



District

Champions for Children

Creating A Culturally Responsive High Performing Learning Environment
Where Students Thrive Academically, Social-Emotionally, And Civically.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

- The Assessment Department provided Professional Development in schools and at the BOE Office in November and December with a strategic focus on accessing the Excel Data File to improve student instruction and setting up SBAC Practice Test and Interim Assessments to help both teachers and students become familiar with types of questions asked, tools, and accommodations available on the SBAC test.
- A second Excel File is being created that compares three years of student data on the SBAC. Overall level, scale score, percentage of target achieved, and growth achieved in both ELA and Math are included in the file and it will be sent to the administrators with a second file that presents i-Ready Fall 2017 and Standards Mastery Pre & Post data comparison. Our goal is to get these files in the hands of the administrators so that our teachers can start the year with the data they need to differentiate instruction.
- All of the above has been very well received and analysis of our PD evaluations show positive results in all four areas: Planning, Usefulness, Recommendation to Others and Overall Satisfaction.
- Guiding principals with the administration of universal screeners and the use of the data yielded by those assessments
- Collaborating with community stakeholders to increase opportunities for students

FACILITIES

- Work with heating/cooling upgrades continue at JFK Campus.
- Outlining a plan to replace heating/cooling controls at Discovery.
- Districtwide prepping of equipment in anticipation of potential storm.

FINANCE

- On 12/20/17, the State announced a severe reduction in the 2017-18 State Priority grant appropriations, resulting in a total loss of \$994,027 to Bridgeport. In response, we have developed an action plan to close the Priority grant budget gap. This plan encompasses: elimination of one clerical position, elimination and/or reductions in various programs, and transfer of positions or services from the Priority grant to the operating budget. In the case of movement to the operating budget, the outcome will be a new deficit condition (approximately \$275,000) that we are striving to resolve through a combination of cost-saving measures and capture of anticipated accruals.

2017-18 PRIORITY GRANT REDUCTION

Grant	2016-17	2017-18	Change	% Change
ESH	393,383	360,301	(33,082)	-8.4%
Summer	456,187	419,894	(36,293)	-8.0%
Main	5,784,353	4,859,701	(924,652)	-16.0%
TOTAL	6,633,923	5,639,896	(994,027)	-15.0%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The status of the 2017-18 budget remains precarious, in light of continued uncertainty around the magnet school, special education excess cost, and Aquaculture grants, as well as the recurring risk factors (e.g., special education, utilities, legal services). • Deficit Prevention Mode continues, as a strategic element of effective fiscal management. This mode encompasses a Hiring Freeze, continuation of stringent position control, intensive review of procurement actions, and rigid enforcement of cost management practices. The goal is to generate monetary savings to help reduce the projected deficit. • In regard to the 2018-19 budget development process, an initial budget request will be discussed with the Finance Committee and presented to the BOE in January.
<p>HUMAN RESOURCES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Evaluation Mediator/Team Facilitator spoke at the State Board of Education, January 3, 2018 in Hartford regarding the state's de-funding of the TEAM program, and planned to emphasize the unforeseen fiscal challenge this decision has presented and the unfair cost burden to urban districts who support the vast majority of new faculty in the state. • The Pajama Program continues to yield positive results. Booth Hill Elementary School in Trumbull donated 30 pair of brand new Pajamas with new books through our Pajama Program. There were also 22 book bags donated by the West Side NRZ through the Adopt A Class program. These were designated to Roosevelt School in Bridgeport during the holiday school break.
<p>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Technology Services has been busy over the December break performing significant core infrastructure upgrades for the District. After working in partnership with all of the schools in the District, we have successfully deployed our new BlackBoard web presence on our new website domain www.bridgeportedu.net, which is the first phase of the project. This new site provides significant feature and service enhancements over our previously homegrown website. This new site significantly enhances accessibility features for those with disabilities by adhering to the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0). ITS is in the process of migrating all organizational and departmental site content into this platform with intentions of completion this entirely within the next few months. As part of ITS's continued commitment to network and data security, we have deployed an entirely new wireless guest network and a new encrypted network for students, faculty and staff. This will provide a vastly improved Internet connection using HotSpot 2.0 for those using our services. Users with personally owned devices are now provided a significantly more protected level of access from malicious and unapproved content using our newly acquired Untangle firewall service. ITS completed planned downtime and services maintenance to replace our mission critical switching hardware that had failed and now has restored our fully redundant services. Finally, ITS has completed an intensive inventory process of all the District owned devices that are accessible by the network and have been documented through the acquisition process. Together all the data has been aggregated to provide a comprehensive database of all the devices that are known at this time. The next stage of the process will involve a physical inventory of these devices which is already underway and will ultimately result in every device being tagged and managed with District barcodes for tracking purposes.
<p>NUTRITION</p>	
<p>SPECIAL EDUCATION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLC welcomed Santa Claus to Tesiny Ave on December 22. Seventy-eight students received huge sacks of gifts donated in part by the CEA Holiday Bears program, along with supplemental gifts from Toys for Hospital Tots, Rehabilitation Associates of Milford, and the CT State Troopers. • Staff at BLC are in the planning phase with Information Technology Services to create a desktop computer lab for the students. Twelve desktop computers will be set up at Sheridan to allow for small group technology instruction.

SVA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading Enrichment volunteers read books aloud to classrooms weekly, bi-weekly or monthly throughout the school year. The School Volunteer Association provides one book a month for the volunteers to read and donate to the classroom libraries. The School Volunteer Office is in the process of sending packets of books to the volunteers for the remainder of the year. Currently, 530 volunteers read aloud in the elementary schools. Additionally, the office is planning special read alouds for groups such as members of Temple Israel in Westport and employees of Prime Line.
SUPERINTENDENT'S SUMMARY	<p style="text-align: right;">www.febps.org</p>

School	Date of Visit
Aquaculture	
Barnum	10/04/17
Bassick	10/02/17
Batalla	10/10/17
Beardsley	10/18/17
Black Rock	10/23/17
Blackham	10/24/17
*BLC	09/01/17
BMA	10/17/17
Bryant	11/17/17
Central	10/12/17
CSMA	11/08/17
Claytor	11/03/17

Columbus	09/25/17
Cross	10/06/17
Curiale	11/14/17
Discovery	11/9/17
Dunbar	12/6/17
Edison	12/7/17
FCW: Aero	10/30/17
FCW: IT	12/18/17
FCW: Zoo	11/01/17
Hall	11/27/17
Hallen	11/20/17
Harding	11/20/17
HHM	11/06/07
Hooker	11/29/17

Johnson	12/08/17
Madison	12/12/17
Marin	09/22/17
MCM	11/06/17
PCM	11/8/17
Read	12/15/17
Roosevelt	12/11/17
*Skane	08/31/17
Tisdale	10/27/17
Waltersville	10/04/17
Winthrop	11/30/17
*Detention Center	08/21/17
*University School	10/17/17
Adult Education	

Students that arrived from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands – Distributed in 11 schools

School	Quantity
Barnum	5
Bassick	5
Batalla	47
Central	6
Columbus	7
Harding	22
Johnson	1
Marin	74
Roosevelt	3
Tisdale	1
Waltersville	2
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