

## Site Report – Newhalen – February, 2021

To: Superintendent Ty Mase  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Ed Lester, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

Newhalen school has been excited to be able to have students staying active throughout the winter months. We have had basketball and gym nights going on since January and students have been very excited to be able to play outside on some wonderful piles of snow that have gathered over the past few weeks.

### Personnel

Our student teacher Amanda has returned to her university to finish her second half of her student teaching experience. I would like to thank her for her willingness to help whenever needed. She was a great addition to our preschool. Our student teacher, Haley, will continue here until the end of the school year in our elementary class and is doing a great job. Miss Zoe Anelon continues to be a wonderful student teacher this year and we are excited to have one of our own graduates teaching in the same school district that she graduated from next year. WTG ZOE! We are excited to see who is hired for the Secondary Science/Social Studies position.

### Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

Students are working hard to wrap up levels as the year is flying towards the end. Almost all of our students completed their 3rd and final MAPS tests this week and many made great gains.

### Technology Progress

Newhalen is trying to continue to offer parents the opportunity to see their kids events through streaming. We have shared plays, videos, and games through the internet. During parent teacher conferences, we also offered online zoom conferences as an option in addition to phone and in person.

### Facility Update

Thank you to our Maintenance staff for keeping our facility humming along. We have had some concern about space in the school. Currently the school Library is in the teacher housing unit in an adjacent building. Every other classroom and office is being used in the school. We lack room for storage and have to store some kitchen shelf stable items in the hallway.

### LSAC Activity

LSAC met on February 25th.

-Calendar was reviewed and approved

-A letter was sent to the school board regarding our growing student population and the need for more space.

### Volunteer Report

At this time, we are not allowing volunteers to help in the school.

### Professional Development

Currently Newhalen PD is focused on the PEAKS and MAPS testing.

### **Pupil Attendance**

We currently have 95 students enrolled in school and have VERY excellent attendance. We started the school year in September with 82 students.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

2/25-Fire safety talk with whole school  
3/9- Bus Safety talk with whole school

### **Subsistence Calendar**

We are excited for the opportunity of OutSchool being offered to our students as additional learning opportunities in and away from school.

### **Other**

Thank you for serving on the school board. I look forward to future talks with you on our growing school populations.