

TO: Bayfield School Board
FROM: Dave Aslyn
DATE: April 16, 2014
SUBJECT: April District Administrator Report

1. Health Insurance

The District has received notice from WEA Trust that the health insurance platform the District currently has will be discontinued after September 1, 2014. WEA Trust is making this change as a part of their implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Randi Johnson and I have met with M3's Jeff Steckbauer to discuss next steps. The District will be able to have WEA Trust insurance plan that is very similar to what is currently in place. We've received notice that we'll know what our premium increase/decrease will be in late May.

2. Preliminary Budget for 2014-15

A preliminary 2014-15 budget will be presented to the Finance Committee and School Board in April. We have been able to get some idea of federal money for next year despite the sequester action in place in Washington. We do know that our State General Aid will be reduced by 15% again next year. The budget contingencies from the District Strategic Plan and MOU meetings will be included in the presentation to the Finance Committee and School Board.

3. WKCE Results for 2013-14

The DPI has released WKCE results for the current school year. I have included graphs that show District and school level results for reading and math, which are used as a major portion of DPI District/School Report Cards. I've also included graphs for 2013-14 results for children receiving services under and IEP. Additionally, I've included graphs with growth data for 2012-13 reading and math which is the most current year the DPI has growth data on. As a summary, the District gave back some of the large gains from last year. As the State has increased scale score requirements, the number of students scoring proficient or advanced has decreased. The data support our efforts to get formal math curriculum in place with supporting resources, then turning our efforts to the English/language arts curriculum development process. While our District has seen growth in recent years, student achievement continues to lag behind regional Districts and the State averages. It is critical that we keep academic growth and achievement a high priority in our District. Nothing less will do as we work to help all Bayfield students reach their full potential as learners.

4. Membership Audit

The District was selected for a membership audit by the DPI earlier this year. The DPI Membership Audit concluded yesterday. Preliminary results indicate that our actual membership number is likely to be adjusted by a few students. More information will be available when the whole process is wrapped up.

5. Community Collaboration

The Bayfield School District Community Pow Wow and Wisconsin Indian Education Association (WIEA) Conference was held last weekend. The Bayfield School hosted the Pow Wow and a number of the conference events. This was an excellent collaborative effort between Red Cliff, the WIEA and the Bayfield School District. I was elected to serve as an alternate member for this region on the state WIEA Board during last weekend's activities. I look forward to serving with this important educational organization.