

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE TO PARENTS, JUNE 2009

Dear Parents,

Each year as the school year comes to a close I am reminded of how fortunate we are to live in an area that is so supportive of education. This support is shown in many different ways. Many parents volunteer in their children's schools and are active in parent teacher councils. Others support their students by attending evening activities in the schools and by encouraging their children to participate in extracurricular activities. Community members who do not have children in school also recognize the value of education and support District 89 in very meaningful ways.

This school year brought us many challenges and successes. From the roof fire at Briar Glen Elementary School last summer to the H1N1 Flu situation this spring, District 89 certainly had its share of difficult situations to address. In spite of these and other challenges, our students excelled on standardized tests, and District 89 continued with its tradition of being a leader in education in Illinois. Our dedicated staff and hard working students should be proud of the educational outcomes that continue to be produced in our schools.

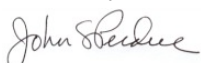
Looking ahead, this summer will be a very busy and exciting time in District 89. The balance of the projects tied to the successful referendum will be completed this summer. These projects will include new ceiling and lighting systems, technology infrastructure improvements, air conditioning installation at four schools (Briar Glen is already air conditioned), floor tile replacements, window replacements, and electrical, mechanical, and plumbing improvements. I encourage you to follow the progress by visiting the District 89 web site and clicking on the "facility improvements" link in the orange area on the home page. When students return to school on September 8, they will return to improved and climate-controlled schools that will serve them well in 09/10 and others in the future.

Due to the extent of facility work that will be done at all of the schools, the summer office staff for each school will be relocated beginning June 15 to the District 89 Administration Building at 22W600 Butterfield Road (intersection of Butterfield and Park). With the exception of Briar Glen Elementary School, which is getting a new permanent phone number (630-545-3300), the current office phone number for each school will be forwarded to the new location. Normal summer office hours for each school will be observed.

District 89 and the Board of Education continue to address upcoming enrollments and financial issues. We have listened to many parent concerns regarding the prospect of the paired schools model. While this idea generated from the Enrollment Study Group originally addressed providing more balance to class sizes and sections, it does not now fully address our declining enrollment and how this corresponds to the budget. Therefore, the paired schools model is being re-evaluated as a viable solution. The Board has made no decision on an appropriate course of action regarding financial concerns. We hope to provide more definitive information on these issues soon.

I wish our departing 8<sup>th</sup> grade class from Glen Crest Middle School all the best as they enter high school. The education these students received in District 89 will provide a solid foundation on which their high school achievement and success will be built. Have a very safe and happy summer, and thank you for supporting our mission of *Learning for Life!*

Sincerely,



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