

**From the School Board**  
**August 2015**

**School District and School Board Summer Highlights**

This summer, our learning community was energized with opportunities for children of all ages and abilities as the District welcomed over 3,000 students enrolled in summer school classes. However, students were not the only ones engaged in learning this summer. Below are a few highlights of District educator and School Board activities during the last three months.

- **Data Driven:** Teams of teachers and principals analyzed assessment and survey data trends to inform curriculum, instruction and assessment practices for the coming school year;
- **Professional Development:** Instructional staff members are expanding their horizons through data retreats, coursework in Frameworks for Literacy, reading intervention and enrichment, Peer Coaching, SITA, Professional Learning Academy and more in the quest to become even better in helping students to be college, career, and citizenship ready;
- **Service:** Bay Port Tech Ed Teacher Mike Phillips, and Bay Port students spent time the end of May, building a Habitat for Humanity house in Green Bay.
- **Innovation:** Superintendent LaCroix joined a select group of 50 administrators in Chicago to discuss the most effective methods for driving innovative in education through use of quality educational products and practices;
- **Continuous Improvement:** A core competency of the School District, infrastructure improvements, maintenance, and cleaning of the community's eight school facilities keeps our buildings operating efficiently and effectively throughout the school year;
- **Stewardship:** The "official" school year ended June 30 and the Business Services Office was busy finalizing a process that began over a year ago. In addition, the Board of Education's Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting was held on August 3; residents in attendance authorized the preliminary budget and tax levy needed to operate and maintain the school system in 2015-16;
- **Compassion:** The Howard-Suamico Education Foundation partnered with businesses, employees, and civic organizations in providing students in need with backpacks and essential school supplies;
- **Strategic Planning:** The District continues to implement its strategic plan. Objectives include: **A) College and Career Readiness; B) Student Engagement; C) Professional Excellence; and, D) Resource Management;**
- **Leadership:** The Board of Education implemented a new linkage process that, based on a detailed schedule, allowed for multiple modes of connection, governance focused question development, and outlined an effective process for analyzing data as well as maintaining a connection with participants.

The District and Board seek to use frequent and varied methods of communication with the community. Please let us know how we are doing and if there are other ways you would like us to share and receive information.

For more information about the Howard-Suamico School District ***Policy Governance Model***, please visit our website at [www.hssd.k12.wi.us](http://www.hssd.k12.wi.us) *Board – Policies - Governance Policies*; or for additional information regarding this article, contact school board member Teresa Ford at 619-0589 or [tereford@hssd.k12.wi.us](mailto:tereford@hssd.k12.wi.us)