



From the Superintendent's Desk

Proctor Public Schools, ISD 704
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This is my weekly update on the state of the district which focuses on a variety of issues relating to facilities, curriculum, activities, and programs occurring throughout our district. There may be weeks in which I only focus on one or two topics, but I do want to keep you informed. I welcome comments and feedback regarding this update or any of your concerns regarding our district.

Around the District:

I had a recent opportunity to address the Pike Lake faculty regarding AYP consequences, MCA Scores, and What Really Matters in American Education. This presentation was also done for our Middle and High School faculty and I plan on addressing the Bay View faculty on Monday, October 17th. At any rate, I hope my message resonates with all of you as we begin to develop Professional Learning Community goals, work within our Instructional Teams, but most importantly as we teach our students. At all times, remember the enormous importance of your roles in helping our students reach their potentials.

During my visit to Pike Lake Elementary, I was impressed with the Fire Prevention Program which allowed students who won the Fire Prevention Poster Contest to ride to school in a fire truck. I saw lots of hype on television which featured one Duluth student riding to school in a fire truck. But Pike Lake engaged all of their students and the assistance of both Grand Lake and Canosia Fire Departments. Every grade level had a poster contestant winner and all of the winners rode to school on a fire truck to the roaring approval of the entire student body and staff. Well done to everyone including the fire departments who stuck around to present a fire prevention program for the students.



Mike Schmoker Presentation:

I hope you enjoyed having Mike Schmoker come to Proctor Public Schools to address our staff and other regional teachers and administrators. This was an important event for us. It demonstrated to other schools that Proctor is dedicated to world class staff development. But most importantly, this event allowed all of you the opportunity to listen and ask questions of an educational expert with incredible credentials. Take Dr. Schmoker up on his offer to send him curriculum or just to email a question. He really will respond. Thanks to all of our staff who helped make this possible including: Ashley Winchell, Patti Myre, Nancy Litman, Lynn Peterson, Kathy Nelson, Jack Johnson and his staff as well as all of our administrators.

Closing Comments:

Have a terrific Homecoming weekend. Take some time to enjoy your family and appreciate the important things in life. I do appreciate your comments and always welcome your feedback.