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Report to the School Board
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We had a busy end-of-the-year. Our high school trip to Montreal went off with out any difficulties. Members of the French IV class and their parents stayed the night Montreal and that was very successful also.

Our Middle School students enjoyed an afternoon at Gendron's Pond the same day our HS was in Montreal. They had a good time.

We had our students help clean our school the last days to help our maintenance crew get ready to do a "deep clean" this summer.

I have asked that all doors, some walls, and some classrooms be painted.

I have asked that we try to drop the ceiling in the elementary boy's bathroom to make it echo less (therefore making it less scary).

My request to teachers to clean their classrooms was fairly successful. There are some classrooms that I feel still need considerable TLC. I will have those teachers come back in before school starts to get this done.

Tim and I went through both the elementary and high school and made a "punch list" of necessary repairs.

This year I asked that all toilet stalls have doors and Tim D. made sure that happened.

I have asked that next year we have an emphasis placed on door knobs, windows, toilets and corners.

I wrote a **Fresh Fruit and Veggies grant** for the Dept. of Ed. and we received it!! It was written for \$6,000 and we got the full request. This money will pay for the veggies and fruit, the administration of the grant, the person preparing the food and the materials needed to serve the fruit.

Andy and I have worked with Holly W. and Betty Hughes to hammer out a few details on our block schedule for next year. Andy and I will try to finish this up –hopefully with Betty's help even though she is no longer working for us.

Andy and I have a few ideas for coverage of Betty's position as we work toward replacing her.

We have a very active Summer School Program. Students are being served through both Special Education and the 21st Century Program. We have around 15-20 students receiving services.

We also have a great Summer Program for students offered through the 21st Century Program that dovetails with the Rochester Recreation Program. We serve lunch (cooked and delivered from Bethel School). As part of this 21st Century Program, I authorized the use of our bus to transport students to Killington this week. The 21st C program will pay for the gas, use of our bus, and the bus driver.

We are nearly ready to "Blast Off" our PBS program. Chris Bretschneider, Betty Hughes, Amy Braun and I spent the week after school was out at the Killington Grand Hotel with 200+ educators from throughout the state at the Dept of Ed.'s BEST conference planning our school's PBS Program. Amy Braun is our school's coordinator, and we will be presenting a detailed overview for the school board, hopefully in August.

We had difficulties (again)with our grades –I am determined to not have this happen next year- I'm not sure yet how to do that – maybe we will use Mr. Gallo's BEAMS program – or have him trained in the program that we currently don't use well.

The Administrative Council will be at our Retreat next week on Monday and Tuesday. We have a full agenda and will hopefully come back with great ideas.

I never got to tell you all that I appreciate you offering me the position of Rochester's Principal. I thank you for the opportunity and look forward to making our school the absolute best it can be.