

BOARD BRIEFS

Dr. Allen Bourff, Superintendent

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Student Health Services

For the month of August, the Board is highlighting Student Health Services, in which Ms. Barb Bergdoll prepared a presentation. Data discussed include:

Top five health issues rated by Indiana School Nurses:

1. Asthma
2. Severe Allergies
3. Diabetes- Type 1
4. Seizures/injuries
5. Poverty

Nurses provide continued support with student treatment, immunizations, Section 504, staff training, and parent resources.

Total number of different medication for students in Indiana Schools: 141,159

Accountability Measures Work Session

This work session focused on accountability measures, test data, analysis of data, and how to overcome barriers to achievements. Those barriers are investigated and addressed. They include ineffective instruction, behavior, interruptions to instruction, and student engagement. Other items of discussion include how test results should be used to help students learn, identify needs in curriculum and instruction, and data trends. Looking ahead there will be new standards, high-stakes assessments, curriculum maps, and formative assessments, however, the same goal remains— **high achievement for all our students.**

First Week Back to School!



Richmond Community Schools welcomed students back to school on Wednesday, August 6, 2014. The Board would like to thank all students, parents, teachers, and staff for their efforts in preparing for the new year.

Energy Management Project Update

Mr. Rob Tidrow and Mr. Ron Maze provided an Energy Management Project update. Three key practices are being implemented, while ensuring safe facilities and an unaffected educational environment.

- Encourage behavior changes
- Consider infrastructure upgrades
- Update procedures and monitor controls

Phase I is now underway, which includes reducing usage of lights in unoccupied areas, reviewed operation of exhaust fans, HVAC units, air control, and evaluation of the Environmental Services habits.

Strategic Plan

This document has been underway since the Board set their goals. It includes baseline data for objectives of each goal. Next steps include working with Principals and Cabinet members to complete their strategies.

School Board Candidacy

For those interested in School Board Candidacy, more information can be found at the [Indiana School Boards Association](http://www.indianaschoolboards.org) website. The last day to file a petition is August 22, 2014.