

Homedale High School Principal Report

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To: Board of Trustees, and Rob Sauer, Superintendent

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Re: Board Report

Homecoming at Homedale High School

Homecoming at Homedale High this year was a huge success. The sports competitions, class competitions, games, parade and dance all went well. The students, staff, parents, and the community made Homecoming this year great. Thank You.

AdvancEd Accreditation External Review Scheduled for February 24th & 25th

Homedale High School will have a team of six administrators from surrounding school districts come as an external review team to review the HS with AdvancED on February 24th and 25th.

AdvancED Standards for Quality Schools are:

Standard 1: Purpose and Direction

Standard 2: Governance and Leadership

Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning

Standard 4: Resources and Support Systems

Standard 5: Using Results for Continuous Improvement

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Homedale High School D & F List Comparison for Quarter 1 2013 and Quarter 1 2014

The HS this year adopted a late assignment policy school wide this year. All assignments are accepted till the end of each quarter for full credit. Instead of losing credit for an assignment, students lose social time. We are also doing grade checks on all students weekly and daily, as

well as checking students on the D and F list daily. Our advisory teachers are also talking to the students daily in their 4th period advisory classes concerning missing assignments. Our goal this year is to reduce the number of D's and F's students are receiving, but do this without decreasing rigor. I believe the results of the data listed below show that this is happening at the HS.

Quarter 1/ 2013 Total Enrollment :346				
Grade/ # of students	9th= 77	10th= 103	11th= 92	12th= 74
Students w/ D's & F's	38	45	29	11
Total # of D's & F's	90	101	55	17
% of students w/ D's & F's	49%	44%	32%	15%
-	-	-	-	-
Students w/ F's	22	18	12	1
Total # of F's	53	43	17	1
% of students w/ F's	29%	17%	13%	1%
Quarter 1/ 2014 Total Enrollment :350				
Grade/ # of students	9th= 94	10th= 67	11th= 100	12th= 89
Students w/ D's & F's	21	18	11	16
Total # of D's & F's	36	24	17	25
% of students w/ D's & F's	22%	27%	11%	18%
-	-	-	-	-
Students w/ F's	7	5	5	3
Total # of F's	9	6	5	4
% of students w/ F's	7%	7%	5%	3%
Quarter 1-2013/2014 comparison of %				
-	9th	10th	11th	12th
D's and F's	↓ 27%	↓ 17%	↓ 21%	↑ 3%
F's	↓ 22%	↓ 10%	↓ 8%	↑ 2%

Quarter 1-2013 to 2014 Same Class Comparison (F's)						
Class	Class of 2017		Class of 2016		Class of 2015	
Grades	9th grade	10th grade	10th grade	11th grade	11th grade	12th grade
# of F's	53	6	43	5	17	4
# of Students with F's	22	5	18	5	12	3
Quarter 1-2013 to 2014 Same Class Comparison (D's & F's)						
Class	Class of 2017		Class of 2016		Class of 2015	
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Go On Grant 2014-2015

The Albertson's foundation has awarded another \$40,000 dollars to Homedale High School this year through the Go ON grant. Debbie Flaming will be the coordinator over the Go On grant again this year. Debbie and her Go On team have put together an incredible agenda of programs and innovative ideas that she and her team will make happen at Homedale High School this school year. I have included the Go On Vision for Homedale High School below:

At Homedale High School, we have been inspired by the dual credit program at New Plymouth and would like to pursue donors from the community and utilize state programs such as 8 in 6 and Fast Forward, the CACG grant and dual credit scholarships offered by the colleges and universities. Also we would like to support the teachers at the high school who are becoming dual credit instructors. We are working with our district data director to track dual credit classes more efficient and effectively. With the Go On grant, our vision is to lead the way in providing innovative learning opportunities for students; academic excellence and high expectations for all students by providing support, resources, training and technology.

1. Homedale High School will track ACT benchmark scores as well as PSAT, SAT and Compass Scores. We have the Gear Up program which offers support for the ACT.
2. Homedale High School will track students have completed a job shadow. During the past two years of our Go On sponsored senior project classes, we discovered that job

shadowing was one of the biggest impact areas for our students in their decisions about their post-secondary plans. We have built this component into all senior projects.

Basic Funding for Homedale High School includes the following:

- 1- Support College Application Week. (Make a Plan Week November 10-14)
- 2- Host a FAFSA completion event for both parents and students. (Get Ready Week February 9-13)
- 3- Support effective use of the Idaho Career Information System (CIS).
 - Training and planning time
 - Purchase of C.I.S.
- 4- Support effective use of student Go On Ambassadors. Promote monthly Go On activities
 - Provide mentoring/leadership training for Go On Ambassadors.
 - Freshmen paired with Go On Ambassador/mentor) Monthly Activities:
- 5- Pay for juniors to attend the college fair.
 - (National College Fair in Boise)
- 6- Pay for juniors and seniors to make college visits. (Transportation)
- 7- *Promote the 4 Go On Weeks.* (Promotion/ Swag/ Guest Speakers)

Homedale High School Go On Weeks:

- Aim High Oct 27-31, 2014
 - Host post-secondary preparation trainings for parents and students.
 - Make a Plan November 10-14, 2014
 - Host college application night
 - Get Ready February 9-13, 2015
 - Host FAFSA support events
 - Go On April 13-17, 2015
 - Host test prep workshops
- 8- Collect accurate data on key data indicators.
 - Pay stipends for teacher training and professional development in how to effectively use the data such as the National Student Clearinghouse reports.
 - Providing a data training workshop for staff.

Go On: Senior Project Instructor

- Develop and enhance senior project curriculum so that college and career planning is the focus.
- Promote ACT preparation and registration for seniors in the fall insuring all seniors who receive a fee waiver for the ACT and take advantage of the opportunity to take the test a second time to improve score and increase college admission probability.

- Promote community senior project awareness campaign.
- Promote community senior project support through scholarship fund.

Academic Support: Curriculum and Technology

- Pay stipends for curriculum writing to integrate college and career preparation into academic courses as well as the senior project class.
- Purchase academic support resources and materials for teachers promoting college and career readiness and professional technical education.

Sources of Strength coming to Homedale High School on Oct 23rd and November 7th

Sources of Strength is a best practice youth suicide prevention project that utilizes the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture and ultimately prevent suicide, bullying and substance abuse. The program is designed to prevent suicide by increasing help seeking behaviors and connections between peers and caring adults with a focus on Hope, Help, and Strength. Sources of Strength takes a different approach in youth suicide prevention by moving beyond a singular focus on risk factors through building multiple sources of support around young individuals so that when times get hard they have strengths to rely on.

Sources of Strength Core Principals:

- Train both peer leaders and adults – one without the other lacks prevention power
- Use peer leaders to break down codes of silence and increase peer help seeking
- Core emphasis on strengths that move beyond a singular focus on risk and suicide warnings
- Multiple sources of support are encouraged – including but moving beyond a singular focus on mental health referrals
- Hope, Help, and Strength messages delivered by peer leaders using local faces and voices

On October 23rd Bethany Updike, Cameron Wiemerslage, Casey Grove, Janee Brumfield, Jennifer Levinski, Karla Haylett, Katy Belanger, Lisa Isla, Matt Holtry, Becky Emery will participate in a four hour training during the morning and then during the afternoon will join 25 students and be trained together for another four hours.

On Friday Nov. 7th Sources of Strength will come to Homedale High School and will train the entire HS staff for 90 minutes.

Homedale High School will participate in the Strive Program for the 2014-15 School Year

Our school was selected to pilot the Strive program for the Albertson's Foundation during the 2013-14 school year. Because of this we have plans to offer the program to HHS students for the new school year.

How Does Strive Work?

Homedale High School students are paired up with a Boise State University honor students. The college student then serves as a mentor to the high school senior or junior to help them walk through the challenging process of preparing for college. Due to Homedale's remote location, the students meet via I-Pads or I-Phones supervised by high school teachers during specific times each week. Participating high school students had the opportunity to meet for organized activities three times during the fall semester at Boise State University. In the fall semester, seniors participated in the program. During the spring semester, juniors participated in the program. Two visits were planned and the mentors and mentees had the opportunity to get together. The high school students were given a tour of the Boise State University campus.

Strive students will be traveling to BSU on **October 11th** to get matched up with their mentors and receive training for the STRIVE experience.

Gear Up Coordinator & Senior Project Instructor

Janee Brumfield will again be the coordinator over the Gear Up grant and will also be the instructor for our senior project classes. Gear up pays for and organizes college visitations for our students to TVCC, WSI, College of Idaho, Northwest Nazarene University and Boise State University. Janee Brumfield and Debbie Flaming sometimes combine the Gear Up grant and the Go On grant when they are doing projects for the HS, they work as a collaborative team to make a positive difference at Homedale High School.

Homedale High School Student Council

On October 13th, Six ASB officers, Mr. Weimerslage, and I will be attending the Idaho Student Council Conference at the Nampa Civic Center. The goal will be to come back from this conference with more direction and ideas to help improve the overall leadership experience and involvement of the Homedale High School student council.

Homedale High School SRO

The Partnership between Homedale City Police Department and Homedale High School has been great this school year. Mike McFetridge has assisted the HS in Fire Drills, as well as a

Drug Dog walk thru on September 24th, which turned up no drugs or drug paraphernalia. Officer McFetridge has also assisted in many behavior issues at the HS, having officer McFetridge at the HS has made a very positive difference.

9/11 and Veterans Day Assembly

Bailey Adams, a senior at Homedale High School this year is doing her senior project around September 11th and Veterans Day. She organized activities, lessons, put up flags around the school, and created a bulletin board to make students and staff aware of what happened in the United States on September 11, 2001. She is also organizing the assembly for Veteran Day this November 11th. She is doing a fantastic job and will make these two events very memorable at Homedale high School.

October 11th Strive BSU

October 13th Student Council Conference

October 15th PSAT Test

October 23rd Sources of Strength Training for students and staff

October 25th ACT Test at Homedale High School

October 17th Tall Cop Presentation Scheduled at the Homedale High School Gym

October 28th TVCC Idaho Oregon Border College Fair for all 9th graders

October 29th Gear UP/Cool Speak Assembly Scheduled for all 9th and 10th grader

October 29th National College Fair for all 11th graders at Western Idaho Fair Grounds

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