

Lisle School District 202 Board of Education Highlights April 21, 2008

Science Olympiad team advances to state finals

The Lisle Junior High School Science Olympiad team advances to the state finals to be held April 26 at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. The varsity team ranked second out of 10 teams who competed in the regional competition.

New courses approved at Lisle Junior and Senior High Schools

Two new language arts courses will be offered for students who need additional support in writing and reading at Lisle Junior and Senior High Schools. "Step Up to Writing" is a course designed for seventh- and eighth-graders who need to improve their writing skills. The course will target the writing process, critical thinking skills, reading comprehension, note-taking, listening and speaking skills. Students entering high school, new students and English Language Learners, who need additional instruction in reading comprehension, can obtain support through the "Rewards" program at the high school. The course will include vocabulary development, reading fluency, comprehension strategies, test-taking skills, content area reading and writing, sentence writing and revision, and independent reading support. Both courses meet Illinois State Learning Standards and comply with the requirements of the new Response to Intervention (RTI) legislation. The new courses were approved by the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education at its April 21 meeting.

Lisle School Board to use IASB for policy revisions

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) provides a service to local school boards, which insures their current policies meet IASB general policies. The IASB will provide editing services on the Lisle School District 202 policy manual and will deliver the final draft for Board adoption. The District 202 Board of Education approved the IASB service for \$5,800 at its April 21 meeting.

Lisle schools save money through purchasing cooperatives

The Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved two contracts that save the school district money through purchasing cooperatives at its April 21 meeting. The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative provides competitive rates on office supplies and the Southeast DuPage Purchasing Group supplies xerographic and construction paper. Both groups offer exceptional savings to the school district. The Southeast DuPage Purchasing Group's paper bid record for providing quality paper at low prices is one of the best in the Chicagoland area.

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