



# NEW BERLIN ELEMENTARY

# Let's go Pretzels!

## November 17, 2025 Board Report

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

*From: Matthew Jokisch, Elementary Principal*

### Pretzel Positives

#### ☐ *Student Shout Outs*

- Attentive and inquisitive students during Thinkfirst Kids Presentation sponsored by the SIU School of Medicine
- Students were extraordinary during the police drill on Oct. 28th. Police and Administration reported that they could neither see nor hear students at all.
- Joint Staff and Student Shout Out - commendable on task time

#### ☐ *Staff Shout Outs*

- Student Council Veteran's Day Assembly - impressive organization
- Student Council petition and communication with Principal - appreciated
- Upper Grades - resiliency, compassion, and grit

### School Improvement

#### ☐ *Climate and Culture*

- "Can't see the forest for the trees" - learning to focus on the most important task at hand...instructing students
- Avoiding the temptation to let inconveniences and attitudes drag us away from the joys of instruction and leadership

#### ☐ *Pretzel Learning for Staff*

- Whole Brain learning pods formed and scheduled
- SRM and SRP on and off campus training
- Crisis Go training / Emergency Scenarios
- Momentum Math and Successmaker training / syncing functions

#### ☐ *Administrative PD*

- Hiring and Retention strategies for staff
- Sessions 2 and 3 with Chris Biffle - Whole Brain Instruction
- SASED visit / Coordination with SASED administration
- Evaluation Literacy for staff and administration (IPA Conference)
- SRM / SRP case study for off and on campus crisis events (IPA Conference)