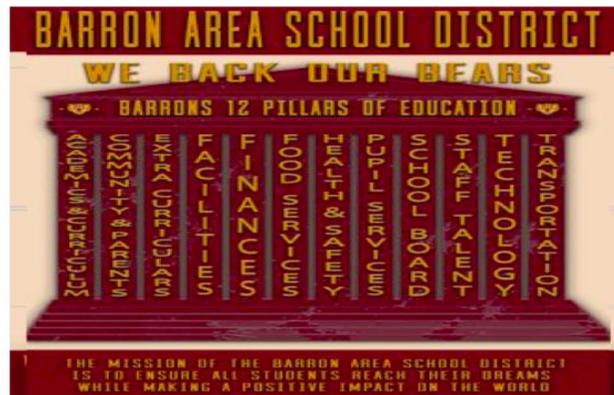


District Administrator's Report 2019-20 Celebrations



Academics and Curriculum

Our very own Almena School district earned a 2018-19 Wisconsin Title I School of Recognition Award. BASD was honored at a reception held in Madison, WI on Monday, May 20th, and followed a public ceremony at the Capitol Rotunda.

Our State report cards this year confirmed that our district is doing a great job with our academic and curricular planning. We met expectations and exceeded expectations in all of our buildings.

Community and Parents

Our elementary PTA's continue to pull communities together by supporting education and student achievement. Almena's Brat Feed was again a success . . . who wants to be in the dunk tank next year? (Mark keeps the water toasty warm). Woodland's Accelerated Reader Store is back in action and managed by Denise Romsos. Kids are tearing through the books to "buy" cool posters, bracelets, sports equipment and all kinds of treasures. Please join us at the Ridgeland Carnival on May 23 or Woodland's Ice Cream Social on the last day of school.

Our LeRoy Butler event, Multi-cultural festival which included Chris Kroeze as our special guest, and our Benefit for Jayme Closs were all huge successes this past

year! We truly put the Unity in Community this past school year! We experienced a great deal of kindness, compassion, and generosity. The power of teamwork in our community this past year was second to none.

Extracurriculars

We had an outstanding year full of success in our extra-curricular programs. This included multiple state recognitions in Band and Choir Solo & Ensemble, Destination Imagination, FCCLA, FFA, Bear Ice Fishing Team, Forensics, Cross Country and Wrestling. Our students were also recognized for their great sportsmanship.

Facilities

Phase I and Phase II of the building projects at Barron High School are nearing completion. The new technical education building has been in use for the full school year with new welding, automotive and construction areas complete and fully updated to match today's workforce needs. Our new agricultural, band, and choir rooms are state of the art. We have a brand new fitness center for our Golden Bears, and we are making plans to update our current traditional art room into a 21st century Art Studio. These areas have been exciting additions to Barron High School, and the community support given to our district is sincerely appreciated.

Finance

Preliminary budgets have been developed for the 2019-20 school year to best give our students and staff the resources they need. We are working on completing the remodel project at our High School, with the planning phases of the Art Studio nearing state approval. With the biennial budget continuing to be discussed, we are providing our input to our elected officials as to best serve our kids. Lastly, the Barron Area School District applied for a Mental Health Grant with the State of Wisconsin to attempt to better address the evolving needs of our students.

Food Service

Our stellar food service staff successfully fed our hungry Golden Bears this year which not only included breakfasts and lunches but a whole host of other events and home supplies. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment to taking such good care of all of us.

Health and Safety

Health Services in continuing to research and implement ways to improve the health and safety for all of our students and staff in their unique rolls and environments they work and learn in.

Through our Department of Justice Safety Grant this year we were able to increase our capacity for entryway safety, security cameras and staff training in the area of trauma sensitivity.

Pupil Services

A huge thank you to students and staff in all buildings for making this year's state and local testing a success!

Katarina House and Sarah Stauner have begun working on the transition of Director of Pupil Services. Katarina's last day is on June 18, 2019 and Sarah officially begins on July 1, 2019.

Our 21st Century Community Learning Center grant program this year served dozens of students at our Riverview Middle School. This was accomplished in partnership with our local Boys and Girls Club. Summer school sessions will be offered through the grant's collaborator, the Boys & Girls Club for grades 5-8. The sessions will run from Noon-6pm following the summer school sessions.

School Board

The support and leadership that our nine-member school board provides us with, is outstanding. They are always our biggest fans and take a careful look at all aspects of our school district and community.

Staff Talent/Development

At the elementary level, the Universal Practices Committee has set big goals for golden standards work in the areas of ELA and Mathematics. Teachers will collaborate across grade levels in order to unpack learning targets and create common assessments.

We are ready to go live with our Golden Standards platform which is our online resource for parents and students to see exactly what our performance standards are in all aspects of our curricular areas in our district.

Technology

At the start of the 18-19 school year, the district was in review of our current security. The IT department worked closely with building principals to identify additional security needs and solutions for management. From online learning options, ITV classrooms and 1:1 programs, the IT department is in constant connections with teachers and classrooms to provide ideas, support, and solutions for instructional technology and 21st Century Learning. Due to multiple state testing windows throughout the year, online state testing is always on the list to continue to provide environment and system requirements for successful testing outcomes. Infrastructure and technology are ongoing conversations as we address remodel projects at the high school. We start summer 2019 with a district phone system replacement to be completed by the end of June.

Transportation

This year, the school district replaced one 72 passenger bus and hope to replace another over the summer. We are also looking into the possibility of getting a much needed update to our Special Education transportation with a new van. Bus drivers also participated in necessary First Aid, CPR and AED Training in order to provide students with an additional line of support in emergency situations. As the regular school year comes to a close, the transportation needs of the district continue on into the summer. Buses will be busy running for Summer School in June and August as well as for Field Trips and Sports throughout the next several months. Maintenance will be performed on many of the buses and updates made to ensure the safest ride possible.