

**SAU 7 Superintendent Report -
September, 2023
School is Back in Session!**



Preliminary SAU 7 Student Enrollment, August 31, 2023					North Point CTE
Grades	Colebrook	Pittsburg	Stewartstown	Grand Totals	
PK	14	0	6	20	
K	21	4	3	28	
1	18	8	3	29	
2	20	5	6	31	
3	23	3	6	32	
4	19	4	8	31	
5	18	6	5	29	
6	23	5	5	33	
7	21	6	3	30	
8	20	4	8	32	
9	33	8		41	
10	41	11		52	7
11	37	10		47	15
12	25	3		28	6
Charter/Alternative	2				
Total	335	77	53	465	28

Enrollment Report

Overall, our enrollment is steady compared to last year. New students include new preschool and kindergarteners, families new to the area and homeschooled students returning to school this fall following COVID. We often see additional new students register after Labor Day, and we will update enrollment information in my report next month.

Full Staff Meeting on August 24

Our staff met in the Colebrook Gym on Thursday, August 24. The presentation focused on welcoming new staff, sharing summer reading; commendations for employee years of service, well wishes to all, healing, Strategic Plan - SAU 7. In addition we discussed our plans including: Curriculum Instruction and Assessment, Special Education Requirements; Technology Update and Cyber Security. The presentation slides are attached to this report. Staff enjoyed a luncheon together that was catered by Green Acres. After lunch some staff returned to their schools; teachers and paras remained for CPR and ALMA training. All staff participated in wellness activities. Our best to everyone as we welcome our students back to school.

New Teacher Meeting on August 23

This fall we welcome four new teachers and five new paraprofessionals to our schools. Some of them have graduated from one of our area high schools! This year we're continuing our new teacher mentor program designed to support our new teachers. Welcome everyone.

School District Grants

We continue to implement projects and purchase materials funded by ESSER II, III and other grants awarded to the school districts. Jenn Mathieu and Bridget Cross have been providing leadership in this area and we are pleased with their progress.

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Our summer schedule was full of professional development opportunities to enhance teaching and learning. Our teacher evaluation and walkthrough program will help us to support our teachers as they implement our new curriculum, instruction and assessment initiatives. We are determined to maintain our focus on improved education for all! More to come as Principals present their school achievement plans this fall!

Summer Professional Development

Our teachers and administrators were busy this summer taking part in numerous professional development activities. Over 100 educators (administrators, teachers and paraeducators) participated in summer learning activities including training in the following areas:

- Competency Based Education
- Reading Curriculum
- New Teacher
- Mentor teacher
- CPR
- Crisis Prevention and Intervention

Responsive Classroom
Social Emotional Behavioral Support (Polly Bath)
Differentiated Instruction
Co-teaching
ALMA Student Information System
Teacher and Paraeducator Collaboration
Leadership Development

Teacher Openings, Creativity and Collaboration

We continue to search for teachers to fill the three full time teacher openings remain - 2 in Colebrook and 1 in Pittsburg

Concerning the special education openings in Colebrook, we are relying on teamwork and creativity. All special educators are supporting each other. We are working to group students of like needs for special ed. services and employing creative teaching strategies and interventions. Additionally more services are being provided in the classroom as we work towards co-teaching (team teaching) models. Our special educators have larger than typical caseloads and will receive support with service delivery, paperwork and timelines from the coordinator of special services.

The lack of a high school math teacher in Pittsburg is addressed as we are providing Pittsburg HS students with live virtual math instruction from Colebrook. We have also increased the number of college courses, including some taught by WMCC faculty.

Our administrators and faculty are creatively solving problems and collaborating to ensure that our students' needs are met.

LET'S MAKE IT A GREAT YEAR!!!

Respectfully submitted,

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