

*SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS, APRIL 2009*

Dear Parents,

The **amended 2009-10 calendar has been approved**, and is now posted on the District web site. School will begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Summer construction plans and needing to make up days this year due to inclement weather are the causes for the delayed start of school.

District 89 will host a **Community Forum** – Addressing the Challenges of Declining Enrollment and Fund Balances – on Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 7PM in the Glen Crest Library Media Center. District residents are encouraged to attend and provide input on the challenges of declining enrollments and dwindling fund balances as well as input on the prospect of an education tax rate increase. The tax rate question is most important as we continue to face long-term financial challenges from loss of revenues and provide current and new educational programs. You are encouraged to attend and provide input.

Updated information from the **Enrollment Study Committee** has been posted on the District's web site. District 89 is moving forward with a student census and forming a committee to study the paired schools model. This committee will be led by Dr. Jamie Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Learning, and will include parents and staff. The Board of Education approved a policy change (see below), which serves as an administrative guide to authorize the transfer of new student enrollments from schools where class sections have reached their maximum to schools where available class space exists. The District will also examine the potential of expanding its pre-school program.

**Class Size and Administrative Transfer**

The Board of Education has approved revisions to policy 500:30, 30-R, School Attendance Areas and Student Assignment, which are available on web site. Changes to this policy are intended to provide administrative guidance in assigning new student enrollments to schools when class sizes are capped at elementary schools. Class sizes are determined locally and are described in Board policy 600:35-R, Class Size:

Kindergarten	17 – 25
Grade 1	17 – 26
Grade 2 - 3	18 – 27
Grade 4 – 5	20 - 29

When an elementary school's class sizes and sections are capped at the maximum enrollments, new students may be administratively transferred to another school with lower class sizes and available space. Transportation will be provided. The regulation is intended to balance elementary class size and utilize available district resources. Contact your building principal with questions.

With the assistance of PTC volunteers the District will conduct a **student census** during late April or early May. Our goal is to account for District 89 students, ages 0 – 5, so that we may project future enrollments. We appreciate the cooperation of residents in providing this information.

Four of the five District 89 schools will once again serve as polling places for the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election. We have requested **police security be present throughout the day** while children are in school.

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We understand that some parents who have supplied email addresses to the District have not been receiving the **District E-News**. If this applies to you, we recommend the following:

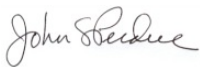
- Check the accuracy of your email address with the building secretary
- If email addresses have changed (home or work), please provide the correct address to the building secretary
- Check the Spam or Junk email folders
- Check any email program settings that might filter emails from District 89

The **8<sup>th</sup> grade Awards Assembly** will occur on Friday afternoon, June 5, 2009, and the **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Achievement Ceremony** will be held Tuesday evening, June 9, 2009. Additional details will be provided by Glen Crest.

The final day of school for all students will be Wednesday, June 10, 2009.

Thank you for supporting *Learning for Life* in District 89.

Sincerely,



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