

Season's Greetings



REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 15, 2014

WISHING A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

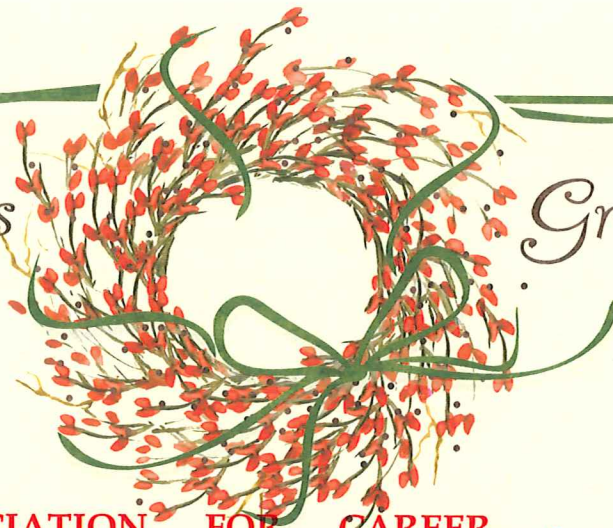
At this very special time of the year, we always take a moment and thank you for your support and dedication to Pioneer! We will be celebrating at a Holiday Dinner. We will meet in the Pioneer Room for the dinner which will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Feel free to arrive any time after 5:30 pm for appetizers. The Holidays are always such a special time of year!! We hope you have time to relax and enjoy your family and friends!!

Our career technical programs have prepared some special Christmas gifts for you. Also, we have a shirt for you that will help celebrate our new by-line, "Pioneer Means Jobs". We hope these gifts will brighten your holiday spirit!

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

We would like to invite you to the Christmas Open House for current and past staff on Friday, December 19th in the Pioneer Room. The cafeteria staff will prepare their special Holiday treats for the open house. I hope you can join us at this special event. It is always exciting to see past staff and Board members and catch up on everyone's lives.

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OHIO ASSOCIATION FOR CAREER - TECHNICAL SUPERINTENDENTS LEGISLATIVE MEETING

The Ohio Association for Career-Technical Superintendents and the Ohio ACTE Coalition will host the 2015 Legislative Seminar at the Sheraton on Capitol Square on January 21 - 22.

We will have an Agenda and sign-up sheet at the meeting. There also is a reception on Wednesday evening for legislators and/or the legislative aides.

You are invited to attend this seminar, reception and visit legislators. If any Board of Education members would like to attend please sign up at the Board Meeting or let Becki know by January 5, 2014, so we can register you. This is very important since there no on-site registration. Also, please let Becki know if you would like hotel reservations.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM AND MEETING TIME

It has been customary to have the past Board of Education President serve as the President Pro-Tem until the new Board of Education President is elected at our January Organizational Meeting. I recommend we continue that tradition. You also will need to select a date for the Organization Meeting which must be held "on or before" January 15, 2015.

POLICY UPDATES

Thank you for your patience in getting the policy updates to you. I have made all the current updates. This month we will ask you to review the updated sections for approval in January. The volume of changes are due to changes in the law so they take a little time to review before presenting them to you. We are lucky to be able to work with NEOLA to keep us abreast of all changes.

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FINAL AUDIT REPORT

We have received the final audit document from Rea & Associates. Board President, Howard Koons attended the post audit review. I am very pleased to announce that the audit found Pioneer to be in full conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. There were no findings for material loss. The management letter only had suggestions for improvement concerning a few minor procedural items. Congratulations to Linda and her staff for a job well done!

PERSONNEL

All personnel items are common for this time of year.

FINAL GOOD-BYE

As a final good-bye, I want to express my sincere gratitude for believing in my leadership abilities. You had high expectations for the Superintendent's position. It meant a lot to me that you trusted and believed my abilities to lead this organization and I hope I have lived up to those expectations! I appreciate the support the board has provided me over the last nine (9) years of my superintendency! It has been great working for this board and I have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you! With your leadership, Pioneer is in good hands! Thank you for allowing me to be the leader of this wonderful organization! My dedication and support of Pioneer will continue even through retirement!