

From the School Board
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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 2,500 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 coursework in Frameworks for Literacy, Project-Based Learning, reading intervention and enrichment, the 21st Century technology Apple Academy, Peer Coaching, Summer Instructional Technology Academy, Universal Design for Learning, intervention and assessment for math and more in the quest to become even better in helping students to be college, career, and citizenship ready;
- **Innovation:** Superintendent Damian LaCroix joined a select group of 50 district administrators in St. Louis, MO, to discuss the most effective methods for driving innovation in education through use of quality educational products and instructional practices;
- **Continuous Improvement:** Maintenance, repair 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 the budget process that began over a year ago. In addition, the Board of Education's Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting was held on August 1; residents in attendance authorized the preliminary budget and tax levy needed to operate and maintain the school system in 2016-17;
- **Compassion:** The Howard-Suamico Education Foundation partnered with Green Bay Community Church, businesses, employees, and other civic organizations in providing economically disadvantaged students with backpacks and essential school supplies;
- **Leadership:** The Board of Education met several times to discuss and plan its goals for the coming school year.

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.

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