

## Superintendent's Message to Parents, December 4, 2009

As we enter this holiday season, we extend our thanks and appreciation for all you do to support District 89, your children, and other District families. A recent letter was sent sharing information about an opportunity to assist families in need during this holiday season by purchasing gift cards. We invite your participation in this community effort, and thank you for whatever you can do to help.

### Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) Testing Information

This year, all buildings are administering the Measurement of Academic Progress Test (MAP Testing) to grades 2 through 8 in the areas of reading, language arts, math, and science at 7<sup>th</sup> grade. This achievement test is administered via computer and the questions adapt to the responses of the student so their ceiling levels of performance can be assessed; unlike the Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISATs) which only assess minimal competencies. MAP testing is nationally normed and aligns with Illinois standards assessed through ISATs; therefore, MAP scores can be used to predict which students would not meet, meet, or exceed expectations on state testing measures.

Briar Glen and Glen Crest are in their second years of administering MAP testing as they piloted this tool for the district last year. Both schools are reporting MAP results to parents this year because they have a full year of data to analyze growth. Another keen feature of MAP testing is that it projects expected growth for each student and compares the targets against actual performance. The other three elementary schools just began MAP testing this fall so they won't be reporting to parents until next November when they have a full year of growth data to relay.

### Professional Development Days

Many parents are curious about how the district uses the early dismissal days and institute days on the school calendar. State code requires four institute days in the calendar. The district uses these opportunities for professional development training for teachers. A variety of learning sessions are available to teachers with the focus generally having been on differentiation, the new reading series, and school improvement efforts. *Included with this newsletter is this year's schedule of professional development activities for District 89 staff.*

### Community Finance Committee

Last year we formed a community finance committee to assist and advise the district on financial planning topics. The group is advisory in nature and works in concert with district strategic initiatives. By blending the expertise of citizens' professional skills, our work is enhanced as well as the value added benefit of greater transparency and community input.

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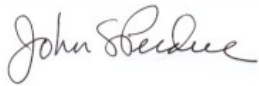
We are seeking additional members for this committee. *Specifically, we're looking for citizen input with knowledge in finance, accounting, banking, strategic planning or related skills.* The committee meets 3-4 times per year at convenient times for members and represents a great way to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact me.

**Superintendent's Annual Report to the Community**

You will soon receive the District's Annual Report in the upcoming *Update Newsletter*. The report summarizes the successes District 89 has achieved during the 2008-2009 school year. We have planned another annual meeting with the community to review this report on Saturday morning, January 9, 2010, 9AM at the District office. All District 89 residents are invited, and I hope you will attend.

Thank you for supporting *Learning for Life* in District 89, and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John S. Perdue".

John S. Perdue. Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**2009-2010 Professional Development SIP/Institute Calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Who Attends</b>
September 3, 2009	Principals review draft School Improvement Plans	Building staff
September 4, 2009	Reading Street (new K-5 literacy series)	Grades K-5 and aides
	Job Alike Meetings	Specialists and PreK
	Establishing a Core Curriculum (Rtl) and Positive Mind Sets	Glen Crest
September 25, 2009	MAP Training	Grades 2-5 (AV, PV, WF, GC, ELL, Challenge, Resource, LMC) Grades 6 – 8
	Smart Board Training	BG, Guided, Art
	Reading Street Training	Kindergarten and 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
	Job alike meetings	Specialists and PreK Aides followed supervisors Specialists and PreK Aides follow supervisors
October 26, 2009	Dr. Brooks – Positive Mindsets for Teachers and Students	All Staff
	CEC Literacy Workshops (3 <sup>rd</sup> workshop in a series of 5 on Best Reading Practices	15 participants at NLU
January 15, 2010	Reading Street	Grades K-5 and aides
	Successful Practices Network Training	Glen Crest Staff
	Analysis of Creative Curriculum	PreK staff
	Technology Training	Specialists, aides, and support staff
February 26, 2010	County Institute Offerings (PBIS, Rtl, and a variety of other topics)	All staff invited to attend
	Technology Training (ICE conference and in-house workshops)	Technology team and other interested staff members
March 26, 2010	Reading Street (Technology focus)	K-5
	Gold Seal Lessons	Glen Crest Staff
	Technology training	Specialists, aides, and support staff
	Rtl (Report from BG on year two of Rtl Implementation)	All Staff
April 22, 2010	Technology	GC, specialists, aides, and support staff
	Too Good for Drugs (If pilot is recommended to continue)	K-5 and select staff from GC

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**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

**NOVEMBER 16, 2009 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, DISTRICT OFFICE, 7:03 PM**

*(At 7 PM, prior to the Board meeting, a public hearing was held to report on the modification of future school calendars and the waiving of legal holidays.)*

**PRESENT:** Members Glaudell, Selenica, Nelson, Zak, Lachcik, Kataura, Gaspar

**COMMENDATIONS:**

Arbor View 4<sup>th</sup> grader Frank Iacopelli was the youngest student presenter at the Annual Chicago Business Hall of Fame event in October, and was recognized for his outstanding presentation skills and amiable personality.

Staff members Amy Warke, Pamela McDermott, and Helen Shafton were commended for recent presentations held at educational conferences.

Board members and all district staff were highlighted during American Education Week.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - All consent agenda items were approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Executive Director of LEND Peg Agnos provided an update on the veto session in Springfield, what is coming in the spring session and gave input on various IASB resolutions. She addressed the budget, CPI, new FOIA regulations related to privacy issues, and mandated/unfunded mandates.

Assistant Superintendent Reilly reviewed the District 89 three-year professional development deployment plan with various focuses on technology, teacher evaluations, curriculum, and continuous improvement efforts. She also presented the schedule of events for 2009-2010 School Improvement Days and Institutes Days.

Draft calendars for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 were presented. The D89 school year will generally continue to follow that of the high school district (D87). Following further discussion, calendars will be addressed, revised and approved in upcoming months.

Assistant Superintendent Reilly reviewed the purpose of the school library per capital grant. A maximum of \$0.75 per student is provided for support services of the Illinois school districts' library programs and services, and Dr. Reilly explained how these funds could be used.

**ACTION ITEMS** – The following action item was approved.

- Approval of Resolution 552-09 Regarding the Publication of the Notice Setting the Dates for the Hearing and Adoption of the 2009 Tax Levy
- Approval of Bid Award for Maintenance Vehicle

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- American Education Week was celebrated November 15-21, 2009
- A review of the draft agenda for the December 14, 2009 Board meeting was completed.

**CLOSED SESSION**

To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body as mandated by Section 2 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1).