

NAS/MBI/Olweus May Board Report

BPS NAS department sent 27 people to MIEA. This was one of the larger district groups at the conference. Although there were not a whole lot of presentations to choose from, those that were offered were great. I had many new teachers as well as old teachers approach me and share with me what they had learned and how they could implement it. I was really touched when two veteran educators pulled me aside and told me that their attendance at the conference re-ignited that fire. They couldn't wait to get back and get going again. They had not felt like that in years. As an educator, I was so excited to see that passion in their eyes again. It re-enforced the belief that we need to continue to make education culturally relevant if we want to see student interest and success.

The NAS department will be hosting an Art and Craft Fair on May 11th at the middle school from 4-6. JOM will be providing a traditional meal. Please come out and view all of the many Native American projects that students in our district have completed throughout the year. The district is also having a Cultural Day on May 12th. Each of the buildings will have many culturally related events, activities and speakers from our community.

Our MBI consultants did our last Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI) for the school year. I was excited to hear that both Babb and Napi will be recognized with a Bronze award. We are still waiting to see if two other schools will be recognized as well. I want to thank Napi's MBI team for all of their hard work and effort with the implementation of the MBI program. Sicily Bird and Jessica Racine have been great to work with. They are always open to suggestions and critique. They strive to improve their school in any way possible, as do all administrators. Each building is getting their MBI teams ready for summer institute. As MBI coordinator, I am happy to have been a part of the implementation of the program.

I know that with all of the events going on not just in our community but across the world surrounding bullying it seems like we are not doing anything about it. We do continue to make progress in implementing the Olweus program. I have trained the high school, Napi and Browning Middle School committees in the Olweus program. These committees will be responsible for training all of their staff in the program. Although I will not be in my current position next year, I will still assist these building committees in any way that I can. I must stress that this needs to be a priority if we want change to happen.

