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**Subject:** February Board Report

**From:** Misner, Dennis

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At the end of January we passed the halfway point of the current school year. Along with many sports and activities we hosted a finals exam week, made adjustments to individual schedules, allotted time for incomplete grades and have made modifications to our master schedule to accommodate changes in student needs as they were presented to us. I was thankful that we gave students three solid weeks of instruction and time to complete semester projects before the finals week and I know our teachers prepared our students the best they could for strong performance on all classes. About 64% of all grades earned by students were As or Bs. We still have about 15 to 20% of our kids who struggle to make C grades or better so the support for them is always an essential thing. We ask kids to work at high levels and some families just do not make the time or effort to provide time and places for their kids to work at home or they do not ask how their kids are doing on an ongoing basis. Our staff goes the extra mile often for kids that need a caring adult and that goes for our classified staff as well as our teachers. Some students truly struggle because of their lack of skill but many of our kids who do not do well in school need adult care and/or daily encouragement. Some of our kids respond and those who do not take places in our alternative programs. I would like to acknowledge the work done by our counselor James Platt and our assistant principal, Linda McClanahan for all of the 500 schedule changes that were done to make sure that all of our kids were placed in classes that could master.

In case parents who are unhappy call one of you members unhappy about grade4s, we have given students three weeks to make up incompletes grades or do additional work for an F grade so that each student has the maximum opportunity to pass all of their classes. I truly believe that a student at North Valley has to work exceptionally hard to earn an F in any of our classes. We will continue to monitor the weakest of our students well into the spring semester and hope that they will stay current in the classes in which they are enrolled in spring.

We made a few changes to our master schedule to provide classes that focus on skill development. We are offering two Adolescent Literature classes of 20 student each. The target audience in these classes are our kids who do not read and write at grade level but do not qualify for an IEP. The high interest selections in the class encourage students to read daily in genre s that may be more interesting than the classic Language Arts selections. We also have a period of online classes within our daily schedule and that is to provide an opportunity for kids to recover credits in classes they have previously failed. Deb Acosta, our new business teacher is in the process of rebuilding this program and many of our students have chosen to participate in the FBLA group that we hope will perform well at the State Competitions. Our advanced and AP classes are well in session and I look forward to seeing how well our best kids do on the AP exams later in the spring.

Lastly, our winter sports are drawing to a close. Our boys basketball team is on the verge of a third consecutive Skyline Championship and a trip to the State Tourney. We expect to play a home playoff game on the night of March 6 at North Valley. We would love to have you here as our guest.

Sincerely,

Dennis Misner, Principal  
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