



Regional School Unit #34

Alton, Bradley, and Old Town

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Pandemic

- We've partnered with PCHC to host our first of two vaccination clinics for 5-11 years olds Thursday, 11/18, after school at Old Town High School. The clinic for the second dose will be three weeks later. Two weeks later, participating kids will be fully vaccinated. Parents/caregivers must accompany their children, and written consent must be granted. In addition to our current efforts, more children becoming vaccinated will give them each a quarantine exception, and should help slow the community spread that impacts our schools every day. We have invited others to join our clinic: the YMCA, Indian Island School, Helen Dunn School, and Lewis Libby School. We appreciate PCHC and the volunteers who will help make these clinics a success.
- The state is not conducting pooled testing during Thanksgiving week or the week of December 20th.
- Pooled testing continues to keep many kids in school after exposures (they still must quarantine in the community). We continue to identify new cases each week through pooled testing and the follow-up rapid testing.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Highlights

- I continue to be really appreciative of our educators' versatility, creativity, and dedication to educating kids in...dynamic...circumstances. Our students in RSU #34 are taught by a very skilled and dedicated team. We've consciously taken an approach in recent years of hiring and empowering teachers as creative professionals. We never imagined applying that approach in a pandemic, but throughout the pandemic, this approach has paid off over and over again. Our educators are leaders, bringing ideas to their teams, me, and their building administrators, making adjustments to best meet kids' needs.
- The Fall assessment window has concluded (NWEA).

Chapter 104 (Gifted & Talented) Programs

Every student deserves to make continuous progress in school.

- Our staff conducts an annual screening of students based on their characteristics and on assessment data. Students can be referred for services at any time (please contact me or the school's Chapter 104 specialist for more info).

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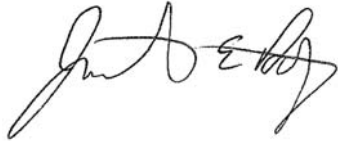
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Federal Funds, ESEA programs (Title IA, IIA, IVA), ESSER

- ESEA Carryover Funds report completed
- ESEA Performance Report completed
- ESSER II and ESSER III revisions underway

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jon Doty