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HIGHLIGHTS/NOTES FROM THE ELEMENTARY:

Student Achievement and Well Being, Students Feel they Belong and are Supported

- Staff are reviewing data, prepping semester grades and working on information to share with parents in our early February Conferences (Feb 5 evening and Feb 6 during the day). Winter assessments for Fastbridge (our district assessment) will open next week, and we'll be able to analyze some trend data for student achievement.
- Plans are in the works for kindergarten registration. Dates have been finalized and communication will be shared with families of "rising kindergarteners" the week of January 12. Our kindergarten event is scheduled for February 9 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Humphrey Elementary. (Back up date for any weather concerns is Tuesday, February 17). Initial census numbers are promising with a more "typical" class enrollment anticipated for the fall. I will update following our registration event!

Effective Resource Management

- Title Programs- grants have been amended and submitted for MDE review. Amendments are a natural progression of the year with certain requirements needed at different times for compliance. Thank you to Megan for the partnership and financial insight in this last submission. (As an aside, our next Title Advisory Meeting will be held January 13 virtually- if board representation has changed, please let me know so you can be included in the communication)

Family Partnership and Community Engagement

- Lakers PTA continues to be an active part of our school communities with events and classroom support. Likewise, The HLWW communities' Lions groups have also been supportive financially, with the most recent donation being targeted to Winsted Elementary's Talk.Read.Play initiative.

Staff Development and Support

- Teaching staff met for brief PD on the 1st quarter work day, focused around Standard Response Protocols and Increasing Rigor in our Classrooms. Staff were engaged and are working on ways to expand our skill competence into application.
- Rounding conversations continue to be productive and worthwhile. Connections and acknowledgements have been well received as well.
- Paraprofessional training specific to Read Act requirements-the second of four sessions is set for the week of January 19.
- Curriculum review for ELA continues with our first vendor presentation today (January 12). The work has been productive and collaborative.