

High School Principal's Report to the School Board
December 17, 2017

1. The end of the semester is December 22. Students will take two days of finals as they have in the past. The opt out rules have changed as students may only opt out of 2 exams and 1 exam if they met the Iowa assessment goal set last spring. Exams will be during extended testing times.
2. All students are signed up for J-term classes and "skinnys". Teachers will use January 2 to do final preparations for the 10 day J-term cycle. Look for lots of media coverage both on our in-school sites and from the Tribune. Exciting to be moving forward.
3. We will spend 2nd semester professional development developing our goals, missions and vision, and talking about what student-led classrooms really are as we continue our journey to Project Based Learning.
4. I was able to attend PRePARE training with a district group last month. As part of our next steps, we will be revising our crisis plan and amending as needed. We will be working with local law enforcement, fire, and emergency management for a joint effort. There are two more training days set for us to work on what will always be a working document.
5. I was also able to attend a morning of classes last month with the Genius Hour class from our ag department. While I visited a leadership driven course, students visited the therapy dog and consulted with the ag teacher at Howard Winn on projects they would like to launch in New Hampton. It is great to see some of our IBN and PBL work in motion in classrooms as students and staff take risks to try new things.

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