



Attica Central School District

Director of Curriculum
Board of Education Report
September 24, 2015

- Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) – Much time is spent at the beginning of each school year finalizing teacher evaluations from the previous school year. This is due mainly to the release of New York State Assessments scores not occurring until late in August. As we finalize the scores for 2014-2015, we are busy preparing for the current year's performance evaluations. Part of this preparation involves the administration of pre-assessments, of which I have been providing to teachers K-12.
- Data analysis – There are a multitude of reports available to districts through the WNYRIC Datawarehouse. Utilization of this resource is focused on providing "Data" binders to appropriate grade and content areas for use in identifying strengths and weaknesses in student performance. During monthly Department meetings, the data will be analyzed and used to develop action plans to address deficiencies and continued support of student successes.
- New teacher orientation – The orientation was provided to three "new" teachers to Attica on August 24th – 26th. Over the course of the three days, an example of topics included; *"First Days of School" – The Effective Teacher, Instructional Support Services for Students, Professional & District Office Procedures, Getting to Know your Employer*, and a bus tour of the District. As Mentor Coordinator, an orientation meeting with the Mentors for this school year (of which we currently have five Mentor/Mentee relationships) on September 21st. I will be engaged with the administration of this program throughout the school year.
- Curriculum – Efforts continue with the implementation of the NYS Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Specifically, this year the addition of the Social Studies Framework, implementation, course requirements, and assessment changes, will be an area of intense focus. I, along with teachers at the middle and high school levels, will participate in the English Language Arts and Social Studies cohort groups facilitated by the School Improvement Office at the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership (GVEP). This will provide teachers with the opportunity to further "unpack" the standards, set goals for students to master the standards, continually improve individual curricular units, and implement /refine instructional strategies.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Tomidy

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Subject: BOE Report SHS
From: Josh Audsley
Date: 9/16/15
To: Mr. Thompson & the Attica CSD Board of Education

-We welcomed back our teachers and students last week and I want to thank Dave Barber and his crew for doing such a great job inside and outside of our building over the summer. With all that had to be done over this particular summer everything was ready to go and he and his staff continue to be responsive to our needs and concerns as they relate to the facility.

-Mr. Spink and I met with each of the 4 individual classes on the first day of school for our review of the Code of Conduct.

-We have already completed three Fire Drills and will be doing our required drills throughout the fall.

-Fall sports are underway and it's great to see such a large number of our students participating in athletics. I look forward to seeing our kids compete and invite you to come out whenever you can to watch and support our student athletes.

-Thank you to Amanda Hofheins and the Attica Band for marching this summer and representing our school and community in such a positive way. Unfortunately the band got rained out of their 2nd night at Pike, just like last year, and the seniors weren't able to get their last opportunity to march and play.

-Staff came in over the summer doing curriculum work and preparing for the upcoming year.

-I met with 37 incoming freshmen and their parents over the summer and was excited to hear their stories and having the chance to get to know them prior to the school year starting. It provides me with a bit of head start on learning their names and faces, and a little bit about them before the start of the school year.

-I am excited to welcome our two new hires, Melissa Tresley, Business Teacher and Morgan Wagner, PE Teacher. Both are getting to know our kids, their colleagues and the community and have gotten off to a great start.

-Students are gearing up for Homecoming next week. The week includes different dress up days, Monday is Neon Day, Tuesday is Class Distinction Day, freshmen wear red, sophomores wear white, juniors wear gray, the Seniors wear red, white and blue and the Faculty is in black. Wednesday is Superhero Day, Thursday is Tie-Dye Day and Friday is School Spirit Day. On Friday the Homecoming Parade starts at 6pm and the football game at 7pm. The Homecoming Dance is from 9pm to 12pm.

Josh Audsley

Middle School BOE Report September 24, 2015

The Middle School completed the required Bus Drills on September 16th; STA was very flexible with times and helpful with the students. There were many positive comments from both staff and students.

The Building Safety Response Team has met in the Middle School and reviewed all the emergency procedures and made annual updates.

Student Council representatives have all been elected for each respective homeroom/advisement. Elections for the President, Vice, Secretary and Treasurer will be the first week in October.

Open House will be on September 24th. Parents will have an opportunity to follow their child's schedule and meet each teacher. All special area teachers and specific clubs/organizations will have tables set up in the gymnasium and be available for questions. The Washington DC Trip advisors for both 7th and 8th Grades as well as the 5th Grade Whale Watch advisors will be giving presentations on each respective trip.

All AIMS Web testing has been completed for grades 5-8 in both ELA and Math. Student data will be used to offer proper supports in areas of need.

Mrs. Bennett has met with all students in the Middle School to review the Code of Conduct as well as specific expectations required of each student to provide a safe, cooperative atmosphere in the Middle School.

"Second Step" will begin at the end of September for all 6th grade classes. This program is offered through Partners for Prevention, giving students age appropriate information toward education on bullying, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, along with empowering students with the skill sets to leverage technology safely and effectively. "Second Step" is a change in curriculum from the previous program "Project Alert".

ATTICA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

The 2015-2016 school year has begun and we seem to be off to a great start! I was able to visit all of the classrooms in the first two days of school and have re-visited many of the classrooms in the last week. I have enjoyed meeting all of our new friends and am looking forward to a successful school year.

I would like to thank our summer custodial and cleaning staff for a job well done! The summer staff worked hard to move teachers and prepare our classrooms for the new school year. They worked together as a team to, not only get the job done, but to get it done right! That is a testament to Mr. Barber and his staff and their efforts are appreciated.

I would like to thank our PTG for their assistance with the donation of back packs, pencils, water bottles, and bracelets that were given to all students. The items all have an Attica Elementary logo and the students were excited to receive a gift on the first day of school.

The first school-wide assembly will be held on Thursday, September 17th, 2015. The themes of our monthly assemblies this year revolve around the general theme: "Get Involved." Once again, each grade level will assist with presenting the themes at assemblies as we continue to highlight our students, staff, and the community.

We have completed four fire drills, one bus drill, and one emergency lock-down drill. We will continue to complete our fire drills and our school-wide evacuation drill is scheduled for Monday, September 21st.

Important Upcoming Events:

Open House –

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th, 2015 from 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Picture Day –

Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd, 2015

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ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: BRYCE THOMPSON, SUPERINTENDENT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: DENISE BREISSINGER

RE: CENSUS - 2015

DATE: September 15, 2015

As of today's date, the compiling of census information indicates the following:

- ✓ 318 households with children (pre and school aged) replied to the census
 - 195 - Attica
 - 123 - Other

- ✓ 0 marked student with handicapping condition, not previously identified by the district

- ✓ 574 - total children reported
 - 124 - children aged Pre-K and under
 - 400 - school age children in public schools
 - 50 - school age children placed in private schools, other placements, or home-schooled

- ✓ 1,229 households without children (pre and school aged) replied to the census

- ✓ Total census surveys received = 1,547
- ✓ Total census surveys sent out = 4,103

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