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Trimester One Board Report:

Greetings from Lincoln Savage Middle School!

The 09-10 school year began with staff development meetings designed to recognize teachers for previous accomplishments from the 08-09 school year, build relationships with our two new teachers, share the vision for this school year, and spend intentional time planning at either grade level or vertical curriculum teams for PBS and instructional strategies. During this first trimester, 47 staff members have been formally recognized for their contribution to the vision or their adapting and overcoming a situation through personal leadership.

Cassie Banuelos is currently advising 32 Junior National Honor Society 7th and 8th grade students. These students are involving themselves with communication posters for the school, hosting afterschool dances or PBS activities and recently presented a skit at our Veteran's day assembly, showing students how they could interact for the National Mix-it-up day scheduled on 10 November.

During our Fall Parent Teacher conferences, 98% of the parents who were scheduled for this event showed up for a conference with their student's teachers. This represented 201 parents participating in their child's education.

Technology has been infused into several learning environments around campus, Greg Patch, 8th grade Science, has in operation a Promethean Board that is used daily by self and students. MaryRae Anderson has incorporated a "slate" into her daily instruction with 6th grade math students. Fred Pool, 8th grade Math, U Tubes his daily instruction and posts it for student to use as a homework help line. Our computer lab has been upgraded to include a teacher work station, ceiling mounted projector, dedicated teacher computer and Elmo. Our PTO purchased 35 new chairs that now make sitting much more comfortable for the computer lab.

Jennifer Parsons, 6th grade Social Studies and Jo Taylor, 6th grade Language Arts have identified students who will pursue an advanced study of their respective curriculums for Trimester two. Students will enjoy Jane Rubio who has volunteered to instruct an Introduction to Spanish class during Trimester 2 and 3 as part of her student teaching practicum.

Fall athletics created interest and valuable learning experiences for many of our athletes. Girls volleyball hosted 26 students; 14 in 7th grade, 12 in 8th grade. The season had mixed results, however, they enjoyed playing and practicing together as a collective group of athletes. Boys football hosted 62 students; 30 in 7th grade, 32 in 8th grade. The 8th grade team learned a great lesson in team work. Regretfully, it took most of the season to figure out you don't win with

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individuals, but you win as a team. However, in talking to them, they understand they will carry this lesson through the remainder of their high school athletics.

PBS has taken on newness not experienced in previous years. Our Guide Group activities are much more intentional, our instruction more meaningful and personal and the results are encouraging. As of 29 Oct, 398 out of 476 students had not received a referral which is 83% of our enrollment. 9% of those students receiving a referral have only received one. On our October PBS reward afternoon activity. 97% of our students participated in this event. In order to be eligible, you could not receive a referral during the month of October. PBS is working!

Highly Qualified teachers are now providing after school tutoring weekly! Although open to all students requiring assistance, we are averaging over 20 in Language Arts and 12 in Math every week. Hot, homemade cookies also help. John Fryer and Lew Constable have resurrected Tech Club every Tuesday night. 12 to 15 students are fabricating and programming erector set robots or building "ham radios" and learning proper radio edict so they may earn their ham radio license.

Thanks goes to River Valley Community Church for their complete and total make-over of our staff break room. New paint, furnishings, kitchen counter top and kitchen service ware truly created a pleasant and comfortable area for all staff members to enjoy. A new LSMS Tiger sign was also placed in the landscape. What makes the sign great is it is printed on both sides to remind our students daily of their Tiger Pride!

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