To: Linda Loretz  
From: Heather Tamsin  
Subject: October Report to the Board of Education  
Date: October 1, 2015

**Field Trips:**

- Students in preschool visited the Eastford Public Library on September 17, 2015.
- Students in grade 8 visited Woodstock Academy on September 25, 2015.
- Students in preschool and kindergarten visited Buell’s Orchard on September 28, 2015.
- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will visit the Jonathan Trumbull House and Nathan Hale Homestead on October 2, 2015.
- Students in preschool and kindergarten will visit the Eastford Fire Station on October 5, 2015.
- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will visit the Worcester Art Museum on October 6, 2015.
- Students in grades 7 and 8 will visit the Newport Mansions on October 9, 2015.
- Students in grades Kindergarten through 8 will attend a science presentation in Thompson through a JASON Learning Grant on October 23, 2015. Students in grades 5 through 8 will attend a morning session, followed by students in grades K through 4.
- Students in grade 8 will visit Ellis Technical High School and Quinebaug Valley Middle College on November 6, 2015.
- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will attend a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at The Hartford Stage on December 22, 2015.
- Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 will visit the Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe Houses on February 12, 2016.
- Girls in grade 8 will attend the Multiply Your Options Conference at the University of Connecticut on April 4, 2016.
- Community Cultural Committee Trips to the Hyde Theater:

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- 8th Grade Washington, DC trip is scheduled for May 17 through May 20, 2016.

**Virtual Field Trips:**

- Sept. 29 (Grade 8)- *The Pursuit of Liberty: The Revolutionary War and the Founding of America*- VA
- Oct. 2 (Grade 1)- *A is for Animal*- OH
- Oct. 13 (Grade 6)- *King for a Day: Maya and Aztec Leaders*- MA
- Oct. 16 (Grade 8)- *Math Connections in Art: Gridding*- OH
Eastford Readiness Program – Currently has seventeen (17) students enrolled for the Eastford School Readiness Program. Four (4) of these students are partial day students.

Readiness Council Update: The Council will meet next on October 5. We met on September 14 to discuss the non-residency option and will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

School Goal: To improve student achievement through the inclusion of cross-curricular performance tasks that require students to demonstrate and apply their knowledge and skills. All teachers will create and contribute tasks that directly connect to the ‘claims’ reported in the SBAC results to improve student performance.

I have provided teachers with data on student performance across the claims, explanations of the claims and a further breakdown of the standards contained within the claims. In my meeting with Donna Drasch, I shared the school goal with her and the SBAC data to inform our planning for the coaching days.

Professional Development:

- I met with Donna Drasch on September 23 to discuss the format of the coaching days and set dates for her visits.
- Meribeth Tedisky attended a Partner District Networking session on September 14 to collaborate in regards to the grant that she continues to participate in.
- Juliana Fox attended a 2015 Legislation Summary at Shipman & Goodwin.
- Carole McCombe and I attended the Regional Staff Development meeting at EASTCONN on September 17.
- Juliana Fox attended a workshop on Problem Solving for the Common Core which she will share with staff at an upcoming staff meeting.
- I will attend the Student Educator Support Specialist rubric for evaluation training at EASTCONN on October 5.
- I am participating in a PK-8 Principal Community of Practice through EASTCONN throughout the 2015-16 school year.
- Carole McCombe, Lori Crocker-Lincoln and I will be attending a workshop by Lucy Calkins on the Units of Study Writing program. The information will be shared with staff at an upcoming staff meeting.
NWEA Scores and Performance on SBAC
The RTI team looked at student performance on the SBAC and the NWEA scores that were projected to have students score at 3 or above on the SBAC. The math scores showed an accuracy level of 68/83 or 82% and the ELA scores had an accuracy of 72/83 or 87%. This information is helpful because it supports our use of NWEA as one means of predicting performance on the SBAC.

Fundraisers:
• The Sports Boosters are currently selling sweatshirts and t-shirts to support the athletic program.
• 8th grade is offering a pumpkin decorating activity after school for grades K-5 to raise money for an end of year 8th grade dance.
• The Annual Goods and Services Auction will take place on November 21, 2015.