



August 2025 Board Report

TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Mrs. Jill Larson, Superintendent
 From: Hattie Llewellyn, High School Principal

School Improvement

- We have a great group of new teachers that started off the month of August in New Teacher Orientation!
- Three Teacher-Inservice Days have been extremely beneficial for getting all of our teachers prepared for students and building routines and procedures. The high school staff had presenter Lisa Schwartz from LTC 5 come in and do a ½ day training on AI in the classroom. We were also given the opportunity to learn how to use our new AI program Magic School AI. We had a presenter from the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center talk to our staff about Erin's Law. Our SSOs, School Nurses, and School Social Workers trained our staff on Crisis Management/Safety Plan, Student Critical Issues, and Student Mental Health.
- The High School Leadership Teams met and began planning for the School Improvement Goals and Action Plans for the new year with the following focus areas:

Building Leadership Team	Instructional Leadership Team
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving School Culture and Climate • Pretzel Success - Successful Transition to High School • NBHS Multi Tiered Systems of Support-Behavior 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of Instruction • College and Career Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ACT Prep • NBHS Multi Tiered Systems of Support - Academic

Curriculum and Instruction

- Xello and Magic School AI are new instructional technology programs that teachers and students will begin using. We had Xello in January last year, and used it during our Pretzels with a Purpose, but we plan to also use it during Advisory for College and Career Readiness.

Assessment

- We will begin using the IXL diagnostic tool after students take the iReady Assessment to further determine the need for intervention support.

Pretzel Positives

NBHS Student Shout Outs

- The HS Yearbook Staff and Mrs. Hepperly for an outstanding job on the 24-25 Yearbook! The cover design left me speechless! And yearbooks are all in/delivered!



NBHS Staff Shout Outs

- Mrs. Larson, Mr. Radford, and Mr. Jokisch for their leadership and camaraderie as we navigated through a lot of changes this past year and through the summer - it has been great to be part of a team that works so well together!
- Mr. Binkley has done an amazing job promoting our athletics program, filling vacancies, and EVERYTHING that needed to be done. I am so grateful he is a Pretzel again!!
- Ms. Mills, Ms. Peecher, Mrs. Bandelow, and Ms. Spann - they have our offices ready to go and running smoothly!
- Matt Brown, James Speilman, Zack Peecher, Brad Owens, Tasha Creasey, and James Moore (I think that is all of the HS Custodians) I cannot say enough about our custodial crew! They have the building looking so great and have moved things and then moved them again - I appreciate all their hard work and dedication to our students, staff, and school!

Recommendations:

Kristin McGuire, Sophomore Class Sponsor

Nick Skinner, Freshman Class Sponsor