

## Superintendent Report for Board Meeting March 27, 2017

State testing is moving forward. Most buildings started this week. As I have stated earlier, the state testing has been reduced by 60% from a year ago. This was one of the commissioners goals to make sure we test what is important. Reading, and math, are the main two areas the state is covering for testing this year. These tests are also smaller than before. They will have less questions and students will only need to test over two days on each area. I'm not saying the tests will be any easier, but just have less questions. I'm excited to see how our students perform. Once the scores are in, the minor adjustments will need to be made in our instruction for better performance in our students on these tests as well as our fall testing.

Spring activities have begun. The first competition will come the week after spring break. The spring activities schedule always is crowded with something happening. Please look at our website for calendar updates as the spring moves forward.

The new school year planning always begins about this time. The office staff is busy with enrollment for next year. These enrollment times drive the class schedules at all buildings. It gets very busy in the buildings trying to keep up with students and scheduling.

As the state moves forward with the Kansas Can Initiative, there will need to be trainings. There will also be an opportunity for us as educators to be trained to help our district out as well as other districts. Those trainings begin next week in the state. I am excited to be part of this training. Hopefully I can use some of the ideas I learn in our district.