

Superintendent's Board Report



November 17, 2020

Water report – Information below was forwarded to me by Mr. Mecham...

I wanted to pass on some research to you that I did pursuant to a couple of phone calls relating to our informational posting about minimum lead exceedance.

- 1) Our current water operator, PCI has been doing all of our mandated testing since 2010. In that time, we have not had an occurrence of lead exceedance.
- 2) The DEQ has water testing records for FTSD going back to 2005. Since 2005, we have no history of lead exceedance.

We have already completed the required follow up Water Quality Parameter (WQP) testing and are waiting for results of that testing to determine if any further controls are needed. Our next lead test will be taken in January under DEQ prescribed parameters. We do not anticipate an exceedance, and if testing is in the allowable range, we should be allowed to return to the standard 3 year testing with no additional source treatment or controls.

I remain confident that the exceedance in only 2 out of 20+ testing locations sharing the same well and piping was due to those specific locations receiving very little use in the days prior to testing along with the possible introduction of particles coming from the recent well pump replacement that had not fully flushed out, again, due to lack of use.

The public who have contacted me seem very satisfied after a short conversation that we are taking this issue seriously and acting in the best interest of our students and staff.

TITLE IX TRAINING:

Three or four of us are going through this training. We had training earlier in the year and then there was a break. We started up again in November and we had our second training Thursday, November 12th, and then our last one in November will be this coming Thursday. There will also be a board training component that will come with this training. It won't be extensive, but regardless we will want to make sure you are trained and it will be another step in making sure we are in compliance with the new law.

COVID REPORT – FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT:

We are working on a data sheet and if it isn't in this Superintendent Report, then we will have it for you on Tuesday night. I will try to get it done and sent out before then, but we will have some data for you on Tuesday for sure. Some of the information we have could be quite sensitive to folks, so we will present it in a general format.

JOHNSON CONTROLS – CAPITAL CREDITS/FUNDING PROGRAMS

Sean and I will meet with their local representative to go over their offering and grant opportunities – Schools have done: building infrastructure projects, LED indoor/outdoor, windows/doors, HVAC, technologies in the classroom, roofing – and can be creative.

MT PEC – Montana Public Education Center

As we gear up for this legislative session here are results of the zogby poll that our organizations have used to test the temperature of public perception and attitudes towards public education. [MT-PEC](#) – I will briefly go through the graphs. I am not sure what this survey would look like if it was taken or provided the public now...

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Demmons always provides us with great information regarding her area of expertise. I just want the board to know that Frenchtown had entered discussions last school year about serving the needs of students at a different location. A few of us in Missoula County have discussed the matter a bit this fall and right now, we are in a holding pattern due to the hecticness of folks and COVID.

FALL WALK-THROUGH

Hopefully the weather holds and we are able to get through both campuses.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Shauna worked on the aesthetics of the Strategic Plan and it is on the website under School Board. <https://www.ftsd.org/>

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Want to thank Mr. Devins for putting together the Veterans Day Assembly. He put a bunch of time into it and he still didn't fix the bags under my eyes etc. Quite fortunate to have Seth Bodnar of the University of Montana be able to address our Veterans and Frenchtown Community. It was nice to hear our young students singing in the background.

FYI, BOBCAT 3650

I am just bringing this up to the board as information. We will look into this a bit more. It does seem like we are in for a long winter!

Advanced Lawn Care is selling their Bobcat 3650, same as ours, with a snow brush, and an in bed ice melt / sand spreader. This Bobcat UTV has a replacement motor from a recall, so newer motor than ours.

They are offering it to us at \$20,000. The University will take it immediately if we do not, but he is letting us have first choice.

The snow brush used, if you can find one, is worth about \$2,500-\$3,500

The BOSS spreader used is worth about \$1,200 - \$1,500

The Bobcat in similar year range is worth \$15,000-\$20,000+

New Bobcat Motor, spreader controls, and ready to go unit with the brush - adds value.

SKI TRIPS IN THE 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADES

- **The Middle School is looking into taking the usual ski trip. Mr. Griffin is working on a plan to allow this to take place while keeping safety the top priority.**

TEAMS REPORT

We are in the middle of trying to submit our TEAMS report. TEAMS stands for Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule. This is the sixth year of the report of which used to be called the Fall Report. This is basically the one stop shop of everything we have to report on from salary and benefits to school minutes, to professional development days, to classes, teacher accreditation, Indian Ed for all priorities, independent contractors, how easy or hard recruitment is to the paying of paraprofessionals. Much of this can be kind of rolled over from one year to the next, but much of it has to be updated. The district office is responsible for the TOE and SEID #'s and the administration works on the other components and fixing whatever pops up as wrong...It is a process that should be easier than it is. Once the data is annual data is entered then OPI determines district and school accreditation.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 17 School Board Meeting

Nov. 24 Early Release

Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 15 School Board Meeting

Dec. 22 Early Release – We will discuss this during the board meeting portion.

Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Winter Break

Jan. 4 School Resumes after Winter Break

DECEMBER MUSIC HAPPENINGS

This is a bummer.

SENIOR MEETING

I met with the seniors on Wednesday morning before lunch. I asked them a couple of questions and then talked about opportunity and working hard to overcome the adversity they will face in life.