

# “Notes From School”

## LIFELONG LEARNING

Lifelong learning is defined as, "the provision or use of both formal and informal learning opportunities throughout people's lives in order to foster the continuous development and improvement of the knowledge and skills needed for employment and personal fulfillment.

One of the four pillars of the School District of Mondovi Mission Statement is "Academic Achievement". For that to occur, one of the aspects in place must be a highly qualified staff. Over 50% of our certified staff has an advanced degree beyond a Bachelors. Our staff is continuously participating in lifelong learning. Throughout the course of each academic year, staff engages in district-directed professional development, self-directed professional development, in addition to license recertification requirements.

Educators who completed their preparation programs before September 1, 2004 must complete their continuing professional development requirement by successfully completing one of the options listed below within the five years immediately preceding the July 1st effective date of their new license:

### **1. Professional Development Plan Option**

Complete a verified Professional Development Plan (PDP). A PDP is a process for the renewal of an educator's license based on planned professional growth and evidence of the impact of that growth on student learning. A documented completion of a PDP, as verified by a PDP review team of three members, is required in order to renew a Professional Educator license or advance from an Initial Educator to a Professional Educator license.

### **2. Six Semester Credit Option**

Complete six semester credits (or nine quarter credits) of undergraduate or graduate level course work that is directly or substantively related to one or more of the licenses you hold, enhances your professional competence, and is related to the appropriate Wisconsin Educator Standards. The credits must be taken at an institution of higher education accredited by an agency recognized by U.S. Department of Education.

Educators who completed a preparation program on or after September 1, 2004, renew under the PI-34 rules and renew their licenses by completing a verified Professional Development Plan.

Upcoming In-Service/Professional Development Days for you to make sure are on your calendar are January 22, February 12, March 7, and June 6-7.