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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- Assembly Bill 103 has been introduced to repeal the September 1 start date beginning with the 2018-19 school year. It is expected that the Senate will soon have a similar companion bill.
- State Superintendent Election - Dr. Tony Evers and Lowell Holtz have advanced in the state superintendent race. Evers earned 70% of the primary votes and Holtz earned 23%. The general election will be held on April 4, 2017.
- On February 10, Governor Walker visited WITC to discuss his funding plan for both K-12 public schools and postsecondary learning opportunities. Governor Walker spent time with students and staff both learning from them and explaining his goals of positively impacting the future Wisconsin's workforce.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement performance continues to increase in the state of Wisconsin, with 21,270 graduates from 2016 (35.4%) take 62,966 AP exams while in high school. This is an increase of 433 students from 2015. The College Board estimates the Wisconsin's public school graduates will save about \$37.6 million in college costs with qualifying AP exams. Frederic has expanded AP course offerings and access, and now has 30-45% of its students taking at least one AP exam.

POLK COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE

Polk County school districts are working with the Task Force to determine ways in which programs in schools can be bolstered to better support our students. District representatives attended a meeting on March 6 to learn about, and discuss, potential program opportunities. Time is devoted during the final two in-service days for staff training around trauma and mental health practices.

STAFF TRAINING/CAPACITY BUILDING

The District now has multiple trainers for CPR/First Aid and a trainer in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention. By having these trainers, the District is building capacity to meet the needs of our staff and students. We can stay current in our practices and have knowledgeable, confident staff throughout the District.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Student enrollment (headcount) is currently up 15 students from the September 3rd Friday count. The District is currently at 468 and was 453 in September.