

HOS Report
1/16/24

READ Act updates

Phase 2 Educators: READ Act 2.0 statute extended the deadline for Phase 2 educators to complete the required professional development to July 1, 2027. This will allow time for districts to implement ELA standards and ease the professional development scheduling calendar for SY 25-26. The registration request process for Phase 2 educators will begin in January 2026. Phase 2 training options will be provided by October 2025, to support districts' and charter schools' scheduling and budgeting calendars.

Paraprofessional/Instructional Support Staff: Professional development for instructional support staff will be offered through the Regional Literacy Network. It will consist of 8 hours (four 2-hour modules) of professional learning. Districts will be selected to pilot the Paraprofessional Training March 1-June 30, 2025. Statewide registration will begin July 1, 2025, with cohorts starting in August 2025. The completion deadline for paraprofessionals is July 1, 2026.

SY 25-26 Enrollment

Applications are on the website and available in the office. Intent to return forms have gone home. All applications to be considered for a lottery (if necessary) are due by the end of business on 1/31/25.

E-Rate

BMS has entered into a contract with Solix to assist in the recovery of E-Rate funds. For this year, we are going to focus on only the amount available for our internet services. We should recover an estimated amount around \$7,000 for this year, after Solix takes their 15% for doing the work. The HOS did research on this program after a trusted associate from HBC suggested reviewing the services offered by Solix. After conducting a review of the services as well as the E-Rate requirements, HOS determined that the most appropriate avenue given time/resources was to engage in Solix for this work. The contract and other details are available for review upon request. The work here is still early on, and I am waiting to find out which recovery bracket we fall in as a rural school as that has a direct impact on the amount of revenue we will receive.

Part of the process was working with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to gain access as the account administrator. Stephanie Wehman was the previous administrator.

MFA

Multi-factor authentication has been activated on all BMS managed accounts. They must be compliant by 1/25/25.

Emergency/Crisis Management

We had discussed, after the visit from Homeland and Security Management about our emergency and crisis planning, that I would look into the "I Love You Guys" emergency response protocol-one change from our plans is that a 'soft lockdown' would be called 'secure'

and would save the term lockdown for what we currently call a 'full lockdown'. It also covers reunification. Here is a note from Winona County-they are bringing the organization to Winona this summer. Any changes to our emergency plan will then wait until I (and hopefully one or 2 others can attend this:

Emergency Management and Public Health was able to secure grant funds to bring I Love You Guys to Winona this summer. The grant will cover the training and lunch for the participants.

We will be doing the Reunification Exercise SRM-REx

<https://iloveguys.org/Reunification-Exercise.html>