

# **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION November 19, 2012**

## **OSBA STATE CONFERENCE**

It was great seeing many of you at the OSBA conference. As usual, it was an excellent conference with outstanding exhibits. We look forward to any input from the Board members about the conference.

I also would like to thank Howard Koons, Doug Theaker and Mary Jean Theaker for attending the OACTS Superintendents' Breakfast.

## **VETERAN'S DAY RECOGNITION**

Our Social Studies Department and several programs did an excellent job remembering our veterans the week of Veterans Day, including our Media Communications Program who made 11x17 cardstock calendars for the local vets and 15x26 laminated poster calendars for the veteran organizations. They distributed over 1,500 calendars. They also gave tribute to our veterans on PNN.

Our staff is to be commended for helping our students remember the sacrifices that our veterans have endured for our freedom. Please see a special update compiled by Dena Kirby for details about the activities that our staff and students prepared for this special day.

## **MARION TECHNICAL COLLEGE COURSE**

We are asking the Board to approve a Post-Secondary Education Option (PSEO) course, HealthCare Issues: Patient Education that students in Exercise Science/Sports Medicine, Health Assistant and Medical Technologies will have the opportunity to take starting January 7, 2012. This course is a one (1) semester hour online course being offered by Marion Technical College. The students will be using IPAD's and laptops to take the course as part as their lab period. This is a form of Blended Learning at its best.

## **PROGRAMS FOR NEXT YEAR**

Our Student Services Department has begun to go into the High Schools to talk to sophomores about attending Pioneer next year. Next year, we will be offering

a few new programs. We are working with North Central State College to offer the High School of Business Class as a College Now, Business Management program. This program will be like the College Now, Engineering program where students graduate with a High School Diploma and an Associate Degree.

We are currently working with the Masonry Industry to re-build the Masonry program. They will be helping us develop a new curriculum and recruit for the 2013-2014 school year.

We also will be offering an Industrial Electricity Technologies program so we can prepare students for jobs in the Maintenance Industry and Shale Industry. This program will take the place of the Electricity/Alternative Energy program that was approved last year. The Industrial Electricity Technologies program is a broader curriculum with more job opportunities for our students. We will have the curriculums available for your approval at a later board meeting.

### **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Our Annual Holiday Open House will be Tuesday, December 18, from 7:30 am – 9:30 am in the Pioneer Room. We hope you will be able to join us for some holiday cheer!

### **DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

As a Holiday thank you to our Board members, we would like to invite you to a Holiday Dinner in the Pioneer Room at 5:30 pm on December 17, 2012. Our Board meeting will be held in the Board Office Conference room immediately following the dinner.

### **PERSONNEL**

All personnel issues are common for this time of year.