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November Board Report

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TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Jill Larson, Superintendent From: Brandon Radford, Jr. High Principal

School/Building Improvement:

- Had a very Successful Jaw-S-Oween (PBIS Celebration)
 - o Shoutout to Student Council (Jennifer T. & Lu. B) for helping to organize and put this on
 - Students took part in some games, fun lunch, and afternoon movie in the Pretzel Arena
- Prestigious Pretzel & Honor Roll Assembly (11/25) during Advisory
 - o 6th Grade 33 Students
 - o 7th Grade 25 Students
 - o 8th Grade 32 Students

Curriculum and Instruction

Students just transitioned from Elective 1 to 2 on November 10 at the Trimester Change

Assessment

• Winter iReady & Panorama Testing will take place in December

Pretzel Positives

- Shout out to our Literary team at IESA Speech Competition (11/07) at A/C Central
 - First Years
 - Madelyn S. & Olivia W. (1st for Acting Up)
 - Kian I. & Briar S. (2nd for Hey Cabby!)
 - Annalise C. & Zoey O. (1st for A Fine Line)
 - Addison B. & Harper W. (1st for Girl Behind the Wheel)
 - Hope B. (2nd for The TK)
 - Lexi V. (2nd Year) & Charlotte W. (1st for Misfits)
 - Second Years
 - Connor J. & Nolan K. (1st for Batman! The Real Story)
 - Cole M., Sydney L. (3rd Year), & Morgan V. (3rd Year) (1st for Up, Up, and Gone)
 - Third Years
 - Morgan v. & Sydney L. (1st for Open to Interpretation)
- Shout out to October Students of the Month
 - o 6th Grade Abel M.
 - o 7th Grade Sloan W.
 - o 8th Grade Adelyn A.
- Had our 2nd PaCE Framework Day on Friday (11/14)



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- Worked on Xello (Career Skills at Each Grade Level)
- Student Survey
- 95% of students report their school year has been going Ok to Great
- 92% report feeling connected to NBJH (neutral to Very)
- 87% their workload is too-light to challenging but do-able
- 87% say they sometimes do definitely feel proud to be a Pretzel
- Worked on Digital Citizenship (Being Safer Online at Each Grade Level)
 - Be Internet Awesome (Share with Care)
 - When Not to Share
 - Keeping it Private
 - That's Not What I Meant!
- Shoutout to Nicki B., Kirstin G., Lu B., and Kara P. for helping to get this organized and presented to our students.
- Shoutout to Colton M. & Katherine B. for a GREAT Veterans Day Assembly (both Band and Choir) have received lots of praise for their performance.

Recommendations:

None at this time.