Homedale School District #370

TO: Board of Trustees; Superintendent Rob Sauer
FROM: Amy Winters, HMS Principal
DATE: June 9, 2014
RE: Board of Trustees Report

Grant Recipient:

Congratulations to Brenda Reay for winning a \$10,995.00 grant from the Idaho Office of Drug Policy to provide substance abuse prevention services at HMS next year.

Benchmark Testing:

MAZE (Reading Comprehension)

	% Proficient	% Growth
	(Spring)	(Spring)
5 th	74.3%	87.1%
6 th	72.4%	78.1%
7 th	66.3%	57.4%
8 th	72.2%	57.7%

MCAP (Mathematical Calculations)

	% Proficient	% Growth
	(Spring)	(Spring)
5 th	78.3%	63.8%
6 th	60.4%	65.9%
7 th	61.7%	77.4%
8 th	*33.8%	*66.1%

*The Alg. II students were not included in this test. Otherwise the percentage of proficient students would likely have been \sim 56% with \sim 77% growth.

Summer School:

Kelly Schamber is the administrator for this year's alternative summer school. Four 8th grade students and three 7th grade students qualified. We also have two 6th graders attending (we do not get reimbursed for 6th grade).

8 in 6 Program:

HMS enrolled nine incoming 7th graders and two incoming 8th graders for this program. They all are starting classes this summer through Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

****Thank you for approving an additional 5th grade teacher for the next school year. It will tremendously benefit students!* Lesa Folwell elected to move into that position.

HMS Proposal

Purpose: To seek school board approval of a year-long research project that will involve the community, parents, staff members, and students at HMS.

Objective: To determine if the Homedale community will support Homedale Middle School students (grades 5-8) wearing required school uniforms.

Goal: To pilot a mandatory school uniform policy for all middle school students during the 2015-2016 school year.

Timeline of Activities:

September - The School Leadership Team (Kelly, Lesa, Nick K., Shannon, Starla, Randee) will create a questionnaire to provide parents during the fall parent-teacher conferences and via Lumen.

November – All middle school teachers will be scheduling home visits with students who have continually held D or F grades. Teachers will present the questionnaire to parents (those we don't already have) during those visits.

December – Questionnaire will go out with semester grades to all parents who have not yet responded.

January – The School Leadership Team will compile received data and present during board meeting. Further planning information will be generated at that time based on data and board decision to move forward or not.

Potential Uniform Plan:

Single-colored, short or long sleeved polo shirts (no logos) OR Homedale Trojan T-Shirts (anything purchased to support sporting, activities, clubs, etc.)

Knee-length shorts, skirts, or pants in black, white, gray, or khaki. Students may wear dark, single-colored jeans without holes that also meet the above criteria.