

TO: Bayfield School Board
FROM: Dave Aslyn
DATE: December 23, 2014
SUBJECT: January District Administrator Report

1. Health Insurance Update

We have completed the health care agreement update with WEA Trust that will remove retirees who were on the District policy beyond their allotted time frame. This change will take place in January. All notices to the retirees who will be impacted have taken place and M3 has been in contact with them to help line up new health insurance. This move should have a positive impact on the District's health insurance premiums in the future.

2. Wind Sled Repair Update

The Winter Transportation Committee has met three times recently. The most recent meeting was a viewing of the substructure of the large sled. Fortunately, the required repairs to get the sled ready for this winter are not overly extensive. Personnel from Lake Assault Boats from Superior were on hand to look at the sled. Lake Assault will be submitting an estimate of cost to put a new hull on the large sled. They will also be providing an estimate for a replacement sled. Lake Assault Boats will have the information to the Winter Transportation Committee during the month of January. We will keep you posted as more information is available.

3. Positive Attendance Initiative

It's difficult to argue with the idea that children need to be in school to learn best. The District and the elementary, middle and high schools have lost points for attendance on the state report card the past couple years. While attendance has improved this school year, there are still children who are missing enough school that their learning is being impacted. From January – May 2015 we will be running a positive attendance initiative each month. A drawing will be held at the end of each month for those children who have missed no more than one day of school during the month. One student from each school – elementary, middle and high school – will have their name drawn. The January prizes will be Kindle Fire tablets. We are confident that these new incentives will help increase student attendance in the District and will keep you posted on the data.

4. Wisconsin Fair Aid Coalition

The Wisconsin Fair Aid Coalition's (FAC) mission is focused on representing school districts that receive little state aid and have high property tax levels because of property values. The intent is to help such districts receive a fair share of state aid. The School District of Bayfield is a member of the Fair Aid Coalition. 2015 is a budget year in the state. FAC is lobbying for a minimum of \$1,000 per student of state general aid. We currently receive about \$588 per student of general aid. The FAC's annual meeting will take place during the WASB Convention later this month in Milwaukee.