

Good Morning,

Let's hope the roads melt off and we can avoid some of the freezing rain and weather this week. I will keep you posted on any changes but let's hope for the best. It has been a challenging few weeks with winter weather for sure.

This week's schedule is here: [January 22nd Weekly Schedule](#)

Several School Board Members and I were able to attend the Wisconsin Education Convention in Milwaukee last week. It was a great opportunity to hear some amazing speakers. We were able to hear Sean Covey and John Quinones along with others but I wanted to share some of what we were able to hear. John Quinones grew up in San Antonio, TX and spent his childhood without a lot of money. He also didn't speak any English until he started school as a 1st grader. He had to attend school without understanding English and learn as he went. John and his family worked very hard to make ends meet. He even worked while traveling on a bus with his family to pick cherries in Michigan and tomatoes in Ohio. He then overcame many odds to end up attending college, graduate school, and then eventually made his way to ABC news where he has done a lot of very dangerous reporting around the US and South America. He then worked for Primetime 20/20 and now has his own show, "What Would You Do?" The reason that I am sharing this is that at least in my mind, he is the example of the American Dream. He worked very hard and overcame many obstacles that could have prevented him from doing the great work that he is doing today. He has made a difference in the world with his reporting and this is due to his persistence to grow and learn. I believe this applies in every field and in every occupation. We all have different circumstances but it reminds me that each student we have can all be successful and truly reach any goal that they set forth. Hard work, dedication, and commitment can make that happen. It also should remind us to be thankful for what we do have and remember to help others out whenever we can. We were fortunate to run into John Quinones after he spoke and we were able to chat with him for 5-10 minutes and it was great to see that he is truly a genuinely nice person and not just a famous person using his status. When I think about things that are happening at Belmont Community Schools, I also am proud that I see our staff challenging each of our students to set goals, work harder, and make continual improvement as students but also as people.

We also attended some sessions on referendums and the various types of referendums. The School Board will be meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss some important topics including the future budget challenges, building needs, and marketing our district. I will continue to push out information as we have it and do my best to keep you updated.

Have a great week and be safe on the roads!

Sincerely,

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