

Board of Education Highlights

May 10, 2006 – Edison Middle School

Recognitions

In recognition of National Teacher Week, Board President Andy Johnson thanked teachers for their outstanding work on behalf of the District's young people. The theme for this year is "Great teachers make great public schools."

Superintendent's Report

Wheaton North High School was honored in the May 6 issue of Newsweek magazine as one of the nation's top high schools. The list of top high schools recognizes those that the magazine believes offer a program that best prepares students for the rigors of college. The calculation is based on the number of students taking Advanced Placement exams compared to the size of the graduating class. The District has been increasing the number of AP course offerings in the last several years and also requiring extensive training of the staff who teach those courses.

The Wheaton Warrenville PTA Council was selected as the Outstanding Council in Illinois for the second consecutive year by the Illinois PTA during its annual convention in late April. Congratulations to President Betsy Bennett and the many PTA officers and volunteers who helped earn this recognition.

The PTA Council is sponsoring a program on Internet Safety at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22 at Hubble Middle School. Presented by the DuPage County Sheriff's Department, the program will address Internet safety, including the proper use of such social networking services as MySpace.com and the potential hazards of providing personal information online. Parents and students are encouraged to attend this informative meeting.

The Board took the following action:

- Set the last day of school as Wednesday, June 7.
- Accepted a donation of books and DVD's for each school from SEA200.
- Agreed to buy-out the lease on 548 Dell computers that were purchased for elementary classrooms three years ago. These computers will be relocated to the schools' computer labs to replace older model computers. New computers will be leased for classroom use. The Board also agreed to extend the warranty on the computers for another two years.
- Agreed to renew its contract with Pearson NCS to support scanners that are used in the schools to score tests known as local assessments. The Board also authorized the renewal of a contract with Progress Education Group for software used in scoring the local assessments.

- Approved the District's continued participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund as a vehicle for short-term investments.
- Approved the purchase of network equipment for the additions at both high schools.
- Approved changes to Policy 5.90, Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, and a new Policy 4.155, Naming District Facilities. The policies are attached for review.
- Posted for public review proposed changes in Policy 1.30, School District Philosophy, to reflect the adoption of the new vision, mission, and belief statements.
- Adopted meeting dates and locations for the 2006-07 year.

Next Meeting:

May 24 at Wheaton Warrenville South High School