECRA Student Growth Data

ECRA is working on reviewing the fall to spring growth for the 2013-2014 School Year and will be meeting with the administrators on August 5 to review the data. Their preliminary summary shows our 9th and 10th graders as continuing to show improvement and strong growth. The 5th and 8th graders showed typical growth but 8th graders dropped in the number of students meeting benchmarks in math and reading from the their 7th grade years and 5th grade math MAP growth was in unacceptable category.

Capital Development Board

Kelly Holsker continues to work on gathering the final documents necessary to satisfy the CDB staff in order to ensure we receive the most money possible from that agency. It is extremely difficult for us to gather up materials from ten plus years ago with the level of turnover the district office has had since 2004. They just gave Kelly a new list of materials they want that we had never been asked for previously.

Payroll

Jeff Carr and I met with the Morrissey Agency about two weeks ago to investigate the potential of outsourcing some or all of our payroll processing. Currently, with payroll, as well as with many other systems, we don't have the level of redundancy that we should in order to make sure our systems are able to get through issues with individual staff members, whether vacation, illness or other concerns.

Homeless Students

Below are the final homeless numbers from the Regional Office. Our increase in homeless students was significant. We will know more about our initial homeless numbers for 2015 after the completion of registration later this week.

Final Homeless Numbers for FY 14

District	FY 14	FY13	Increase/(Decrease)
Belvidere	68	41	27
North Boone	28	8	20
Harlem	185	137	38
Kinnikinnick	7	2	5
Prairie Hill	4	4	-
Shirland	3	6	(3)
Rockton	12	5	7
Rockford	2,277	1,576	701
Hononegah	7	5	2
South Beloit	0	2	(2)
Pecatonica	6	8	(2)
Durand	4	2	2
Winnebago	20	15	5
Area Total	2, 621	1,811	810