

Town of Hartford School District
Superintendent's Report
November 9, 2011

Instruction – The Administrative Council has identified analysis of student assessment data as a priority for this year. Furthermore this analysis must impact our curriculum and facilitate a review of the alignment of curriculum to the required assessments at all levels. District Ends policy must also be incorporated into the scope of both assessment and curriculum.

Board Relations – The SWOT analysis and the district building assessment are nearly complete. These reports will be the foundation of board discussion and budget planning. An upcoming retreat will explore how these milestone assessments and reports impact our current budget process and development of a multi-year maintenance plan.

Finance – Careful review of the current budget as well as past budgets to determine areas that have been underspent has been on-going as we prepare the first draft of the FY13 budget. Discussions with individual administrators has occurred and the administrative council as a group has considered the programmatic implications of the reductions needed to adequately address the board's financial goal.

Facilities – PML and associates will be presenting the engineering analysis report at the Board meeting. Careful deliberation will need to take place to prioritize building projects and determine the most advantageous route to follow going forward to address all of the needs and prioritize the improvements recommended.

Transportation – Driver training is planned for January. The training will include an overview of child development and relationship building techniques. A review of bus rules and the consequences for violating the rules will be presented on each bus by each driver with the assistance of school personnel if necessary. Route plotting continues as we search for greater efficiency.

Food Service – Visits have been planned to other local food service programs to get ideas for improvements that might be applicable here. A menu selection taste protocol is being considered where students sample new menu items and provide feedback to our staff. Consultation with a local nutritionist and meal planner is being investigated and a provider will be identified within the month. The food service director has been working hard to secure local baked goods for our program. To date there has not been a local vendor willing to provide items at a wholesale price but we will continue to search. Local meat sources continue to be investigated.

Technology – Several upgrades had to be completed for us to make the change from VTEL to Sovernet as our internet provider. The switch to Sovernet can now be completed and will occur on Friday, November 11th. The Core Tech team has heard from one wireless provider and installer. Other vendors have been identified as we assess our needs and determine the future of technology use in the district. The AUP (Acceptable Use Policy) policy has been updated and will be provided to the Board. The technology hardware replacement plan has been reviewed and updated. Technology staff is working to identify hardware needs in each school and estimates for replacement equipment are being gathered.