



February Board Report

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TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Jill Larson, Superintendent

From: Brandon Radford, Jr. High Principal

School/Building Improvement:

- On 2/14 we had our third PaCE Framework Day (we do this every 11:40 dismissal day)
 - Teach Students Soft Skills (Builds into High Schools Life Skills)
 - 6th Grade - Impulse Control
 - 7th Grade - Relationship Building
 - 8th Grade - Self-Discipline
 - IAR Goal Setting
 - Looking at IAR scores from last year (we test in April)
 - Comparing how they have been scoring in iReady
 - Comparing/Understanding the relationship between the two
 - Doing some IAR practice to prepare
 - Career Exploration (Xello)
 - 6th Grade - Decision Making Lesson
 - 7th Grade - Biases and Career Choices Lesson
 - 8th Grade - Transition to High School Lesson
 - Student Voice & Interactions
 - Middle School Check-in
 - Students told us 1-5 how they are doing (1 Bad / 3 So-So / 5 Amazing)
 - 9% of students reported 5 = Amazing
 - 57% of students reported 4
 - 25% of students reported 3= So-So
 - 2% of students reported 2
 - 3% of students reported 1 = Bad
 - Wordle & Charades to get started
 - Valentine's Day Themed Scattergories
- JH & HS Teachers learned about how to better utilize AI in the classroom in the afternoon PD

Curriculum and Instruction

- We have had 3 more students complete all iReady lessons and move into Exact Path (brings our total number to 11 students)

Assessment

- None at this time



Pretzel Positives

- Shout out to JH Cheer for placing 3rd at State
- Shout out to Braxton Crews for winning the Sportsmanship Award at the IESA 7th grade boys basketball regionals.
- Shoutout to our students who represented us at the County Spelling Bee
 - Sydney Lawless, Charlie Sunley, Kellen Nims, Kenzie Libben, Ian Wagner, and Kye Shoopman.
- Hosted Pretzel with a Professional on 02/05/2025 - (Ryne Turke - Sports Broadcasting)
 - Students enjoyed listening to him
 - Emphasize on painting a picture through communication

Recommendations:

- None at this time.

Other:

- JH Sangamon School Masters voted to move away from multi-day events starting in 26-27.
- New Berlin and Auburn were the only two schools who voted against this.
- Does not affect JH events next year
- Looking to move to more 1 day events (Athletic Directors will work on this moving forward)
- Reasons for change:
 - Wanted to look like more of what high school has gone to
 - Supervision coverage required to run events like these