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HS Principal Report to the Board

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1. 17 students were inducted into the National Honor Society last week in the middle school auditorium. Thanks to all that attended-- it is a great honor for our kids!
2. Parent teacher conferences are on the horizon. All conferences will be scheduled online this year and instructions have been given to parents to do so.
3. We took a group of student leaders to the Ed Thomas Leadership Academy last week in Parkersburg. This is a springboard to the NEIC Conference Student Leadership group which has their first session at the CWC next week. All conference schools have been invited to bring 10 kids and will be hearing Jim Miller, Wartburg wrestling coach, and our own Nick Hemann and Ryan Rausch speak. The goal is to build leadership capacity among youth in the conference, encourage service, and foster relationships across school boundaries.
4. We had our first Business Back to School Day last week with 4 business partners attending. Mr. Jurrens shared some feedback from that visit with you. We will continue this process in the spring for a day also. The goal is to continue to improve what we are doing in classrooms to better fit what employers are asking employees to do in local industry and business and continue to build opportunities for our students in the New Hampton area.
5. Student are at National FFA convention this week. Michael Tupper, a 2012 grad, is running for national president. Stay tuned to see how he does!
6. We are halfway through our work with the FISH philosophy. This week we will be tackling Make Their Day. The best part of this PD has been the work our own staff has done in leading it. Many have commented that this has been some of the most meaningful PD for them because of the connections they have made with each other and the presenters. After the FISH philosophy, we will move on to two sessions on personality inventories to gauge how we work together and with others to help students be successful.