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Lewiston - Altura Schools: Building A Caring, Adaptable, Respectful, Determined, Successful Community

Superintendent's Report to the School Board

Respectfully Submitted by Gwen Carman

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Meeting Agenda Item Notes

Speech/Language Services Educational speech/language therapists who are available to work 'face to face' in schools has become very rare. This means most schools now rely on 'teletherapy' (online). Although it seems not ideal, it is remarkably effective. We have been fortunate for the past few years to have both a 'face to face' therapist on our staff, as well as contracting with a teleservices company.

This spring, our 'face to face' therapist moved to Wisconsin with her family and we have been unable to hire a 'face to face' replacement. Therefore, on the consent agenda is a contract for us to contract for teleservices with a 2nd therapist. Thank you to Principal Riebel and Dr. Hanson who have spent much time interviewing and better understanding the questions of assessments, services, supervision and technology needs of online speech services. Parents who are accustomed to having a 'face to face' therapy services for their child will be informed of this change.

Teaching Staff Changes Also on the Consent Agenda is the resignation of three teachers – each of which is leaving the K-12 teaching profession. We wish each of them the best with their new endeavors and thank them for their work with our students and school district. There is no doubt we will have a larger than typical group of new teachers on our staff this fall!

We are planning a longer/larger than typical 'new teacher in-service' activities and we are excited to help them get to know each other, as well as having our veteran teachers embrace their important role of mentoring and support! Stay tuned for more details on these plans. Thank you again, to the principals for their commitment in recruitment, interviewing, hiring and supporting these essential staff members.

OTHER UPDATES

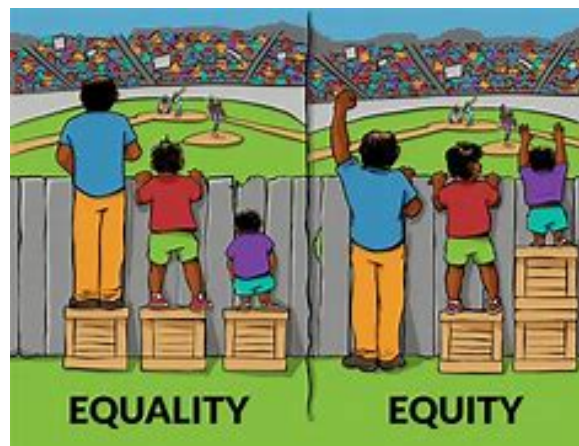
Community Engagement Meeting Summary/Next Steps We will have our 1st Facilities Task Force Meeting on Wednesday, July 13th at 6:00pm in the high school library. Thank you to the 24 staff and community members who have expressed a willingness to participate in this important process!

Superintendent Evaluation I would like to discuss with the Board a process for completing an evaluation of my job performance. This should be done at least annually.

August 22nd Board Meeting Please remember that we will not meet on August 8th but will meet on August 22nd for our regular meeting. This meeting will be very full with many items for the upcoming school year. You can anticipate discussion of fees and meal prices (increases); staff and student handbooks, a required review of our Safe Learning Plan, staff hires, information on the start of the year and more!

THANK YOU

We are not having 'school' every day but our buildings are still very busy! Thank you to all of the staff who are providing students sports camps, youth enrichment, weekly library, Cardinal Club and more! Thank you to the office staff, custodians and principals for all they do throughout the summer. Summers are very busy!



A reminder of the importance of considering equity in the work we do:
Every student deserves our best and what s/he needs to achieve.