

# **School District of Bayfield**

## **Board Report**

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There is a requirement that the District notifies the District residents of the change in the process of determining the eligibility of students with a Specific Learning Disability. We were required to notify the public using the same manner which provide other notices such as Child Find. A joint notice for Washburn and Bayfield was placed in the Daily Press. Bayfield also placed the notice on the website. The notice that was placed is below.

### **Notice to the Residents of the Bayfield and Washburn School Districts**

Wisconsin's rule for identifying students with specific learning disabilities (SLD) has changed.

Beginning December 1, 2013, all initial SLD evaluations of public school students in Bayfield and Washburn will use information from interventions to make eligibility decisions. This article is to notify you that beginning on December 1, 2013 initial SLD evaluations at the School Districts of Bayfield and Washburn will begin using information from a student's response to intensive, scientific research based or evidence based interventions when making special education eligibility decisions. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sandra J. Raspotnik, Director of Special Education at either 715-779-3201 ext. 103 or 715-373-6199 ext. 222.

I attended the Leadership Conference in Madison and attended the session on RtI. I believe we are on track with the majority of schools in the state. We will work through the small details as we process referrals for Specific Learning Disabilities.

I will be attending the Building the Heart of Successful Schools conference in WI Dells Dec. 4-6. This is a requirement for the Bayfield District due to being a recipient of the Safe and Supportive School Grant.

Bayfield has been chosen to participate in a study of how to close the gap between regular and special education students in reading. A team has been chosen and spent the day at CESA on Dec. 2 to begin a data dig. We will continue in January and then write a plan for the DPI on what we will be doing in Bayfield.