



Agenda Item Details

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Bayfield and LaPointe Elementary Monthly School Board Report

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Academic Achievement:

We will soon start the 21-22 Forward Exam for grades 3-5. Third and fifth graders are being assessed in both math and reading. Fourth graders are being assessed in math, reading, science, and social studies. The biggest change from last year is the return of the Text-Dependent Analysis portion of the test. According to WI DPI:

The TDA portion of the Forward Exam requires students to read the text (passage or passages) and then respond in writing to a prompt in one of several ways. Students must identify and explain a theme or central idea using textual evidence to support the claim about what that theme or central idea is, and analyze the development of an event, character, central ideas, or theme using textual evidence to support the explanation and analysis.

Our teachers have been working with students to prepare them for this type of test item since it is new to most of them. Students have been exposed to sample passages, questions, and responses along with getting them familiar with the scoring rubric that will be used.

While the results of the forward exam usually come out too late to be used to drive instruction this year, our teachers will definitely be using this data in preparation for next year. Therefore, our teachers will continue to use their classroom assessments to determine what concepts students have mastered and those that require intervention and/or practice during the fourth quarter.

Supportive Climate:

Our staff continues to do our best to support our students and each other. While a number of pandemic related barriers to our work are slowly going away, the effects of them over the past few years are still a part of who we are and how we approach instruction. The elementary staff is always looking for ways to help out and make things better. It's been a rough road, but as a school we are persevering, and we look forward to the future.

Effective Communication:

We continue to prioritize effective communication with our families and each other. This time of the year, two important communications with students and families are about the upcoming WI

Forward Exam and our 4k transition to kindergarten. The end of March and into April is a very busy time and having effective communication helps things go smoothly.

Use of Data & Resources:

Elementary teachers continue to use the data from our most recent universal screeners to offer interventions and enrichment to help meet our students' instructional needs. Students with the highest needs are receiving support from their teachers as well as our interventionist. Our newest interventionist will be joining us this week and plans are being made to get him familiar with our school, staff, and students. Teachers are also starting to prepare for next year's classroom needs by looking at budgetary items that would benefit their students but not be covered by individual classroom budgets.

Attendance:

Attendance levels at both elementary schools continue to improve, even if only by a little bit. Bayfield Elementary is currently at 90.65% and LaPointe Elementary is at 92.5%. We will continue to monitor attendance and encourage student engagement.

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