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**Principal's Monthly Report to the Tamworth School Board & Community
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Enrollment Report: An updated enrollment chart for the Brett School is attached. Another chart indicates comparative historical enrollment data for schools in the region.

Education Views: Please welcome the members of the 7-8 Team to the December school board meeting. Abby Hambrook-Social Studies, Dennis O'Neil-English, Ann Chant-Mathematics, Kim Whitted-P/T Mathematics, Johanna Vienneau-Science, Bill Arnold-Alternative Education.

Wellness Policy- 3rd Reading – Prior Request for Delay of Approval - Update: – A sub-committee from the Wellness Committee met on December 4th to review the proposed policy per the scoring rubric. It is anticipated that the revised policy proposal will be presented for board approval at the January school board meeting

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Conferences were held recently. Most were held on Friday, November 14th as per the 2008-2009 Calendar. To accommodate parent schedules, many teachers schedule conferences on days just preceding and after the 14th during the early morning, late afternoon and early evening. A chart is attached indicating data about this year's conferences.

Handouts at School Board Meeting:

- Latest Edition of Weekly Newsletter
- Ski and Skate Program Information

Part-Time Secretary/Receptionist: At the December school board meeting, it is anticipated that I will present the name of a candidate for the board to appoint to this position.

Auction Follow-Up: The PTA benefit auction held on Saturday, November 22nd raised a total of \$6,628.72. We thank the Troon family of auctioneers for the donation of their time and expertise in helping us organize this important fundraising event. The funds will be used to support student field trips and other enrichment activities this school year. Monies normally allocated for field trips in the school budget were needed this year to offset energy costs.

Swings on the Playground: The PTA has asked me to look into the possibility of installing a set of swings on the playground. Teacher feedback to date has been favorable and this is an ongoing request from students. I have received quote of just under ten thousand dollars for 8 swings from the Miracle Playground Company, from whom we purchased our current playground apparatus. If followed through, this will primarily be a PTA project.

Calendar of Events: A calendar of events for December and January is attached. I have bolded items that I would wish the board to consider attending.

Kenneth A. Brett School - Student Enrollment Data – 2008-2009

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Grade											
K	20	20	20	20							
1	26	25	25	25							
2	25	25	25	25							
3	15	15	15	15							
4	26	26	26	26							
5	25	25	25	25							
6	25	25	25	25							
7	24	23	23	24							
8	25	26	26	26							
Total	211	210	210	211							

Student Enrollments

Sep-Oct Gr 8 Home School Reenrollment
 Oct-Nov None
 Nov-Dec: Gr 7 Family moved from Derry NH

Student Withdrawals

Sep-Oct: Gr 1 Family moved to Maine
 Gr 7 Family moved to Laconia
 Oct-Nov None
 Nov-Dec None

10-Year Elementary School Enrollments (97-98 to 07-08) *
Tamworth and Surrounding Towns

	Tamworth	Madison	Freedom	Ossipee	Gov Wentworth	Conway	Bartlett	Sandwich	Inter-Lakes	Moultonborough
10 yr 97-08	-17.8%	-22.7%	-19.1%	-32.6%	-12.2%	-19.6%	-10.1%	-40.4%	-19.2%	-15.5%
5 yr 02-08	-14.1%	-0.5	-9.1%	-24.5%	-7.2%	-11.3%	-6.0%	-31.1%	-16.9%	-11.3%
07-08	231	170	80	314	1,294	749	312	62	744	321
06-07	237	169	71			767				
05-06	251	159	77			771				
04-05	249	147	84			785				
03-04	262	168	84			805				
02-03	269	171	88	429	1,394	844	332	90	895	362
01-02	274	186	89			849				
00-01	270	196	78			916				
99-00	323	194	77			902				
98-99	297	221	88			929				
97-98	281	220	99	466	1,475	932	347	104	921	380

* Data Source: NH-DOE School District Profile (<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/>)

Parent Teacher Conferences: End of 1st Quarter, 2008-2009 School-Year

	Gr K	Gr 1	Gr 2	Gr 3	Gr 4	Gr 5	Gr 6	Gr 7-8
1. Number of students at grade level (s)	20	25	25	15	26	25	25	50
2. Number of Conferences Scheduled	20	24	25	13	23	24	20	19
3. Number of Conferences Scheduled on Nov. 8 th designated P-T conference day	0	12	8	12	8	15	11	13
4. Conferences scheduled on other days	20	12	17	1	15	9	9	6
5. Conferences scheduled at other than normal school hours (8:30-4:30)	10	5	9	0	11	3	2	1
6. Conferences where both parents attended	5	6	6	2	3	1	4	1
7. Conferences scheduled separately with each parent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Conferences where other professional staff also attended (guidance, sped, TAG)	0	4	3	1	3	11	5	5
9. Conferences held separately with other professional staff	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0