

TO: Bayfield School Board
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SUBJECT: March District Administrator Report

1. Preliminary figures indicate that the District workers compensation insurance premium is likely to increase for next year. Our Modification Factor is 1.43 which is higher than any of the previous five years. On a related note, we are working with M3 Insurance on health/dental insurance moving forward. M3 rep, Jeff Steckbauer, conducted a meeting with a large group of District employees representing all employee groups to share information and to hear their insights. Jeff will have more information for us in the near future.
2. Work continues on the implementation of the Educator Effectiveness model of teacher and specialist evaluations. The learning curve continues to be steep as we hit full program implementation. Two positive outcomes of the new system are closer communication about teaching and learning between teachers/specialists and administrators as well as a focus on reflective professional practices.
3. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Bayfield School Board Retreat. Saturday, March 11th, 9:00-Noon. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION – The retreat will take place in the Bayfield School Conference Room.
 - b. The March Regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th in the Bayfield School LRC.
4. Work on the preliminary 2017-18 District budget has started. The education financing picture at the state level is up in the air as it is a budget year. . We believe that we will have a 15% cut to General Aid which amounts again. Dr. Tony Evers has submitted a budget proposal that would put a “floor” of \$1,000 minimum General Aid per-pupil. This would more than double Bayfield’s General Aid. Governor Walker is proposing increases in two areas of Categorical Aid, Sparsity and High Cost Transportation, that would bring additional dollars to Bayfield. The intent is to have a preliminary 2017-18 budget ready for the Board to review at the April Board meeting.