

TO: Bayfield School Board
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SUBJECT: September District Administrator Report

1. Professional Development Training

The start-of-school year professional development went well. Educator effectiveness, RtI/PBIS and the District's changes to the daily schedule with professional collaboration time and Troller Time were key training subjects. SPED and administrative staff also participated in CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training. After three years of a high tempo of new initiatives, this year will be focused on completing full implementation of the initiatives we've brought into the District.

2. ACT Scores

We recently received the 2015 report on ACT average scores. Our composite scores increased from 20.3 in 2014 to 20.6 in 2015 which is a positive gain. The State average score stayed the same from 2014-15 at 22.2. Bayfield's composite score growth is important because 2015 marked the year that all high school juniors were required to take the ACT, not just college-bound students. Bayfield's most significant area of growth was in reading with an average score in 2014 of 20.7 and 21.5 in 2015. Math was the one area of decline with a 2014 score of 20.0 and a 2015 score of 19.4. The ACT is one of a number of standardized tools that indicate that the School District of Bayfield continues to make positive progress in promoting student growth.

3. Bayfield H.S. Earns U.S. News & World Report Award

U.S. News and World Report recently released their 2015 Best High School awards. Data from more than 21,000 high schools from across the U.S.A was analyzed. Top scoring high schools in the nation were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals. There are more than 500 high schools in Wisconsin. In the 2015 U.S. News and Report Best High School rankings, two Wisconsin high schools earned gold medals, 57 schools earned silver and 83 were awarded bronze. The School District of Bayfield is proud to announce that Bayfield High School has been named a U.S. News and World Report Best High School bronze medal recipient for 2015.

4. Board Retreat

We're nearing the time of years where the School Board has had an annual Board Retreat. It would be a big help to know if the Board would like to have a retreat in late 2015 so that arrangements could be made. Kevin Stranberg of Stranberg and Associates has indicated that he would be interested in facilitating the retreat again as he has the past two years.

5. Annual Financial Audit

The District's annual audit is nearing completion. Personnel from Eagle Accounting completed the on-the-ground portion of the audit late last month. Preliminary findings are very positive. Kudos to Randi Johnson, Nancy Fredenberg, Lori Heckman and others who helped prepare for the audit. The District's financial operations, practices and procedures have improved significantly since our audits of a few years ago.