

Superintendent Report December 2016

- We are pleased with our school district's report card that was recently released by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. Our overall score of 73 puts us into the **Exceeds Expectations** category. We will have a full report on our individual school results at our next regular board meeting in January.
- We have Holiday Concerts the next two Monday evenings in the 7-12 gymnasium. All are invited to attend.
- I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season!
- The State Education Conference is January 17-20th in Milwaukee.
- The next meeting of the Board of Education is a work session on Wednesday, January 4th at 6 pm.
- No school December 26-January 2 for Holiday Break. School resumes Tuesday, January 3rd.
- The state government will begin serious discussions regarding the 2017-2019 biennial budget in late January. The political posturing has already begun on both sides. With limited resources to fund many key programs there will be much discussion about the priority of funding. The three main funding concerns are K-12 Public Schools, transportation and Medicaid.
- We continue to have on-going discussions with the Department of Natural Resources regarding a stream bank improvement project on Tiffany Creek behind the 7-12 building. The DNR has had some changes in leadership with these projects and they are unsure what their budget in the next biennial will look like. There does appear to be continued momentum to complete a project here in the next 2-3 years.
- The school district has been a part of the CESA #10 Natural Gas Purchasing Program for many years. Being a part of this consortium program gives us more market leverage to provide better pricing and

locked-in rates. This ability allows us to protect district budgets and insure financial certainty. As an example, since July 1 we have realized \$452.85 in savings as a part of this buying consortium. This is based on current market pricing.