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

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

Peer Observation Workshops-

We have implemented our peer observation and collaborative learning system over the past month in alignment with our work with Margaret MacLean. Our teachers have completed their first round of observations and learning reflections with a collaborative teaching partner at the Peacham school level. The next round of peer observations in December will focus on the UDL principles of engagement and student agency. In January and February our teachers will be expanding peer observations to include partner schools within our district. This work aligns closely with our CCSU goal of creating equal learning opportunities for all students through pervasive inclusion of UDL best practices throughout the district.

Highlights of Recent Events

3rd/4th Grade Family Open House



Our amazing 3rd and 4th grade teacher, Mrs Tinkham, recently hosted an open house for students to demonstrate learning projects to their families. The students in Mrs Tinkham's class show tremendous pride and active engagement in their learning. The learning style represented by Mrs Tinkham reflects the UDL principles of engagement, relevance, and hands on application of knowledge through common themes and project based representations of proficiency. I would like to thank Mrs Tinkham for organizing this event, students for demonstrating pride and purpose in their work, and parents and grandparents for playing a crucial and collaborative role in the student learning community through their engagement.

Senior Center Thanksgiving Meal



Our recent hosting of the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving meal was a tremendous success. It was deeply touching to see the joyful way our students interacted with our guests and the kindness demonstrated by our kids. Our 5th/6th grade class provided great service and did a wonderful job with the decorations! Jessie and Tanika worked hard to provide a delicious meal and I am very grateful to Mrs. Aimee Locke for helping out in the kitchen and with the service.

Thanksgiving Community Food Bank

Our Thanksgiving food bank at the Peacham transfer station exceeded my greatest expectations. We were able to distribute over 20 turkeys, fresh vegetables, mountains of canned goods, fresh eggs, pies, and too many other items to mention. I have listened to many thankful testimonies from people in our community who were able to enjoy a bountiful Thanksgiving meal that they would not have otherwise had, due to the generosity of our community. I am very thankful to the people of our community who stepped up to fight food insecurity in our area. I want to add extra thanks to Nicky Greyling and Pete's Greens for their generous donation of fresh vegetables for the event.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Food Bank and Community Food Drive

Due to the success of our last event and the need demonstrated by it, we will be hosting a free Holiday Food Bank at the transfer station from 8:00am-3:00pm on Saturday, December 16th.

First Responder and Road Crew Holiday Meal

In a continuation of our community service initiatives, we will be hosting a holiday meal in honor of our hard working first responders and road crew in Peacham on Wednesday, December 20th from 11:30-12:30.

Discussion of potential land donation to the town of Peacham and the involvement of the school:

“Northeast Kingdom Audubon society is discussing possibility of donating land to the town. Their attorney is working on the language. Town will need an attorney to review it. As a donation, it would be no cost to the town, except for the loss of taxes. VLCT confirmed it does not need to go to the town meeting; the Selectboard can decide. But there is no decision at this time. There is an ongoing discussion about the school being involved in the signage and use” (Select Board Minutes).

Open positions:

Pre-K Paraprofessional

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 December 2023

1. Open Positions

Barnet School

- Elementary Teacher
- After School Program Coordinator

Cabot School

- Special Education Paraeducator
- Bus Driver

Central Office

- 2 High School Paraeducators at the St. Johnsbury Academy
- Certified Deaf/Blind Intervener
- Tutor
- Superintendent of Schools
- Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) Coordinator

Danville School

- No open positions at this time.

Peacham School

- Life Skills one-on-one part-time paraeducator
- Preschool paraeducator

Twinfield School

- Bus Driver
- Food Service
- Middle school boys basketball coach
- Preschool Paraeducator
- Global Citizenship Teacher part-time
- Long Term Substitute Teacher for Preschool (Spring 2024)
- Learning Services Coordinator part-time

Walden School

- No open positions at this time.

Waterford School

- Preschool paraeducator
- Food Service (4 hrs school days)

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2. **Medical Leave** – I returned to work on a part-time basis on October 20th. I still have some restrictions on nighttime driving and driving distance.
3. **State of Vermont School Facility Analysis** – The reports are in and delivered to the respective district boards.
4. **PCB Testing** – At this time we have a pretty good understanding for how to remediate PCBs in the three schools. What we are lacking is a Corrective Action Plan for each site that will actually *allow* us to remediate. The scale of the challenge is different in all three schools, with Cabot facing the most complex and expensive remediation need for its gym. I wish I could tell the three district boards when we will have those plans; we are at the mercy of DEC.
5. **Required Policy Work following Legislative Session** – S.138 – the School Safety Bill, required us to adopt two policies by August 2023. The SU Board adopted those policies on behalf of the Districts at its June meeting. We are still waiting for guidelines for developing the required All-Hazards Emergency Operation Plans spelled out in the legislation. Latest from the AOE is to expect these updated guidelines in early January. The plans have to be in place by June 30, 2024; we will make best effort to meet that deadline, given that we were supposed to have had the guidelines in late summer.
6. **Project AWARE** – We have started the implementation steps for Project AWARE. One of the opportunities that comes with this project is (partial) funding of an MTSS Coordinator for the SU. I had briefed the SU Board on this position back in the spring. The project provides up to \$80K in funding annually for this position over the life of the project (5 years). That would be enough to pay salary but we would have to kick in for the benefit costs. I will update the SU Board on this as we work through the hiring process.

Mark Tucker, M.A.
Superintendent of Schools

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Student Services Board Report
December 2023

1. CCSU Updates

- a. Special educators participated in training on an evidence based reading intervention program called Fast ForWord. It is always helpful to have a variety of intervention programs and strategies to support struggling readers.
- b. We are working collaboratively with the finance department to ensure information is as accurate as possible regarding students with exceptional costs.

2. AOE Updates

- a. Selective monitoring submissions were completed in a timely manner for our initial and triennial evaluations completed between September 1, 2023 and November 15, 2023. The preliminary data shows that we are in 100% compliance with both of these indicators. I am hopeful that we will be done with monitoring until the next time we receive cyclic monitoring.
- b. Information was completed prior to the deadline to register students and request ACCESS test materials for those receiving ELL services.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Landry
Director of Student Services