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January events at NBHS:

Enrollment has averaged 89 high school students, 4 above OYA stated target budget. Since the last board report, two seniors who met all Essential Skills and credit requirements received a Three Rivers High School Diploma since they timed out and were being paroled on a specific date prior to our graduation ceremony. The pride they demonstrated upon receiving their diploma was rewarding and encouraging for those fellow students who observed the ceremony! What I appreciated were the impromptu comments made by both graduates to their peers to continue on, preserver and complete the process, because no one can take this away from us. Rather powerful comments coming from our students.

All students in math or English were tested with a Let's Go Learn assessment model that determines proficiency in math or reading ability. ODE is mandating this assessment for all YCEP schools.

64.7% of our math students showed same or growth since assessment administered in September. 69.4% of our English students showed same or growth in reading since an October assessment.

To highlight the challenge faced, averages of 29 students were only present for one of the two assessments.

The writing across the curriculum initiative yielded 6 work samples. Although the results are fewer than last year, the writing assignment itself was more challenging as the focused was on technical or narrative writing for the assignment.

Towards the end of the second quarter and following the first round of OAKS testing, 8 students have produced a math work sample that meets the standards established by the state.

On 26 January, NBHS began its second semester of instruction. Every student enrolled was placed into classes specific to their credit deficiency. It is always interesting to listen to their wants vs. needs as their new class schedule is rolled out and how they justify their schedule over what they need.

A focus for the month of February and beyond is the accreditation process NBHS is currently experiencing. Our first meeting with Northwest AdvancED is on Friday, 13 February. In the meantime, NBHS will continue educating students on a daily basis using the standards as our guide.

Best Regards,