



Frederic School District

District Administrator's Report

February 2023

UP COMING EVENTS

Next Committee of the Whole Meeting:

03/22/2023 @ 5 PM

Next Regular Board Meeting:

03/22/2023 @ 6 PM

Joint PAC/School Board Meeting:

04/06/2023 @ CESA 11

School Board Elections

04/04/2023



Verbal Intervention Series

Pupil Services Director, Ms. Jada Anderson, developed and delivered a four part verbal intervention series to our staff over the last six weeks. The series has increased staff's knowledge and understanding of their role in student behaviors, emphasizing strategies and tools our staff can use when they encounter challenging situations.

Ms. Anderson emphasizes the integrated experience, which means "behavior influences behavior." Student behavior influences and impacts staff behavior, just as staff behavior influences student behavior. Ms. Anderson provided staff with handouts and video lessons, touching on such topics as tension reduction, the verbal escalation continuum, and risk behavior. This past fall, the District sent Ms. Anderson to a three day training in the Twin Cities, where she became a certified trainer in crisis prevention and verbal interventions.

Governor's Budget Proposal

Governor Evers will formally introduce his budget on February 15. He is expected to provide a \$2.6 billion increase in funding, broken apart between many priority areas. These include an overall investment in state general aids, per pupil adjustments, and special education. Some of the additional focus areas include fully funding meals for all students, improving literacy and reading outcomes, financial literacy, math, and computer science, addressing teacher workforce shortages, and several more.

Northwood Technical College High School Relations Report

Northwood Tech recently released the 2021-22 annual high school report. That year Frederic offered 5 transcribed courses in business and health. We also offered 2 articulated courses in family and consumer science. Of the 40 school districts with agreements in place, Frederic's 7 total articulation agreements outpaces many school districts of similar size. That said, Frederic staff continue to work with Northwood Tech staff to expand our agreements. The more we have, the more our students have opportunities to earn college credits while in high school.

9.29% of 2021 high school graduates in Northwood Tech's service area enrolled directly, while 15.91% of 2019 high school graduates enrolled within three years.

St. Croix Valley Foundation Meeting

This week I have the opportunity to meet with a small, local, focus group at the Frederic Public Library hosted by the St. Croix Valley Foundation. Their goal is to gain insight into how the organization can both continue to positively impact the area and increase its reach.

Scholar Athlete Banquet in the Works

The Lakeland Conference plans to implement an annual scholar athlete banquet each spring. While details are still in the works, we are hoping to have the opportunity available for our athletes yet this year.

Learning and Training Opportunities

CESA 11 will be hosting several helpful learning opportunities in the coming months, including a series of trainings on literacy leadership for districts, singletons in Professional Learning Communities, and potentially a series related to staff morale.