

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS, JANUARY 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a restful and fun-spirited holiday, including the bonus "snow day" on Friday, December 19th. As much as we wanted to be in session, the consensus among other Glenbard superintendents was to cancel school for safety concerns. As a result, the **last day of class will now be extended to Tuesday, June 9, 2009**. We hope there will not be a need for many more additional school day closings, as this has a direct impact on the summer construction timeline and could result in a change to the start of the 2009-2010 school calendar.

The 2nd Annual Community Breakfast with the Superintendent is scheduled for Friday, January 9, 7:30 – 8:30am at the District Administration Center. You are welcome to attend. I will review highlights from the recently published 2007-08 Annual Report to the community, and provide information on the upcoming summer construction, financial planning, and other District 89 needs. Please contact Janis Karr at 630/469-8900, ext. 211, or email jkarr@ccsd89.org if you are able to join me.

Summer construction plans are progressing well with project bids occurring in January and February. We anticipate favorable bids due to the economic climate. Most buildings will require internal construction work, and both summer school and summer athletic programs will be impacted. Plans will be reviewed for these programs, and further information will be shared soon. All school secretaries and principals will be relocated to the District Administration Center during June-August. Please contact your building principal for a specific list of construction projects.

A report from the **Enrollment Study Committee** will be presented at the **January 26 Board of Education meeting**. Recommendations addressing class section and size imbalances will be provided in short and long term solutions. The Board will discuss the recommendations and consider how best to proceed. Next steps could involve more study, community input, surveys, or other suggestions prior to implementing any recommendations.

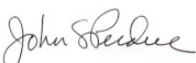
District 89, along with the Board of Education, will be developing **budget reduction steps**, both short-term and long-range to address a growing financial uncertainty. This will include reviewing class sizes and staff ratios, curtailing overtime for non-certified staff, staff attrition needs, and other budget reduction strategies. District 89 continues with a planned deficit spending plan; however, without new revenue or a change in the economic climate, the District will need to achieve balanced budgets.

Interview teams including parents, staff, and administrators have been formed to **select the new principals for Arbor View School and Glen Crest Middle School**. Recommendations and announcements will be made to the Board of Education in February.

Finally, for your advance planning, **spring registration for the 2009-2010 school year** will occur in April. Be looking for further information both on our web site and in your school newsletters.

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

Sincerely,



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