

SAU 7

August 2022 Superintendent School Board Report

Dr. Debra Taylor



What a beautiful summer!

Our year-round staff is busy preparing for school to resume on Tuesday August 30, 2022. Our leadership team will participate in a two-day retreat on August 3 and 4 and have been meeting regularly throughout the month of July as we prepare for the start of the upcoming school year.

We are welcoming fantastic new teachers to the district this fall. Please join me in welcoming our new teachers.

Colebrook

Todd Facey, CTE Auto
Brianna Sabourin, Elementary
Lucas DeBlois, MS Science
Faith Slocum, Elementary
Haylea Erickson, HS English
Emilie Smith, Social Studies

Pittsburg

Samantha Thilkey, Music
Zack Wallace, Woodworking/Drafting
Tammy Jeralds, Art
Vincent Durante, Math

Stewartstown

Noah Covill, Special Education

SAU Office Updates

We welcome Bridget Cross as SAU 7 Business Manager. We also welcome Adrianna Castonguay as our new Accounts Payable Specialist and Billie Paquette as our new Executive Assistant. This has been a summer of transition for the SAU office. We are taking advantage of these changes and updating procedures and analyzing work flow. Our aim is to serve our school community well with an ongoing focus on quality and efficiency.

District Administrative Updates

We welcome back Jenn Mathieu, as full time Curriculum Director in Colebrook who will collaborate with all schools to continue our vibrant curriculum, professional development and effective grant work. Congratulations Tia Cloutier who takes on a new role this fall as CTE Director in addition to College and Career Counselor.

Summer Work and Preparation for Fall

Our school staff and administrators are busy this summer preparing for the start of the school year. Some examples of our work this summer include:

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- ✓ Welcoming new students and families
- ✓ Finalizing schedules for staff and students
- ✓ Updating high school programs of study, student/family and staff handbooks for schools
- ✓ Reviewing school system policies and procedures and enacting necessary updates
- ✓ Planning fall and school year staff development activities
- ✓ Writing grant activities for school safety, technology, instructional materials and professional development
- ✓ Updating computers and networks
- ✓ Completing summer maintenance and cleaning
- ✓ Updating our school improvement plans
- ✓ Hiring teachers and support staff and completing onboarding training and credentialing support
- ✓ Completing staff evaluations
- ✓ Training new staff in the SAU office
- ✓ Updating curriculum competencies: K-12
- ✓ Planning for the startup of the new North Point CTE Center including teacher curriculum work, purchasing equipment and instructional materials, and finalizing CTE regional agreement.
- ✓ Preparing communications for families to welcome them back to school
- ✓ Organizing welcome back to school events.

Celebrating the Beauty of our North Country Summer...

Summer Song

By William Carlos Williams - 1883-1963

Wanderer moon
 smiling a
 faintly ironical smile
 at this
 brilliant, dew-moistened
 summer morning,—
 a detached
 sleepily indifferent
 smile, a
 wanderer's smile,—
 if I should
 buy a shirt
 your color and
 put on a necktie
 sky-blue
 where would they carry me?

Respectfully Submitted:
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 Superintendent of Schools

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