

## **District requests holiday waiver from State Board of Education**

The state mandates that Lincoln's Birthday must be celebrated as a school holiday, but for the past nine years, Lisle School District 202 has requested that the third Monday in February be celebrated as Presidents' Day. The state requires the holiday is celebrated Feb. 12, which is Lincoln's birthday, to recognize the accomplishments of the 16<sup>th</sup> president who spent much of his adult life in Illinois. District 202 states that students will attend school on Feb. 12 and will study Lincoln's contributions, but will celebrate the holiday on Feb. 19 to coincide with Presidents' Day, as determined by the federal government. At its Dec. 18 meeting, the District 202 Board of Education approved the waiver, which will be sent to the state.

## **Funding approved for senior high band trip**

Every other year, the Lisle Senior High School band plans an out-of-state trip, which includes performances, educational experiences and entertainment. This year, the band is going to San Antonio, Texas, where students will perform at Sea World Entertainment and Market Square. Since 2001, the school district has traditionally funded a portion of the transportation costs. At its Dec. 18 meeting, the Board of Education approved funding of \$1,500 related to the trip that will take place over spring break from March 22-28.

## **Board approves new course for 2007-08 school year**

Beginning in the fall, students at Lisle Senior High School will be able to take a one-semester elective course in video production and editing. The course will be available to students in grades 10-12 and will give them an opportunity to learn to communicate effectively using current digital video technology. The course will meet all six standards of the National Educational Technology Standards for Students. The Board of Education approved the new course at its Dec. 16 meeting.

## **Tax levy approved by board**

The Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved a real estate tax levy for the 2006 tax year. The following amounts are required to be levied: Educational fund-\$16,732,358; Operations and Maintenance-\$2,713,544; Transportation-\$637,799; Working Cash-\$580; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund-\$295,707; Social Security-\$266,716; Tort Immunity-\$1,160; Special Education-\$115,963; Bond & Interest-\$1,508,308 for a total of \$22,272,135. School districts in Illinois are required to submit their tax levy requests to the County Clerk before the last Tuesday in December.