

TO: Bayfield School Board  
FROM: Dave Aslyn  
DATE: January 3, 2017  
SUBJECT: January District Administrator Report

1. 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. 2017 is a budget year in the state. FAC has been lobbying for a minimum of \$1,000 per student of state general aid for the past few years. State Superintendent, Dr. Tony Evers has included the \$1,000 per student minimum general aid in his 2017-19 budget proposal. We currently receive less than \$460 per student of general aid. The FAC's annual meeting will take place during the WASB Convention on January 17<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee.

2. Winter Gala

The Bayfield Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a Winter Gala on February 11<sup>th</sup> Bayfield Pavilion. This event will help raise funds for the Bayfield School Spring music trip to New York. It looks to be a wonderful event with a lot of support from our community. Students and parent volunteers will be working the event. Please note that the plan is to serve wine and beer at the event to those of legal drinking age. Parents/families of music students taking part in the event will be informed prior to the event that alcohol will be served on the premises and have the ability to opt their child out of the event. Students will be supervised during the event. School parent volunteer and Bayfield Chamber Board member, Mary Thiel, has provided the attached letter with detailed information about the event.

3. Safety Concern/Bullying Incident Reporting

The District has added Safe School Alert to the newly-revised District website. Safe School Alert allows students, parents/families, community members and staff members to report online situations where there are concerns over school safety or bullying. The reports are automatically routed to administrators and school counselors so they can be addressed promptly. These reports can be submitted anonymously. Individuals filing reports have the ability to track the status of their report electronically. This new District communication tool will play an important role in our effort to make school a safe, respectful and positive place for all.

4. Health Insurance Focus Group

There will be a health insurance focus group conducted on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the focus group will be to get employee input on important health insurance features and benefits as the District looks to bid out employee health insurance for 2017-18. Representatives from the BEA, CUT and the non-affiliated group will take part in the event. M3's Jeff Steckbauer will facilitate the event. This is one of the early steps in preparing to bid out the health insurance for the upcoming year. You will receive more information as the process moves ahead.