

Elm River Township School  
Teacher Report: 8/20/18

As an update on my health, I completed 18 sessions of radiation on August 8<sup>th</sup> in Marquette to get rid of the tumors on my head and cheek. I've lost a bit of hair and still have issues with fatigue, but overall, I feel good. I'm just grateful that treatments will not interfere with the upcoming school year. I appreciate your support throughout this process! Also, I got an "A" on my NMU class that goes toward my recertification. Once again, I really appreciate your support!

For the start of the school year, all workbooks and texts have been ordered. Confirmation of delivery has been received on all of them for later this week or early next week. I have not yet ordered the on-line supplemental programs that I have used in the past. I will likely continue to use I-station for math and reading assessments. Additionally, I am considering Moby Max for k-8 math, reading, science, social studies, and writing intervention material. I am familiar with it from Engadine, and South Range/Jeffers uses it.

Brogan is scheduled to attend a DIBELS Next training session at the CCISD this Wednesday. DIBELS assessments are given at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year as a progress monitoring tool. The results are put into a CCISD-wide database as a common assessment for district comparison. If a child transfers within the CCISD, these results are immediately accessible for the new district to evaluate and consider for placement and/or intervention needs.

The MDE is likewise looking to get consistent state-wide assessments that are used for progress monitoring in each district. Carla Strome, Director of General Education at the CCISD, emailed the following: "I am recommending that buildings adopt one of the 3 tools recommended by MDE. (The cost for these are roughly \$11.50/student for NWEA and \$12/student for BEACON or Smarter Balanced)... Originally, the three tools were to be paid for outright by MDE. The legislature made some last minute changes and moved from MDE paying for the tool to a reimbursement model that has been used at the elementary level for the past 3 years of \$7 to \$8 per student." I am leaning toward Beacon for Elm River.

Thank you,

Bruce R. Matson