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***Principal's Report
To The School Board
November, 2023***

Progress made over the last month on action plan steps reflective of our CCSU goals, curriculum work, MTSS/MTSSB-instructional framework

All Learners Network -

We continue to work with Kate Hughes from the All Learners Network as we continue to incorporate UDL best practices into our Math instruction. Kate completed the first phase of classroom observations in our Pre-K and $\frac{3}{4}$ classrooms on October 23rd. Kate is supporting our teachers in incorporating UDL strategies, sequencing and strategies for multilevel classrooms, and creating opportunities for student engagement and student agency. Kate will return on December 4th to complete observations in our $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$ classrooms and to provide teachers and staff support toward our school wide Math learning goals.

Peer Observation Workshops-

In alignment with our UDL Math work with ALN, we are consulting with Margaret Maclean to build an observation based teacher peer support system at Peacham. The purpose of this work is to provide teachers with peer modeling support in order to give them first hand examples of how to put theory into practice. We are working with Margaret during early release in-service with our next meeting on November 3rd utilized to build specific systems, protocols, and structures for peer observational support systems.

UDL Collaborative Team-

As a schoolwide collaborative we are working to more deeply instill UDL ideologies into our classrooms and our schoolwide culture and practices. We are doing this through instructional modeling at the school level and in collaboration with our CCSU partners. Our work with Margaret Maclean aligns with our UDL implementation through creating peer observational systems so that we can serve as hands-on, observable resources for one another.

[UDL at a glance](#)

Place Based Learning Seminar-

The focus point which connects our UDL work and our UDL practices in the classroom is place based, hands on learning. Experiential learning and thematic learning serves as the through line which helps students connect the curricular outcomes to tangible, real world experiences. It is our goal to create equity and opportunity for each and every one of our students and to ground our UDL teaching practices within experiential, hands-on, thematic, and place based learning opportunities. I will be attending the place based learning seminar on November 14th along with a group of our teachers in order to expand our knowledge and cultivate new ideas to strengthen experiential learning opportunities for our students.

Building Maintenance and Security Updates

Security Protocols and Procedures:

We will be working this year with Mark Mooney, retired Principal of Twinfield school to revise all Peacham school emergency and safety protocols. This work is being completed district wide.

Secure Facilities and Community Facility Use:

We are formally approved to be designated as an emergency shelter by the Red Cross. Mark Tucker will review the agreements, and after his review is complete, we will present the proposal to the board for review.

Building Projects and Facility Upgrades:

Door Replacements (December)

All interior classroom doors will be replaced with fire rated doors and installed and wired with a magnetic lock security system. In addition, the two vestibule doors will be replaced and placed on a magnetic lock system, creating a safe corridor at the school entrance. This will allow the office to admit visitors into an enclosed and secure location without them having access to the rest of the school. This feature is a vital component in the process of making our school as safe as possible for students and staff.

Upcoming Events:

November 3rd

Raptor Adventure

Raptor Conservation Program

Presented by VINS and sponsored by the Peacham Library

A new opportunity we have this year is a raptor, bird of prey demonstration from VINS sponsored by the Peacham Library.

[VINS Raptor Conservation](#)



November 3rd-4th

Peacham Guild Community Sale

Our school recently participated in the Peacham Guild craft fair in order to raise funds for outdoor educational opportunities and the Thelma White memorial scholarship. Our students made holiday ornaments and our wonderful staff created delightful baked goods in support of our school programs!

November 18th

Thanksgiving Community Food Bank, Peacham School Community Meal and Senior Center Thanksgiving.

It is our goal for our school and our kids to be examples of giving within our community. This year we are sponsoring a community wide food drive and food bank for anyone experiencing food insecurity in our community. With approval from the select board, we are setting up a Thanksgiving theme food giveaway table at the Peacham transfer station. We will be giving away whole turkeys, fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as other Thanksgiving essential food items. The food bank will be available on Saturday, October 18th from 8am to 4pm.

Our open community invitation Spaghetti dinner held on October 26th was a tremendous success. We served a delicious meal to well over 100 people, many of whom were community members without students in the school. We are planning another free community meal for January.

In furtherance of our goal of instilling service and being a resource to our community, we are hosting our Senior Center population for school Thanksgiving lunch on November 20th.



Open positions:

We currently are operating without bus transportation due to a driver shortage at Butler's bus service.

Respectfully submitted by Sam McLeod



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Superintendent's Report November 2023

1. Open Positions

Barnet School

- Elementary Teacher
- After School Program Coordinator

Cabot School

- Special Education Paraeducator
- Bus Driver
- ELA Teacher

Central Office

- 2 High School Paraeducators at the St. Johnsbury Academy
- Certified Deaf/Blind Intervener
- LNA
- Tutor

Danville School

- High School Paraeducator
- Preschool Paraeducator
- Custodian
- Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
- Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Peacham School

- None

Twinfield School

- Bus Driver
- Health Elementary Paraeducator
- Elementary Paraeducator
- High School Paraeducator
- Food Service
- After School Site Director
- Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Walden School

- Custodian school year

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Waterford School

- Preschool paraeducator

1. **Superintendent Office:** Now that Mark Tucker is back part time, we are working collaboratively to ensure the continued smooth operation of the SU. We are dividing up the responsibilities and workload until Mark gets the all clear to return full time. We are both committed to the support of all staff, students, families, administrators and boards.
2. **Budget:** Mark and I have had regular meetings with Mike Concessi to review and develop budgets with as much information as we have available. Mike is working hard to make realistic, accurate projections about both revenues and expenses for the upcoming school year for the SU and each of its districts. We will be attending a two-day conference titled "Effective Practices in School District Fiscal Planning and Management" at the beginning of December. This professional development opportunity is designed for superintendents and business managers, and sponsored by VSA and VASBO.
3. **Threat Assessment:** Mark and I attended a webinar through the FBI related to hoax threats. It was informative and timely, given the events that unfolded in Twinfield last month. The webinar was targeted at law enforcement, but provided a useful perspective to us as school leaders.
4. **PCBs:** Mark is continuing his efforts to advance the decision making process for the Cabot gymnasium. Mark has also spoken with the consulting engineer about Corrective Action Plans (CAP) for Danville and Twinfield. The source testing at those two schools suggest straightforward remediation options, but this cannot proceed until DEC has a formal CAP so that they can authorize the removal of the PCB source material. Mark has pressed for this to be resolved before June 2024.

Anne Landry
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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Student Services Board Report
November 2023

1. CCSU Updates

- a. M. Lawrence Batiste, a remote school psychologist, provided training for our special educators on the November 3 early release regarding patterns of strengths and weaknesses.
- b. Our speech pathologists and occupational therapists are preparing a professional development opportunity for support staff on the December 1 early release.
- c. By the time you are reading this, I am hopeful that our new school psychologist for the SU and speech language pathologist for Cabot (both remote) will have started.

2. AOE Updates

- a. The FY25 Act 173 Service Plan documentation was uploaded to the AOE by the October 20, 2023 deadline. This document provides information about anticipated extraordinary reimbursement for the school year 2024-2025. As Mike Concessi mentioned during budget discussions, extraordinary reimbursement is received after costs exceed \$66,206.

3. Of Note

- a. Tracy Davidson is the Medicaid coordinator in the central office. I would like to recognize her for her dedication, dependability, and hard work. Tracy always has a smile and a positive attitude. She offers to go above and beyond on a regular basis and I know I can count on her for anything.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Landry
Director of Student Services