To: Linda Loretz  
From: Heather Tamsin  
Subject: November Report to the Board of Education  
Date: November 3, 2016

Field Trips:
• A field trip to the New England Air Museum will be offered to all students on the November 8 Professional Development Day.
• 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 16 through May 19, 2017.

Virtual Field Trips:
• Nov. 9-  (K)- Hibernation and More- OH

Eastford Readiness Program – Currently has fourteen (14) students enrolled for the Eastford School Readiness Program. Two (2) of these students are partial day students. We have 3 additional student slots available.

Readiness Council Update: The Council will meet on November 7. We will be setting our meeting dates for 2017.

Data on Student Progress:

Current Data based on projected RIT scores from the Fall NWEA assessment:

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Grants
• We have been awarded the Local Prevention Council Grant through NECASA which funds our after school activities and the bus for the Professional Development Day field trips.

Before and After School Program: There are currently 40 children in 31 families enrolled in the program. There are about 18-20 children in the morning and 10-18 children in the afternoon that participate in the program on a regular basis.

Professional Development:
• Melissa Lessard will attend a workshop on The Best New Young Adult Books Grades 6-8.
• Sabrina Davis and Alaina Kilburn will attend PMT(Psychological Management Training).
• Christine Kopplin will attend Picture Exchange Communication System Level 1 Training.
• Stephanie Bulan and Daniel Lussier will attend a workshop, Creating a Calm Classroom, Helping Children Self-Regulate Throughout Their School Day.

November 8 Professional Development Day:
• Meribeth Tedisky and Joan Muller will attend the Professional Learning for Special Area Teachers workshop at EASTCONN.
• Julie Fox and Patricia Moran will attend an Attention and Executive Functioning workshop at EASTCONN.
• Bethany Croxton will attend a Professional Development Day for Music Educators at Western Connecticut State University.
• Classroom teachers in grades PK-8 will attend a presentation by Kaitlin Roig-Debellis, author of Choosing Hope at Woodstock Academy. Grade 6-8 teachers will collaborate with WA teachers in curriculum discussions. Grade PK-5 teachers will work on meeting the requirements of the Sexual Assault & Abuse Prevention & Awareness Curriculum Framework for the State of Connecticut.
• We will return to school for the afternoon to determine the evidence of Claim 1 question structures within our current Envision math program and look at the new Envision Mathematics 2.0 program student materials.

Special Events:
• With Our Voices and Choices, We Get Along: We had a whole school assembly where students shared the ways that students get along and wristbands were distributed to all students by Student Council members.
• The PTO funded *Looking In Theater* performances for students in grades 4 through 6 and grades 7 and 8. Teachers will follow up on the themes presented in Second Step discussions.

Community:

• Volunteers from the Congregational Church of Eastford offered a rocket building after school activity for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. The activity takes place over three sessions.

• The local Lions Club is offering a free vision screening for interested families. They will come to the school with a device that detects vision issues across all age groups. The device will detect lazy eye, astigmatism, nearsightedness, farsightedness, misalignment, and pupil size anomalies. A permission form will be offered for participation.

Fundraisers:

• The Annual Goods and Services Auction will take place on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

• Student Council is offering childcare for parent conferences with adult supervision.