

# Board of Education Highlights

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January 14, 2009 - Lincoln Elementary School

## **Superintendent's Report**

Jill Bullo, Principal of Wheaton North High School has been named the Illinois Music Educator Association Outstanding Administrator 2009. The music educators from North nominated Ms Bullo through the submission of a detailed portfolio of testimonials from teachers, department chairs, and parents as well as other supporting material. She will be recognized at the IMEA All-State Festival on Thursday January 29th at the Opening General Session.

Four of our students from Wheaton Warrenville South High School music program have been named as All State in their respective ensembles, and will be attending the Illinois Music Educator Association All State Conference January 28 - 30, 2009. They are:

Mitch Dzugan - Trumpet (band)

Meghan Kelleher - Soprano (chorus)

Lillian Chou - Violin (orchestra)

Ben Tietze - Viola (orchestra)

This is a great honor for these students who work hard to perfect their talent and we congratulate them for their accomplishment.

Dr. Drury explained the process that occurs when school is cancelled. The decision to close school is based on the safety of our students and staff. The analysis usually begins the day before as weather forecasts portend potentially dangerous conditions. The superintendent and the assistant superintendent for business operations monitor the forecast, radar, and weather conditions throughout the night, not only staying in contact with the National Weather Service, but actually checking the condition within District 200. By 4:00 am the superintendent actually drives around the District to assess the road and weather conditions. The assistant superintendent also drives around the District and is in contact with the bus company to determine if drivers are able to get to the terminal, the availability of the busses, and how route times might be affected. He also checks with building and grounds staff throughout the District to monitor specific conditions at various buildings. By 5:00 am, the superintendent joins a conference call with other area superintendents to obtain firsthand information about weather conditions that may be moving in our direction. The superintendents share their observations and perspectives and discuss their intentions about opening or closing schools. If the decision is made to close District 200, Dr. Drury calls the director of communication who notifies the Emergency Closing Center (the Center posts closings to all the media outlets), initiates the automated phone calls and emails to parents and staff, and notifies private and parochial schools of our decision.

**The Board took the following action:**

Approved the posting of textbooks and supplementary materials for K-8 Science. These will be on display until February 25, 2009 for public review and comment.

Approved the posting of Policy 4.171, Energy Management Conservation, for public review and comment.

**Next Meeting:**

January 28, Diversity Workshop – Monroe Middle School

February 11, Regular Board Meeting – Washington Elementary School