

# Board of Education Highlights

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October 8, 2003 – Wiesbrook Elementary School

## **National Merit Scholar Semifinalists**

The Board recognized the District's 14 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists and their families. These students scored in the top one percent of the state's 2004 graduates who took a qualifying test last year. The District also has 33 Commended Students in the program. These students placed in the top five percent of the more than one million students who took the qualifying test.

## **WWS Show Choir to Perform at National Conference**

The Classics Show Choir from Wheaton Warrenville South High has been invited to represent District 200 at the National School Board Association's annual convention in Orlando in March. The group, under the direction of Gordon Krauspe, will perform during one of the conference's general sessions. Choirs from WWS will also perform this year at the American Choral Directors Association in Indianapolis and the Music Educators National Convention in Minneapolis.

## **Meetings on the Future of Hubble Middle School**

Three public meetings are planned this month to discuss the future of Hubble Middle School. Members of the community are invited to attend one of the meetings where Superintendent Gary T. Catalani will discuss the various options for Hubble and then seek feedback from the audience. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. and will be held:

- October 23 at Hubble
- October 27 at Bower
- October 29 at Wiesbrook

## **The Board took the following action:**

- Posted for public review and comment the proposed 2004-05 school calendar. The calendar has the following features:
  - The school district is closed during the entire week of Thanksgiving.
  - The number of consecutive weeks students are in attendance without interruption increases, thus providing greater continuity of instruction.
  - School is in session on Veteran's Day, November 11.
  - All parent/teacher conferences are held outside of the regular school day.

Those who have comments on the proposed calendar may send their comments to Denie Young by mail (130 W. Park Ave., Wheaton, IL 60187), fax (630/682-2442) or email ([dyoung@cusd200.org](mailto:dyoung@cusd200.org)) no later than Nov. 5. The Board is expected to adopt a calendar at its Nov. 12 meeting. A copy of the proposed calendar is attached.

- Approved the purchase of a voice messaging system that will allow the Superintendent and/or Principals to reach families immediately in case of a District or building emergency or school closing. The system can also be used to provide information about important school or District events.

- Posted for public review the following renewed curriculum in the high school English Department: British Literature, Composition Literature and Film, Creative Writing, Popular Literature, Structure of the English Language and Survey of Modern Literature. The curriculum is on review in the Wheaton, Warrenville, Winfield and Carol Stream public libraries, both high schools and the School Service Center. Comments that are received will be considered before a recommendation to adopt is taken to the Board.

**Next Meeting:**

October 22 at Sandburg Elementary School