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Superintendent's Report

August 15, 2013 – Board of Education Meeting

1. Steve Todd and I met with the steering committee of the St. Lawrence University Annual North Country Burt Symposium on July 16th. They are planning a fall event, again focusing on education, as a follow to the spring session.
2. I would like to thank Steve and others for their role in supporting the Constructivist Conference from July 15-19, 2013 at St. Lawrence University. The number of teams from the SLLBOCES region doubled and many teams were working on Common Core and DDI initiatives and projects.
3. We held our annual Administrators' Retreat on Friday, July 19th at Rachelle Romoda's camp on Higley Flow. I will share the outcomes with the board soon; there were many stimulating sessions and ideas.
4. A final Joint Study Council meeting for 2012-13 was held on Thursday, July 25th at The Club in Canton. We had another productive and successful year and resolved many issues. Thanks to the reps from the Teachers' Association for their time and collaborative approach.
5. Steve and I met with new Dean Val Lehr of the Education Department, and Lisa Cania, Vice-President Community & Employee Relations from St. Lawrence University to discuss the future of the Education Leadership Program on Friday, July 26th.
6. The quarterly health insurance meeting was held at the ESC on July 31st.
7. Several conference calls have occurred with SED staff to begin ramping up for the start of the 2013-14 school year, the second round of APPR submissions, and rolling out the Common Core standards and DDI in the wake of the release of school district test scores on August 7th.
8. District Superintendent meetings – August 5-6 at Questar III BOCES in Albany.
9. Superintendent's annual conference at Minnowbrook Conference Center in Blue Mountain Lake, August 7-9.
10. Steve Todd and I attended the SLU Annual Burt Symposium Steering Committee Meeting on August 13th from 4-6 pm at SLU. We are very involved in planning a Fall mini-symposium, which will be a follow-up to the spring symposium which was focused on K-12 education.
11. Will be attending a meeting with the Governor's Education staff on Monday, August 26th at the Capitol.