



August Board Report

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TO: NBCUSD #16 Board of Education, Jill Larson, Superintendent

From: Brandon Radford , Jr. High Principal

School/Building Improvement:

- Staff was also trained in AI during Teachers Institute (All staff has access to Magic School AI)
 - Shoutout to Hattie for helping to get this setup
- Staff worked on vertical alignment (looking at student data from last year and standards to better inform instruction)
- Working with Matthew Jokisch to setup some SAVVAS trainings for later in the school year to help align NBE with the JH

Curriculum and Instruction

- All JH English classes will be using new Wordly Wise Vocabulary in their classrooms this year
- Updated JH Health Books over the summer
- New JH Study Skills Elective class for 6th graders this year

Assessment

- We will begin our first round of iReady Fall assessments next week (August 25-29)
- Hoping to get our IAR & ISA data from last year soon so we can be looking at it to improve professional practice

Pretzel Positives

- Successful first day of School
 - Pep Rally
 - Boot Camp for all students to help get acclimated to the building/procedures.
- Running normal schedule for students on Friday (2:20 dismissal)
- Shoutout to Joe Viola for helping to get students schedules ready
- Shoutout to Shelly Bandelow for getting lockers assigned and ready
- We also had a really good turnout for Locker Nights
 - Students were able to get a copy of their schedule
 - Load their locker/unpack their bookbag
 - Walk their schedule and see where their classes would be
 - Tons of positive comments about how great the new building is/looks

Recommendations:

- None at this time.