



NEW BERLIN ELEMENTARY

Let's go Pretzels!

February 2025 Board Report

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

From: Matthew Jokisch, Elementary Principal

Pretzel Positives

Student Shout Outs

- Philanthropy Showcase!!
- FFA Food Drive / Including our elementary building
- Two fifth graders collected monies via bake sale for a pet shelter called Wild Canine Rescue
- Student Council is organizing a collection of school supplies later this month

Staff Shout Outs

- PE staff revamping curriculum to teach rules, procedures, skills, etc. for recess games (work hard/play hard initiative)
- Staff working hard on their evaluations and corresponding paperwork and documentation - no easy task
- Teamwork in the face of illness / Our folks are meeting adversity with a “pitch in” mentality

School Improvement

Climate and Culture

- Adding appropriate humor to the workplace / learning to take education seriously, but not ourselves too seriously (collegiality)
- “One thing at a time” mentality showing through / New initiatives being met with more confidence because staff understands we are not going to get it all done in one day

Pretzel Learning for Staff

- SuccessMaker intervention software for Tier one, 2a, and 2b
- i-Ready Minutes and Accuracy Ratings being logged weekly to monitor progress / IAR prep

Administrative PD

- Ed Leader Network courses on leadership styles and team building
- IAR readiness / Summative Completion / Due Process legal landscape

Community Engagement

- PTO - Family Dance was a success / soft drinks for teachers / funding Pre-K grant gaps
- Valentine’s Day parties boasted significant parent attendance
- Parent compliance with health policies (with influx of illness) deeply appreciated