

## Winter State of the Schools Address

Dear NB Families,

It is winter time at NB and with students and staff returning for the start of second semester we found ourselves busier than ever. At this time of year, we are already planning for the next year, focusing on student achievement for this year and of course looking at ways to make NB the best district around.

In the past few months we have asked for your input regarding the possibility of a 4-day school week at NB, and we thank you for each comment and conversation we have had. We know and understand the differing opinions on this topic so I wanted to take this time to speak about this personally. Change is difficult, the unknown is daunting, but I want each and every one of you to know that this is not a decision we take lightly and your child's education will always be number one to us. I can honestly say that I see the good and the wearisome concepts in this potential move. Please know that your child, grandchild, niece, nephew... is the reason we do what we do each day and regardless of how many days we go to school in the years to come, giving them the best education, opportunities and support will always be our first priority.

This year we will say goodbye to six members of our staff who we have chosen to end their career with us, and we are honored to have had them on staff. Some have been with us just for a short time and others for many years, regardless each leaves big shoes to fill. We have already started this process with openings and interviews to obtain the most qualified individuals. Please help us say goodbye to six friends and later this winter/spring hello to six new faces.

As always, my door is open to each and every one of you. Stop in and see the great things we are doing at NB.

Sincerely,

*Sarah Wisdom  
Superintendent  
New Bloomfield R-III Schools*