



*Superintendent's
Report*

November, 2023

“As long as autumn lasts, I shall not have hands, canvas and colors enough to paint the beautiful things I see.”

- Vincent Van Gogh

SAU 7 Board Meeting

The SAU 7 Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Clarksville Town Hall. At this meeting we will address the following items: SAU 7 Department Updates, Superintendent Report on Strategic Plan, and SAU 7 Budget for 22-23. See you then!

School District Public Hearings and Annual School District Meetings 2023

Each school Board will select the dates for their public hearings and annual school meetings for 2024 during the month of November. The draft calendar below identifies dates consistent with the schedule from the prior year. These dates are subject to Board approval.

Meeting	Clarksville	Columbia	Colebrook	Pittsburg	Stewartstown
Public Hearing	Wednesday, February 7, 2024 5:00 pm	Thursday, February 22, 2024 6:00 pm	Tuesday, February 6, 2024 6:00 pm	Monday, February 12, 2024 6:00 pm	Monday, February 19, 2024 6:00 pm
Annual School Meeting	Tuesday, March 12, 2024 6:00 pm	Tuesday, March 12, 2024 7:15 pm	Tuesday, March 5, 2024 6:00 pm	Thursday, March 7, 2024 6:00 pm	Monday, March 11, 2024 6:00 pm

Curriculum Instruction and Assessment

SAU #7 Schools are continuing our focus on collaboration and innovation to scale and deepen their implementation of competency-based learning.

Teachers met on October 13, an administrative day, and attended sessions planned by the professional development committee and continued work on our competency-based education system. Our curriculum committee, which was instituted in the fall of 2020, continues to meet monthly after school. Their task is to make recommendations and plans to implement curriculum, communicate with teachers and PLC teams, and seek feedback from their school colleagues. Our teams are focused on improving student outcomes and addressing learning gaps. More information will be forthcoming at our upcoming SAU 7 School Board Meeting on November 9 along with an update on progress toward our SAU 7 Strategic Plan and Superintendent Goals.



School Principal Update

November is *Principal Appreciation Month*. I would like to personally thank all SAU 7 principals and assistant principals for a job well done. Take a moment to thank your school principal!

Fall Message of Gratitude to School Staff and Families

This year, I continue to be proud of our students, staff, and families.

Thanksgiving affords us the opportunity to slow down, to reconnect with family and friends and to reflect upon those things in our lives for which we are grateful.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the SAU 7 School community alongside so many dedicated educators and hardworking staff. We have come together to address the challenges of today, to model resilience and to learn.

Each day, I am grateful to be able to engage in learning with children. For it is their joy, curiosity, and imagination that helps me make sense of the world and drives me to co-create a better tomorrow. I cannot overstate my gratitude to our students, our families, and our school community for their ongoing support and adaptability. I strongly believe what we have endured will make us stronger in the years ahead.

It is my hope that this Thanksgiving will provide you with the opportunity to pause and reflect upon those things for which you are grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Taylor, PhD.
Superintendent

