



Superintendents Report for Monday July 8th, 2024

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New Beginnings: High energy start as I begin my tenure as SAU 7 Superintendent. We start our journey towards greatness as an untied team, with a willingness to learn and grow from each other. The common values we share; trust, communication, respect and openness will continue to be the pillars of our foundation. Together we will celebrate our accomplishments, learn from our mistakes and support each other. As individuals, each of us holds a wealth of knowledge and life experiences. When we share and combine those talents, we create a SAU which is a true reflection of our mission “To prepare all SAU 7 students for success in whatever path they choose”

Public Education is the great equalizer, through the doorways of each school all students are celebrated, nurtured and guided. It is bedrock of our republic, ensuring the next generation of Americans will embrace and protect our Constitutional values. We are the stewards of one of the greatest responsibilities that can be bestowed upon individuals, educating and guiding the youth of our society towards achieving their hopes and dreams. We accept this duty willingly with honesty, dedication and love as our guides.

Our journey towards greatness has begun, together as a team we will achieve success for all, why? Because WE ARE SAU 7.

The Weekly 7: Each Friday afternoon (more than likely the last email sent before starting the weekend) each of you will receive **“The Weekly 7”**. “The Weekly 7” will include a recap of the happenings throughout the district from that week. It will also include an ongoing list of dates for upcoming meetings and events. This will continue to keep the information flow moving between the Board and all components of SAU 7. Your future Board reports will be a summary of all “The Weekly 7’s” and any new information you need to be updated on since the last issue.

Goal Setting for SAU 7 Board: I would like each of you to ponder a future goal setting session. The purpose would be to have the full SAU 7 Board discuss and adopt the goals for the 2024-2025 operational year. The developed document would become the guide for all our work and would aid us in continuing in a clearly defined untied direction. I have reached out to Rick Alper from NH Primex on the possibility of moderating the goal setting session. I have worked with Rick in the past doing goal setting for SAU 56 and the City of Somersworth. Rick has agreed, and it is FREE of charge. I will make this an agenda item for the SAU 7 Board meeting in August for discussion and possible action.

2024 – 2025 Theme: Each year SAU 7 will have a “theme” for the school year. Our theme will help foster a positive climate and culture and help continue to unite all of us throughout SAU 7. We will include our theme in print material, remarks and celebrations. It is our hope to order banners for each school and the SAU to be displayed both inside and out with our theme on it. The 2024 -2025 theme is “Dreams”

Dreams

Your Dreams

School Dreams

Community Dreams

SAU 7 Dreams

Accompanying the theme for the year will also be our “theme song”. This year’s theme song will be “Dreams” by Van Halen.

Admin Retreat: The full Admin team will convene on August 6th and 7th for our annual retreat and team building. This year’s retreat will focus on setting goals for the upcoming years and gaining a better understanding and perspective on each of our leadership styles. The agenda for the two days is as follows.

August 6th – The team will get their creative juices flowing for an exciting morning of vision board magic! We will dive into a whirlwind of brainstorming and goal setting, led by Sue Bergman. We will mix a dash of imagination with a sprinkle of laughter as we chart our course for an amazing school year ahead!

August 7th: The team will embark on a journey of self-discovery and teamwork as we collaborate with the insightful Primex consultant Rick Alper. Together the team will dive into the fascinating world of DISC personality types assessment. This will aid us in uncovering each other's unique traits and learning how to leverage our strengths as we further unite our team.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

August 6th – August 7th Admin Retreat

August 8th – SAU Board Meeting

Aug 15th – SAU Staff and Board Member Mixer (More Information to come)

August 22nd – Welcome Back Staff (in Pittsburg)

August 27th – First Day of School (Students)

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” — Helen Keller