

TO: Bayfield School Board
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SUBJECT: March District Administrator Report

1. Preliminary figures indicate that the District employee health insurance premium may increase as much as 10% for next year. We are working with M3 Insurance to determine methods of keeping renewal rates down. After three years with no premium increase, it is not a surprise that the District is likely in for an increase. WEA Trust is getting out of the dental insurance business. It appears that Delta Dental will be picking up the Trust's dental insurance business. We have been told that we will have a 0% increase on the dental insurance premium.
2. Work continues on the first year of implementing the Educator Effectiveness model of teacher and principal evaluations. There have been a number of changes to the system in since last year which has caused challenges for teachers and administrators. Two positive outcomes of the new system are closer communication about teaching and learning between teachers and administrators as well as a focus on reflective professional practices.
3. Joint School Board – Red Cliff Tribal Council Meeting
A joint meeting of the Bayfield School Board and Red Cliff Tribal Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10th at Legendary Waters. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m.
4. Budgeting for 2015-16
Work on the preliminary 2015-16 District budget has started. The education financing picture at the state level is unclear and it has been difficult to get an accurate picture of school finances for next year. At this point, it appears that state aid will be cut \$150 per student next year. This will be a loss of more than \$60,000 for the District. This cut comes on top of the 15% cut in general aid that we were already aware of. The intent is to have a preliminary budget ready for the Board to review at the April Board meeting.