

High School Principal's Report to the School Board

1. First, I apologize for not being at the meeting tonight-- we have basketball games going on in the district tonight. Please come down to the gym if you are not going to the middle school concert this evening.
2. The end of the semester is January 7th. Students will return for two days of classes after Winter Break and then take three days of finals as they have done in the past. We will be working on those students who can opt out with 90% achievement, less than 3 absences, and no major behavior incidents, and they will be informed upon return from break. Exams will be during extended testing time.
3. The second semester schedule is complete and the guidance department has been working on balancing schedules. We continue to work with students to utilize their time in the best manner including concurrent classes, CTE courses, and advanced core work.
4. Our reading initiative is making progress. We have learned that the use of incentives does drive the performance of our students. Each grade level has set up rewards for individual students, homerooms, and grade levels. I will be sharing more data with you next month.
5. What we have learned from the reading assessments is helping us prepare for the Iowa Assessments also. Beginning with the juniors, I will be meeting with each student to goal set and talk about incentives starting in January.
6. The high school standards based learning team has begun working on a long term plan for implementing standards based learning at the high school level. Bev Berns from AEA 1 will be leading. Look for further information on our progress beginning January.

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