

Lisle School District 202 Board of Education Highlights Feb. 26, 2007

School board approves 2007-08 calendar

At its Feb. 26 meeting, the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved a new 2007-08 school year, which will begin Aug. 22 and end May 30, without the use of emergency days. Commencement for the Class of 2008 will be held May 30. In the upcoming school year, first semester parent/teacher conferences will be held later in the school year, Nov. 19-20, to give teachers additional time to address new requirements for state and local assessments. There will be an abbreviated school day Nov. 19, no school Nov. 20 and Thanksgiving vacation will be Nov. 21-23.

New program helps at-risk high school students achieve success

A new program at Lisle Senior High School pairs teachers with at-risk students to offer support, guidance and a positive role model. The Mentoring Program pairs 49 students with nine mentor-teachers, who help the students with homework and projects and provide additional positive support. The teachers meet with their students before, after or during the school day. The result has had a positive impact with 21 out of 38 students improving their first quarter grades over last year and 20 out of 40 students improving their semester grades over last year. More than half the students returned a survey that found 96 percent believe the Mentoring Program has been a good way to set goals for improving success at school and 92 percent feel their mentor has been helpful in their academic progress. The program also has received support from the community. Future plans include having academic mentors; help with organization, time management and study skills, and additional groups run by a counselor and social worker.

Technology standards for elementary students discussed

National Education Technology Standards were adopted in May 2002 by the Illinois State Board of Education as the state technology standards. Skills are introduced, developed and reinforced throughout each grade level. For example, students in first grade should be introduced to basic computer operations and concepts such as printing successfully and appropriately using the keyboard. By way of contrast, students in fifth grade should be introduced to creating graphs and charts. To keep students' skills up-to-date and in line with state standards, a list of technology equipment to be purchased for the Lisle School District 202 elementary schools was suggested to the Board of Education.

Fee increase anticipated for 2007-08 school year

As the Consumer Price Index rose 2.5 percent in 2006, the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved the same increase in next school year's fees. Books and supplies fees for kindergartners will increase from \$55 to \$57; grades 1-2 from \$96 to \$99; grades 3-5 from \$113 to \$116; grades 6-8 from \$153 to \$157; and grades 9-12 from \$170 to \$175. Driver's education fees will increase from \$200 to \$250. The Board of Education received a waiver from the Illinois legislature to increase the fees for Driver's Education beginning with the 2004-05 school year to bring fees in line with the actual cost of the program.

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