

Superintendent's Report: April 2023

Highlight of the Month: I very much enjoyed seeing the Portrait of an Eastford Learner on the hallway projection screen. This portrait of a successful learner held by all members of the Eastford Learning Community for all Eastford students is a critical component of our Strategic Planning process and serves to guide the development of all the learning opportunities that we provide to our students every day.

News and notes:

Student Achievement

- I continue to be impressed as I walk by the classrooms and observe some of the interesting learning activities our students are engaged in with their teachers and their peers. There is increasing evidence of students interacting with and providing encouragement to each other in the learning process. I particularly enjoyed reading all the math learning posters displayed in Dawn Bisson's room.

Climate and Culture:

- Exciting news: We received notice that we were awarded a HVAC/Indoor Air Quality grant in an amount not to exceed \$219,007.81. These dollars will be reimbursed to the Town for the work done to improve the heating system at EES. Hopefully this reimbursement will be made available to do some additional, needed capital projects that will allow us to continue to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our staff and students.

Collaboration and Communication:

- Deb Richards and I continue to communicate regularly concerning the development of 2023-2024 Town and School budgets that will meet the needs of the students and the taxpayers of Eastford.
- Deb and I are also collaborating on the completion of a School Security grant application.

Comments on selected agenda items

New Business

A. Approve Submission of the IDEA Grant

B. Approve Submission of the School Readiness Grant

These are two grants that we apply for and have been fortunate to receive each year. These grants support the work we do for our special education and our youngest learners and help us to provide a variety of learning opportunities for all our students.

C. Policy 5144.1, Student Restraint and Seclusion

D. Policy 5149, Search and Seizure

E. Policy 5157, Student Privacy

There are minor changes to these three policies—BOE can vote to replace with new S&G policy on this reading

F. Policies 5151, 5153, 5154, 5155 and 5156

These policies are not required—BOE can vote to repeal

G. Set last day of school

H. Set date of Grade 8 graduation

Hopefully we have reached that time of the year that we will not need to cancel school for inclement weather. Although other unforeseen emergencies may occur that will require an additional calendar adjustment, we are recommending that the BOE adjust the school calendar to reflect the last date for students and set the date of graduation at this meeting.

Financial Reports

As always if there are any questions regarding the financial reports you receive, please send them to me so responses can be prepared for the BOE meeting. There are no budget transfers being requested at this time.