

# Grand Isle Supervisory Union

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## Superintendent's Report

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### GISU Board Update:

The next full meeting of the GISU Board is on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at the North Hero School. GISU Auditor, Randall Northrop, will be presenting a review of the SU audit.

### CURRICLUM & ASSESSMENT:

April 21st the SU gathered together for our final in-service of the year. The morning was spent applying different trauma informed strategies that we've learned about this year to classroom scenarios. Teachers worked across schools in mixed teams. The collaboration and idea sharing was very energizing.

In the afternoon, we reviewed what we set out to do this year and recounted our accomplishments. Then, Chris Case, one of the writers and coordinators of Vermont's ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Plan, came to talk about how 'accountability' looks very different in Vermont under ESSA than under No Child Left Behind. The state plan focuses on growth, continuous improvement and factors beyond test scores.

We also took a moment to reflect upon who we are as an SU. As we move forward with our work, more and more of what we do will be consistent among our schools thus making it essential for us to see colleagues from across the SU as our peers and collaborators just as much as those from our own school. To this end, we had asked teachers ahead of time, to share the answers to the following questions and sent a mixed media presentation / message of hope, energy, inspiration and motivation, using their own words, to every before leaving for a much deserved break.

1. Why did you become an educator?
2. When students look back on their year(s) with you, what do you hope they will say?
3. What are three words that describe how you feel on your best day of teaching?
4. What is your teaching mantra?

Initial Smarter Balanced Results are coming in. There are definite celebrations and definite areas for improvement. Once we get permission to share from the AOE, we will report out.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION:**

Beth Hemingway-Director of Student Support Services recently attended her first Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Special Education Convention and Expo in Boston, MA from April 19th-21st. This is an annual convention that focuses on best practices and research for students with disabilities. Beth attended workshops that discussed social and emotional learning and PBIS, creating more inclusive environments for students with disabilities within the general education setting, and Every Student Succeeds Act and special education. She reports that the best part of the conference was on Friday morning watching twelve students with disabilities get the "Yes I Can" Awards and was very moved by it.

In collaboration with the Curriculum Coordinator and the Administrative Team, the Director of Student Support Services will continue to explore best inclusive practices in Tier 1 instruction and Tier III interventions within the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support.

Child Count for December 2016 was received on April 28, 2017. We will review this and send final report signed by the Director of Student Support Services to the Agency of Education by May 5, 2017.

## **High School Enrollment**

An end of the year report will be submitted in the June Superintendents Report.

## **Preschool**

Community Partners and local school districts will be scheduling preschool screening based on their individual programs. The Grand Isle Supervisory Union no longer sets this up but will provide resources and support as needed.

## **BUSINESS OFFICE**

Please be advised that in order to avoid FY 17 expenditures being charged to the FY 18 budget we need to do the following:

1. Encumber (meaning we have a binding agreement/contract with a service or product provider) any expenditures that will happen after June 30th
2. These encumbrances then need to be brought to a board meeting prior to June 30th where the board will need to make a motion to assign these amounts of their fund balance to pay these bills.

If either of these steps are not completed, then these expenditures will have to be charged to the FY 18 budget.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

May 19-	Early Dismissal for Students / NEA contracted half-day for PD
May 29-	Memorial Day (No School)
June 13-	North Hero, 7PM, & ILM, 6PM, 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Celebrations
June 14-	Grand Isle, 6:30PM, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Celebration
June 15-	Alburgh, 7PM & Folsom, 6PM, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduations