The summer months have, once again, passed quickly this year. The bulk of our work this summer was focused on the asbestos abatement and carpet replacement. Both of these projects went smoothly, being on schedule and on budget. The school looks so very different and new!

A para-professional search is currently proceeding as one of our paras abruptly left the area and headed west. We will be conducting interviews next week for this position. A team of teachers, including the principal, will be trying to hire the best candidate and match for our school.

We held our summer professional development activities at Profile School due to our construction zone these past few months. We had a consultant/current reading specialist come in to review some best practices in reading and offer her views on how to manage the whole reading/learning spectrum. It is exceedingly challenging to incorporate the five components of reading (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension) into each day at the various levels of ability in each classroom. Our teachers do an outstanding job of teaching reading; however, we are looking at our instructional practices on a systemic basis so that the transitions from one grade to another are more seamless.

Despite our construction this summer, our building has been used quite a bit. Beverly Frenkiewich and Wendy Kern run our school’s summer school for those students who need extra help. The Recreation Department operates their summer program out of our Multi-Purpose Room, five days a week. Our music teacher teaches instrumental lessons on a weekly basis. Body Pump uses our school for two days a week, as does adult basketball at nights. USA Karate uses us as bad-weather-backup to the Dow Field. Most recently, the annual Top of the Notch Triathlon used our facilities as the registration and race-start headquarters. We work hard to collaborate with our community neighbors and make sure that we are easily accessible to the needs of our three towns. We met our new Police Chief this morning and look forward to a continued strong relationship with our Emergency Services groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions that you may have regarding this report or any other school-related activity.

Respectfully submitted,

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