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Superintendent's Monthly Report

HIB

There were two investigated HIBs both were not deemed HIBs but conflicts.

PARENTING:

Cyberbullying- 'What every parent needs to know,' Dr Nunez will be speaking, please join us tomorrow evening at 7pm.

I am pleased to announce that all 4-8th grade students have chromebooks. We are organizing carts so the third grade will share 50 computers so they can gain the skills necessary for a 21st century learning environment. We are distributing IPADS so each class will be able to use them during their center time.

GRANTS:

Our grant coordinator, Mr. Lauiller, has found some interesting grants that we are applying for. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month to review possible grants and deadlines.

- In the past month he has applied for a grant from Best Buy, which sadly we did not obtain.
- He submitted a grant for 'Kids in Need' foundation for STEM club equipment. Determination will be made by Dec. 1, 2016.
- He further brought several other smaller grants to my attention last week, that we will be applying for they include:
 - Dollar General to be used for a creative classroom projects.
 - The Lawrence Foundation Grant to be used for programs of non-fiction text.
 - There are several grants in Math and Science in which individual teachers may apply for.

STATE NEWS:

The state has a new acting Commissioner of Education, Kimberely Harrington. The state changed the evaluation criteria for teachers and administrators.

CURRICULUM/TESTING:

In analyzing the PARCC scores further, we determined that in ELA the deficient area was primarily in informational text. We have met as a committee to determine what we need to do to address this issue. Our PD day in November will be devoted to infusing more non-fiction into all of our subjects.

In Math our math coach met with all of the math teachers to review the item analysis to see where the math deficiencies lie. She has cross referenced the PARCC, our text and the Common Core Standards. She created a list of skills for every grade that need to be covered.

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

Thank you to the police who helped us tremendously during the terroristic threat. Their dedication to the school is noted. Since I began as your Supt. we have done everything possible to ensure the safety and security of the school.

I worked closely with the BOE and law enforcement to implement many improvements in this area:

- We have added lexan glass to the front doors
- A double door buzzer system
- More security cameras
- Armed retired police captain.

Recently, we are requiring every person that enters the building to show an ID to the camera before they are granted access. Supervisors are outside in the morning and afternoon. In addition, included in the new teachers' contract more teachers have been added to line duty in the morning. As the teachers want to help in keeping our school safe.

RESIDENCY:

To date we have determined that 33 HS students that claimed to have lived in Guttenberg do not. Ms. Mantineo has sent a list of those students to North Bergen so they are removed from our bill. There have been 10 students that were found to not live in town that were attending our school, they have been taken off our rolls and transferred out.