Elementary School Board Report

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Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

Our Vision: Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships.

Our Mission: Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened

through Partnerships with parents and the community.

Student and Staff Notable Learning

Student Data Comparison

Thank you to the interventionists for assisting with this data collection. The tables below show fall

scores for the same group of students in 2019 (pre-covid) to their fall scores in 2020 (during covid). 2021

AIMSWeb testing has not started. The window for testing is September 13 - 24. Please note that while the data

shows a general comparison, it is important to note that students move in and leave the district so it isn't the

exact same group of students.

Math AIMSweb Data

Students	Mean Fall Scores in 2019	Mean Fall Scores in 2020	Change in Mean
Current 4th Graders	163.9	190.5	+26.6
Current 5th Graders	185.5	195.7	+10.2
Current 6th Graders	209.6	220.3	+10.7
Current 7th Graders	217.6	212.4	-5.2
Current 8th Graders	222.8	220.2	-2.6
Current 9th Graders	235.2	231.0	-4.2

Reading AIMSweb Data

Students	Mean Fall Scores in 2019	Mean Fall Scores in 2020	Change in Mean
Current 4th Graders	326.8	403.7	+76.9
Current 5th Graders	380.7	434.2	+53.5
Current 6th Graders	445.1	471.8	+26.7
Current 7th Graders	467.4	497.0	+29.6
Current 8th Graders	504.4	521.4	+17
Current 9th Graders	530.7	547.9	+17.2

Lives in Balance - 15 Week Training

To continue building a school-wide culture to support student behavior in a positive manner that involves the student in decision making, a core group of our staff will be participating in a 15 - week training through Lives in Balance. Lives in Balance focuses on the work of Dr. Ross Greene, whose approach to working with students is to solve problems collaboratively with behaviorally challenging students. Dr. Ross Greene directly supervises the trainer in this program. The staff is aware that a school-wide change is needed and will be happening, in a slow manner as we get all staff trained.

MobileMind - Professional Development for Staff

All district staff (with the exception of a few due to job responsibilities and duties) will participate in MobileMind this year. All staff members are expected to be Level 1 Google Certified Educator by the end of the school year. The program is designed to grow educators' skills in using Google. Each learning path provides instruction and then requires the educator to apply their skills before moving to the next path. All the learning paths prepare the educator to pass the Google exam.

Innovation and Recognition

Healthy Classrooms Foundations Grant

Pittsville Elementary School was a 2021-2022 recipient of a $1500 grant from Healthy Classrooms. The money will be used to continue our JH Playground Improvement initiative. The Gaga Ball Pit was also funded by this grant. I will be working with the JH students to determine their interests and needs so they have more opportunities to be active during recess.

AAA Traffic Safety Grant

Dan Giles and I applied for a grant to receive $2500 to help with traffic safety signage for our district. We were just informed we received the funding!

Looking Ahead

Principal Project

This year's school-wide theme is "Choose Kindness." There are so many great things that come from kindness. I will be setting up classroom visits in the next few weeks so I can make a positive connection with each student. Students will create an individual piece of art to add to the school-wide bulletin board.

Continuous Improvement

Wednesday, September 15th from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 is the first district collaboration of the year for teachers. Our SAIL team will continue to guide the district in continuous improvement of instruction. This year the district is also focusing on implementing more structured PLCs (Professional Learning Community) and are being trained by Jack Baldermann from Solutions Tree.