

Director of Special Education and Pupil Services/K-5 Principal Monthly School Board Report

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K-5 Principal

- The start of the school year has gone very well. The students really enjoy the new playground equipment and can't get enough of the swings. During the week of September 11th 1st - 5th grade students began participating in intervention and enrichment activities during the elementary "Troller Time." Kindergarten students began participating in intervention and enrichment activities the week of October 2nd.

- On Thursday, October 5th, students and families at LaPointe Elementary School participated in a Fall Family Night. At the event, families and community members were able to meet the teaching staff and myself. In addition, everyone had the opportunity to play the students' cardboard box games, a project that combined several science and math lessons. Following dinner, students and families competed in a STEM tower building contest. Thanks to all the community members and families who attended and showed their support for the LaPointe School.

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- On September 20th, the School District of Bayfield received a notice from the Department of Public Instruction that our district needs assistance in implementing the requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. See the attached documents for greater details. At this time, the Department of Public Instruction isn't asking the district to take corrective action, however I am doing a data analysis to address these areas of need.

- On September 26 - 27, Angela Botka, Dan Livingston, Anne Sullivan and I attended the Innovations in Equity Improving Our Practice conference. Traditionally, the Department of Public Instruction offered annual conferences for federally-funded programs (i.e., special education and Title I) for districts to attend. This year the department replaced three annual conferences Summit for Addressing Disproportionality; the Title I Innovation, Implementation, and

Sustainability Conference and; the State Personnel Development Grant for the Equity conference.

- October 16 - 18 I attended the New Special Education Director Academy workshop and the State Superintendent's Conference on Special Education & Pupil Services Leadership Issues. During this conference I learned about the updates from DPI on the College and Career IEP, the role of special education in a multi-level system of supports, Wisconsin legal updates, and Results Driven Accountability: Procedural Compliance Self Assessment.
- On October 23rd five special education teachers will participate in a College and Career Readiness IEP training at CESA 12. The training will provide teachers with a better understanding of how to write standards based IEP's, so students with disabilities are held to high expectations and have access to the state standards at their grade level.
- September and October have been busy months with 32 annual and review IEP meetings and four (4) 504 meetings.
- At the present time we have 95 students with an IEP, seven (7) students with a 504 plan, and three (3) students with an At-Risk plan. In addition, we have five initial referrals.