



JANUARY 2024 BOARD REPORT

Cougars in the Community

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our Christmas family initiative! This season, FBLA took charge of wrapping all the gifts and went the extra mile by doing some additional shopping to ensure no gaps were left unfilled. The children's task force collected all the gifts and delivered them to the deserving family. The generosity and support have made a significant impact, spreading joy and warmth during the holiday season. Thank you for embodying the spirit of giving and making a positive difference in the lives of others.



Time to make the Donuts

We are excited to share the success of Donut Day, which celebrated our school's remarkable gains in average daily attendance. Compared to last year, we've seen an impressive 4% improvement. The event surpassed our expectations, bringing genuine joy and surprise to our students. Their expressions, filled with shock and happiness, reaffirmed the impact of such initiatives.

This occasion provided a unique chance to connect with our students and acknowledge their improved attendance. A student even exclaimed, "They do care about us!" We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in preparing the delicious donuts and warmly welcoming students with smiling faces in the halls. Your contributions were invaluable, making Donut Day a memorable and positive experience for our school community.



EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL MATTERS

I am pleased to report a notable 4% improvement in attendance rates from September to December. Currently, our attendance numbers are 90.4%, up from 82.6%. Our chronically absentee numbers are also down to 25.9% from 39.3%. Our Attendance Incentive Program, launched in November, engages students with perfect weekly attendance in a drawing for cafeteria rewards. This initiative has sparked enthusiasm and positively impacted overall attendance. As we move forward, we are committed to sustaining this momentum and appreciate the school board's support in fostering a culture of regular attendance.





BARR CONTINUES SUCCESS

I am delighted to highlight the exceptional accomplishments of our ninth-grade students at Mt. Blue. Their impressive academic performance, coupled with a strong display of respect, kindness, and cooperation, greatly contributes to our vibrant school community. Notably, the BARR program has played a pivotal role in nurturing their success and fostering a positive impact on their journey. I commend our freshmen for their outstanding work and anticipate their continued success and valuable contributions to our school community.

Great First Semester

Athletic Excellence: Our fall sports teams showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship, making us proud of their achievements on the field. The winter sports teams are now in action, and notably, the boy's basketball team is undefeated.

Academic Accomplishments: Kudos to our students for their dedication to learning setting a positive tone for the academic school year with their hard work and enthusiasm.

The Arts Shine: The fall play, held from November 2-4 captivated audiences, and our band, chorus, and orchestra concerts were well attended. Students performed beautifully.

TIER II WORK

In early December, I presented to the Ed Policy Committee explaining our strategic plan as a Tier II school. Mt Blue aims to enhance overall attendance by 3% by year-end, maintaining a minimum 90% daily attendance rate. The plan employs the BARR model for weekly meetings, clearly defines roles, and uses proactive communication. Implementation will be monitored through a state-approved tracking system. Stakeholders, including administrators, counselors, and teachers, will collaboratively address attendance issues. This strategic approach aligns with RSU 9's broader goals, fostering a positive learning environment, increased engagement, and improved academic performance. The goal is to achieve the 3% increase by year-end, ensuring a systematic and collaborative effort.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

A Big thank-you goes to Kirk and his crew, Chef Andy and company, and the administration for swiftly creating an emergency shelter for those affected by power outages due to the storm before Christmas.



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