CRES Board Report: April 2016

- CRES 2015-2016 Goals
 - 100% of CRES students will demonstrate growth in Reading and Math as measured by the Spring 2016 STAR Enterprise assessment.
 - CRES 3th through 6th graders will score at or above the state average in proficiency on the 2016 Minnesota Comprehensive assessments in math and reading
 - CRES students will receive 25% fewer referral notices for behaviors in the areas of defiance, disrespect, and harassment in 2015-16 than the number of referrals students received in 2014-15.
 - CRES students will have access to programming that further develops their use of technology, collaboration, and critical thinking skills to solve real-world problems.
- Our great CRES staff and students collected over 266,000 pop tabs to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society!
- Our Early Childhood program received a Certificate of Recognition form Gov. Dayton for the great job they have done of implementing the Pyramid Model in their classrooms. The Pyramid Model is similar to the PBIS system used in the K-6 programming.
- Students continue to take MCA tests. Testing should be wrapped up on May 13th.
- As I mentioned last month, I attended the March 30th Bemidji State University Job Fair as part of our teacher recruitment and retention efforts. I met some very good teacher candidates who will be graduating in the near future. I followed that up by participating in the BSU New Teacher Panel Discussion on April 11th along with three other administrators from various parts of the state. I hope to make similar connections with other universities to help make teacher recruitment much easier in the future.
- Kindergarten Round Up was held on April 8th. Feedback from parents makes us believe that this is one of the best ones we have had in recent history. The Round Up included time for students to spend in the classroom with the teacher they will have next year. Students also took a ride on a bus. Parents rotated through stations to learn about Food Services, Transportation, Health Services, and they took a tour of the school. Thanks to the kindergarten and early childhood staff, along with Kim Taylor, for all their hard work making this such a successful event.

Respectfully submitted; Kurt Becker