

Lisle School District 202 Board of Education Highlights Dec. 15, 2008

Board approves waivers for Pulaski Day and Driver's Ed fees

Following a public hearing at its Dec. 15 meeting, the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved a waiver for Pulaski Day as a school holiday and a waiver to charge a student fee up to \$300 for Driver's Education. Lisle Schools may be in session on Pulaski Day, which is traditionally celebrated on the first Monday in March in Illinois. Pulaski, who was born in Poland, was a Revolutionary War hero. The waiver request for Drivers Education will allow the Board of Education to set a higher fee for Driver's Education than the \$50 limit provided in the Illinois School Code. The waiver requested will allow for the District to continue charging a student fee of \$300 to offset the costs for the program that are currently underfunded.

Board approves 2008 real estate tax levy

The Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved the 2008 real estate tax levy at its Dec. 15 meeting. A tax levy is a formal request made each year from local units of government estimating their financial needs for the upcoming year. The adoption of the tax levy will set the basis for the DuPage County Clerk in determining the amount of dollars the district could receive from 2008 real estate taxes. The following amounts are required to be levied for the 2008 tax year: Educational \$18,809,000; Operations and Maintenance \$3,054,000; Transportation \$722,000; Working Cash \$1,000; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$333,000; Social Security \$301,000; Tort Immunity \$1,000; Special Education \$131,000 (subtotal \$23,352,000). With Bond & Interest at \$1,505,414, the total tax levy is \$24,857,414.

[New program to debut at the high school](#)

[A new Opt-In Program at Lisle Senior High School was approved by the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education at its Dec. 15 meeting. The new program, which will allow students to request enrollment in more rigorous academic courses, will debut in the 2009-2010 school year. District officials noted that it is important to support student learning and provide many opportunities for student to achieve at a high level. Enrolling in more academically rigorous courses will maximize academic advancement relative to their capabilities. Students will be offered assistance by guidance staff and instructors as needed to maximize their success in these courses. This may include providing additional assistance outside of class time and/or assigning supplementary homework. In addition, both parents and students must sign an agreement before enrolling in these courses. The courses will maintain the integrity of a rigorous curriculum as defined by District 202. A letter will be sent home to parents explaining this new opportunity for students.](#)

Response to Intervention plan approved by board

In order to meet the requirements of the federal legislation known as No Child Left Behind, school districts throughout the State of Illinois are required to submit a Response to Intervention plan by Jan. 1 to the Illinois State Board of Education. At its Dec. 15 meeting, the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved the plan, which will be implemented by the 2010-2011 school year. The RtI plan submitted by District 202 uses various methods of assessment including standardized tests and local assessment

data. In addition, Professional Learning Communities composed of teachers and administrators work collaboratively to have a common understanding of assessment, data systems and instructional practices, which will have a direct impact on student learning and achievement.

Health Fair planned for February

The Wellness Action Group, which includes the Health Services staff of Lisle School District 202, plus parents and community members, are planning their first Health Fair 2009, titled "Changing Lives with Healthy Bodies." The free event will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at Schiesher Elementary School. Participants include local grocery and health food stores; representatives from Central DuPage Hospital, who will talk about injury prevention; top athletes from Lisle High School; healthcare professionals offering advice on developing healthy habits; and wellness resources. The event was developed to educate families on healthy eating, living and overall wellness.