June 12, 2014

Memorandum

Subject: 2013-14 SBDM Report

1. SBDM Council 2012-13 took actions that will sustain student achievement at West Hardin Middle School. The following are the most significant:
* $1000 was spent on Compass Learning
* We continued our Renaissance Learning subscription for Reading and Math for all grade levels for the 2014-15 school year and it will serve as our progress monitoring tool instead of AIMSWeb.
* The ESS daytime waiver was approved for the 2013-14 school year and was utilized to provide intense intervention for KSI Tier III students.
* The council approved a new teacher handbook that was based upon the principles of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports.
* Through multiple funding sources, including a HUGE helping hand from the Board and the Finance Department, we continue to replace the aging workstations.
* The council approved a new Committees Policy that will help our SBDM run more efficiently.
* The council revised and approved the school CSIP to mirror and support district SMART goals.
* The council approved the rollover of approximately $20,000 above our 10% carryover for the purpose of hiring an ISS monitor and a KSI progress monitoring staff person for the 2014-15 school year.
1. School achievements:
* For the third year in a row, WHMS had the highest growth in both reading and math at all three grade levels of all middle schools in the district.
* 8th grader Clayton Hester was the district spelling bee.
* Both the WHMS Band and the WHMS Chorus received distinguished ratings at KMEA.
* 8th grader Mary Reilly scored a 311 in math on the MAP test, the highest score ever recorded in Hardin County Schools.
* A fundraiser was held to benefit the Hardin County Animal Shelter in which $345 was raised.
* The Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission recognized 7th grade science teacher Leslie Meredith for her environmental education work.
* WHMS was designated by the state as a “Model Green and Healthy School” for the second year.
* 8th grader Mary Reilly was declared Grand Champion of the Jim Claypool Art and Conservation writing contest.
* The West Hardin Festival Band earned a "Distinguished" and three "Proficient" ratings at the Heartland Instrumental Performance Assessment.
* Our Quick Recall and Future Problem Solving teams were the winners of the district Governor’s Cup competion.
* Helping Hand of Hope recognized West Hardin Middle School for their yearly food drive that helps feed hundreds of families in Hardin County during the holiday season.
* 7th grade science teacher, Leslie Meredith, was recognized with the Kentucky Farm Bureau Excellence in Ag Literacy Award for 2013.

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