

November Profile Principal's Report

In less than a year, Profile School's Special Education Department has received clearance from the NH Department of Education and are compliant with federal state regulations. Previously, Profile was found to be non-compliant in several areas. The initial meeting of our mandatory compliance and monitoring review happened in November of 2017 and Profile was in violation of federal and state mandates, necessitating that new Special Education Coordinator Nancy Bartlett, Profile Administration, and faculty and staff address deficiencies. Ms. Bartlett worked tirelessly along with our other special education staff to bring Profile into complete compliance. While these changes were, at times, uncomfortable and stressful, they were essential in 'righting the ship' and moving the special education department and school in the right direction. At the same time Profile underwent an Indicator 13 verification from the DOE. Profile was initially 0% compliant, thorough hard work and IEP updates we are now 100% compliant. Thanks to the special education department for all of their hard work.

On October 5th the Profile staff headed to Berlin Middle School for a presentation from Lynn Lyons, LICSW. The presentation titled Interrupting the Worry Cycle: Advanced Strategies for Managing Anxiety was well received by the 500+ north country educators in attendance. This program lended itself nicely to the "Whole Child" professional development Profile has been seeking this year. Teachers were given excellent strategies and resources that will serve the school in better educating and reaching the our students and community.

In early October, Jill Brewer took a group of juniors and seniors to the annual UNH college fair. There were over 200 college and universities represented at the event in the field house. Students from all over the state joined more than 30 Profile students as they were able to ask question and get information from the many college representatives.

Profile's Varsity Soccer teams both made it into the playoffs and were ranked high enough to host the first round games of the 2018 season. The boys team fell to Wilton in the preliminary round in a hard fought game played in the rain. The girls varsity team advanced through the preliminary round by beating Lin-Wood but fell to Woodsville in the Quarterfinal game. Congratulations to both squads on excellent seasons.

The guidance department brought in Robert Hackenson to present to students during the day and parents at night a program call "Seeing through the Smoke". Mr. Hackenson was energetic in his presentation on serious topics that dealt with substance abuse and "juuling". The students responded positively to his presentation.

Follow-up Items:

- Climate and Culture Committee first meeting complete. Students have been selected.
- Administration has the paraprofessional C.V.(s) available--upon request--
- Assistant Principal met with Resource Officer to discuss anti-bullying strategies, communication strategies to clarify the actual definition of bullying and harassment, and DARE
- Administration met to discuss website and spoke with Dr. Lepine about strategies to maximize its potential

Upcoming Events:

- 11/17 All-State Auditions
- 11/21 Early Release (11:40)
- 11/22-23 Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/13 Winter Concert