

## State Report Cards

The State of Wisconsin is anticipating mid-November public release of the 2017 District and School Report Cards. In accordance with state law (Act 55), upon public release, Columbus School District will publish a class 1 notice of the report card accountability ratings of each school (public, charter, choice) within the school district's boundaries, will make each report card available on the district's website, and will simultaneously provide an updated list of educational options.

Unfortunately, while all five report cards will issue an overall score, the overall score will NOT represent an "apples-to-apples" comparison.

Columbus School District and Columbus Middle School report cards will include four priority areas. Report cards for Columbus Elementary School and Columbus High School incorporate three priority areas, and Discovery Charter School will have only two priority areas applied.

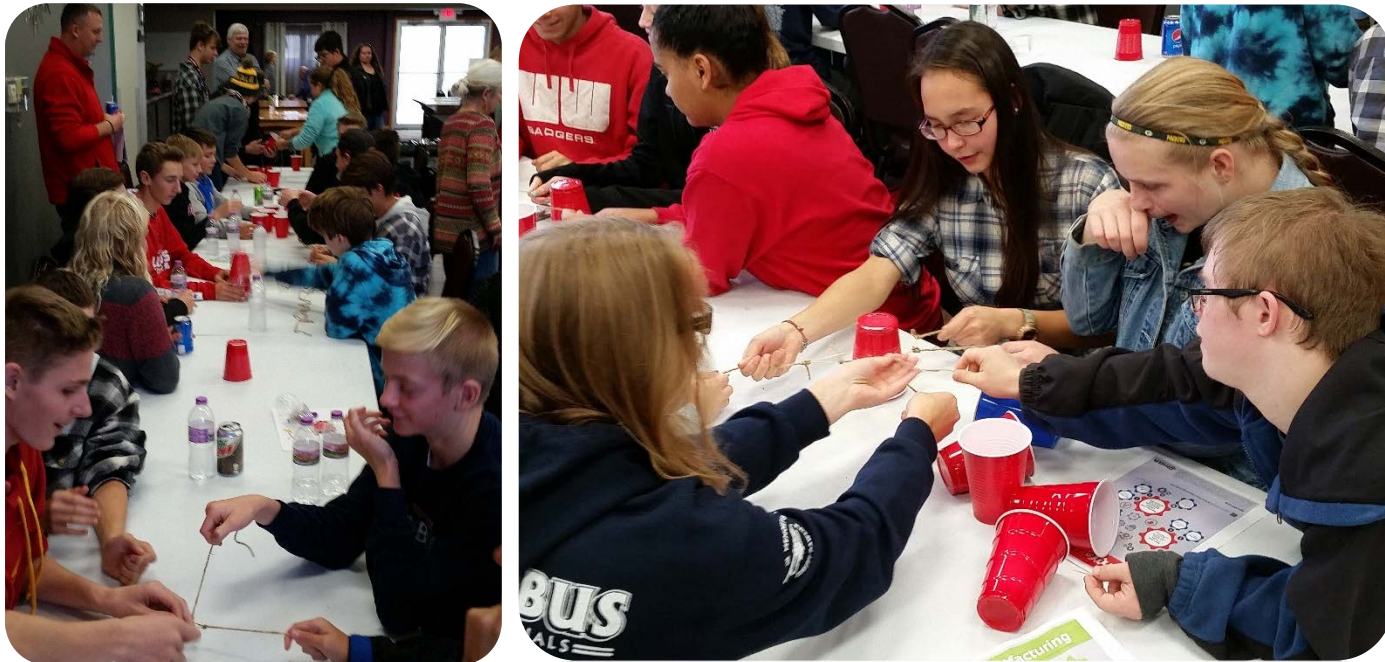
With different rules applied to each report card, the overall score will mean something entirely different from one report card to the next. Despite that, on an annual basis, district staff analyzes data (including much data beyond what the report cards consider) in a strategic manner for continued improvement.

Columbus School District is committed to empowering all students to be community, career, and college ready. We take equity seriously, and strive for the improvement of all students through our district commitments, district equity non-negotiables, Launch priorities, and the dedication of a strong, caring staff.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR DISTRICT, PLEASE GO TO:

[WWW.COLUMBUS.K12.WI.US](http://WWW.COLUMBUS.K12.WI.US)

CHS STUDENTS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO GET CUPS STACKED IN A CERTAIN WAY (TEAM BUILDING/PROBLEM SOLVING IN REGARDS TO MANUFACTURING/ENGINEERING). THEY COULD ONLY USE CUPS, STRING AND RUBBER BANDS (NO HANDS).



## Launch Priority #6 -- Technology

By Chet Bembenek, Technology Manager

*Implement and sustain up-to-date technology within the schools.*

One of the Launch priorities is maintaining up to date technology. What is involved in maintaining up to date technology? The part that most people think of is the actual computers. The District has a three-year rotation on all staff laptops and currently a three-year rotation for the student laptops in grades K-12. However, technology encompasses so much more. Technology includes hardware, software, connectivity, etc.

An example: in order for a student's laptop at the High School to connect to the Internet in order to access their Google Drive, it travels through many devices before it reaches its destination. Let us document that journey. The laptop, when opened, connects to one of the 150 wireless access points within the district. Then, when the student types in [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), the request goes immediately to the nearest access point back to the laptop. From there it goes to a network switch and then from that switch, it travels over a fiber connection to the Middle School. At the middle school it goes to yet another switch, then to our Firewall and content filter, and finally out through our 500 MB connection to the Internet to the Google site. All of those steps makes up the robust infrastructure that the School District needs to maintain in order to provide up to date technology.

All the devices need to be maintained and updated following a replacement cycle. This allows us to provide constant and consistent access to all the network resources for staff and students.

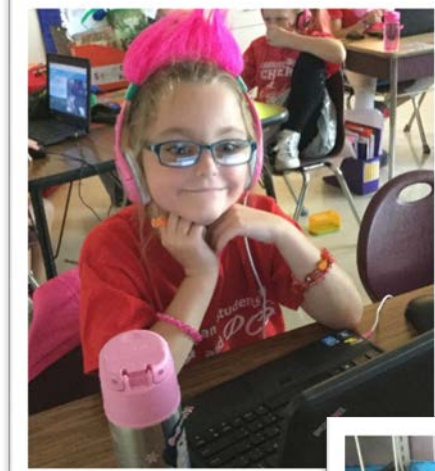
### Title I Notification

Columbus Elementary School and Columbus Middle School receive federal Title I dollars. In accordance with the requirements of Section 1118 of Title I, the following serve as notifications of Columbus School District's Title I policies.

District policy **2261.01- Parent Participation in Title I Programs** outlines the district parent and family engagement policy. In accordance with this policy, an annual Title I parent meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13 at 5:30 pm at Columbus Middle School. This meeting is for Columbus Elementary School and Columbus Middle School parents.

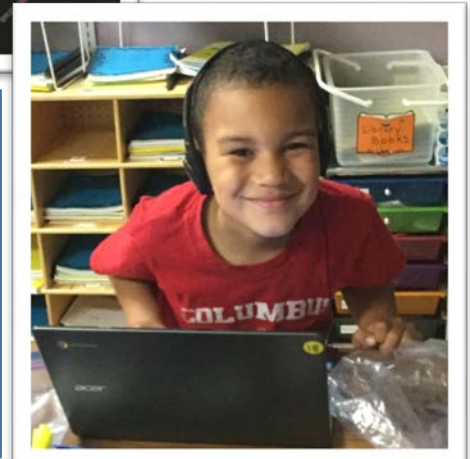
**District policy 2261.02-Parents' Right to Know** outlines a parent's right to request, and the district will provide qualification information on their student's classroom teachers.

These policies in their entirety may be found on the Columbus School District website, [www.columbus.k12.wi.us](http://www.columbus.k12.wi.us), under district policies. If you have further questions, please contact Becky Schmidt, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at [bschmidt@columbus.k12.wi.us](mailto:bschmidt@columbus.k12.wi.us) or by phone at (920) 623-5950.



LEARNING  
TODAY;  
LEADING  
TOMORROW

TECHNOLOGY IS USED EVERY DAY IN EVERY SCHOOL IN THE COLUMBUS SCHOOL DISTRICT. STUDENTS AT COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY AND DISCOVERY CHARTER DEMONSTRATE HOW THEY USE COMPUTERS



## November, 2017

### Upcoming Events

#### November, 2017

- 3 End of Quarter, Early Release at 12:30 PM
- 6 In-Service Day – No School for Students
- 13 Veteran’s Day Program at CMS
- 13 School Board Meeting at City Hall; 7 PM
- 20 School Board Retreat at District Office; 7 PM
- 22 Early Release at 12:30 PM
- 23 Thanksgiving – No School
- 24 No School – Thanksgiving Break
- 27 School Board Meeting at City Hall; 7 PM



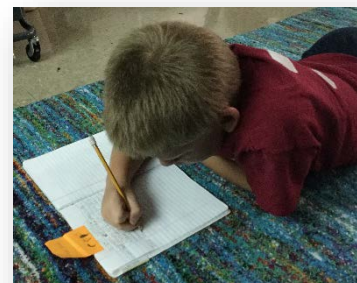
#### December, 2017

- 6 Late Start; Classes begin at 10 AM
- 6 High School Parent Conferences from 5 – 8 PM
- 11 School Board Meeting at City Hall; 7 PM
- 14 Late Start; Classes begin at 10 AM
- 22 Early Release at 12:30 PM
- 25-20 No School; Christmas Break



#### January, 2018

- 1 No School; Holiday
- 2 Students return to school!



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FEEL  
IMPORTANT.  
THE MORE  
IMPORTANT  
YOU MAKE  
THEM FEEL,  
THE MORE  
IMPORTANT  
YOU FEEL, AS  
WELL.

-BRIAN TRACY



### Launching A New Legacy

On Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 55 members of the public attended the Launching A New Legacy – One Year Anniversary Event. The event was held in the Middle School gym. One year ago, a group of 110 concerned District residents gathered during a three day event to create and place in order six District priorities for 2017-2030.



This event focused on providing an update on the priority work of the six top priorities and obtaining feedback from the community members in attendance. The Board reviewed the information from the one-year event at their October 30<sup>th</sup> Board Retreat. Administration will continue work on the three-year goals.



Each month, a different priority update will be provided in the District Newsletter. This month, our work with Technology (priority #6) is highlighted (see page 3). **WE HAVE LAUNCHED!**

