

NORTH STONINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Different Strategies for Better Outcomes

The North Stonington Public Schools has a district goal - Design, document and implement innovative instructional opportunities that empower each learner. We are striving to use the most effective teaching methods in every classroom to achieve increased learning and motivation for every student. This has been the major focus for professional development this school year. To be successful, we must stay up-to-date and implement different teaching strategies.

Examples include:

- Teaching reading using the three senses of hearing, seeing, and touch simultaneously based on the science of reading
- Empowering students to prepare and conduct debates in Spanish on current issues
- Using research and computer skills to create weather maps
- Desmos Math, which allows students to quickly share and respond to each other's thinking
- March Madness: Battle of the Books to cultivate motivation for reading
- Project based learning including a Wax Museum, Invention Convention, and Water Studies
- "Stack the States" Digital United States geography exploration
- Reviewing "ways of thinking" (curiosity, growth mindset, planning, etc.) before a new unit

And if you want to have better outcomes in your personal life, your family life, then you must commit to doing something differently. How can you be innovative? Here are a few possibilities:

- Sign up for a workshop or class that interests you
- Establish a new, more time efficient morning routine
- Participate in a group exercise activity
- Plan a day trip to somewhere new
- Re-organize your closet, kitchen, garage, etc.
- Make time to figure out a new app on your device
- Research a topic of interest

The North Stonington Board of Education budget is also innovative, by thinking and doing things differently for better outcomes. The following areas are examples: special education reorganization, increasing athletic opportunities, and a shift to more in-house professional development. Please reach out to me with any comments or questions about the budget or anything else.

I am hosting "Conversations with the Superintendent" events on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at the central office, at 7:45 a.m., and 8:45 a.m. Of course, you can always schedule an appointment by contacting Irma Wilhelm, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at (860) 535-2800.

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Indoor Track Team - a new athletic opportunity!