

## Superintendent's Message to Parents, February 1, 2010

### Holiday Gift Card Giving

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday Gift Card Giving in December. Over \$3,000 was raised in contributions to assist many of our families this past holiday season. We received very positive feedback from many, and your generosity was greatly appreciated and valued.

### E Backpack Link

Please note the E Backpack link on the front page of the District web site is now up and running! Flyers normally sent home in your student's backpacks as well as other correspondences from the District are now being posted to our website. We hope it provides you with another means of providing information with a sustainable solution. Should you not have access to the internet or would still prefer receiving paper copies of these items, you need to contact the secretary in your child's school.

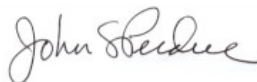
### Parent Volunteers

Recently, the District 89 Board of Education approved a new policy regarding Community Resource Persons and Volunteers, 600:250, which is available on the District website at [www.ccsd89.org](http://www.ccsd89.org). This new policy outlines the role of parent volunteers in our schools as well as establishes regulations concerning qualifications, volunteer requirements to serve, placement, and application processes. Those volunteers who assist in the school setting on a routine scheduled basis or who chaperone Outdoor Education programs will be subject to a criminal record background check and other safety verifications. While the district has not used a volunteer policy, we hope this will provide an added layer of safety and security for students who are served. If you have questions regarding this policy, please consult with your building principal or contact me.

### Annual Report to the Community

We recently hosted an Annual Report to the Community on a Saturday morning in early January with a sparse community turnout. We will present this information to the community once again on Monday, February 8, 2010, 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Glen Crest Middle School LMC. Details will be provided about the 2009 Annual Report that was recently mailed to all residents of District 89. The report highlights student achievement from the 2008-09 school year and also offers insight into the District's use of financial resources and its levels of stakeholder satisfaction. In addition to detailing our performance as a school district, a few of the great educational accomplishments both inside and outside our classrooms will be highlighted. We will also provide a brief demonstration of Smartboard technology, which is now greatly enhancing both teaching and learning in our classrooms. Following the evening's agenda, a question and answer period will follow.

I sincerely hope you will consider attending this meeting, and as always thank you for all you do to support *Learning for Life* in District 89.



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