



Open Public Forum

Ellsworth High School

Auditorium

April 26, 2011

On Tuesday, April 26, 2011, an open public forum was held in the Ellsworth High School Auditorium to discuss the School Improvement Grant as it affects Ellsworth High School.

The following are examples of comments, questions and answers that were posed by the public, RSU Board and RSU24 Administrators:

Q- Are you expanding your programs?

A- Yes, starting with freshmen (this year we looked at PSAT stats to better prepare)

A- Yes, and our focus is to also help parents understand the process

Q- Would you expand on how the Grant Team will be formed?

A- Yes, as was the case last year, we hope to construct our team of staff, students, teachers, Board members and parents. Those interested in becoming part of the team should contact the RSU Central Office. The team will begin to be formed with the return of Superintendent S.Wayne Enman.

Q- How was decision made that students must take SAT Prep, make-up or face consequences?

A- It was decided by Administrators and members of the student council that some students are not taking the SAT's "seriously" and some method of accountability should be put into place.

Q- How will the Grant Awardees be decided?

A- Tier 1 Schools hold priority (EHS is a Tier 1 school)

Q- It mentioned in the newspaper that some Tier 1 schools have chosen not to apply (3-4) for the grant. Does this put us in a better position to be awarded the grant?

A- Yes, there were ten original schools chosen. The lesser amount of applicants provides us with a better opportunity.

Q- What changes have you made in preparation for this?

A- Implementation strategy into our curriculum. Teachers are already motivating and working with students through such programs as READ 180 and MATH 360. However, it is going to also take the cooperation of the parents if our students are going to succeed.

Q- If awarded the SIG funds, will they be earmarked strictly for academics?

A- Yes. However, keep in mind that outside sources (PE, food services) may also influence learning ...this is one of the many issues that the SIG Committee will tackle.