

January 2008 Lisle School District 202 Board Highlights

Community input sought on 2008-09 school calendar

The Lisle School District 202 Board of Education saw the first draft of the 2008-09 official school calendar at its Jan. 28 meeting. The first day of school for students will be Aug. 25 and the end of the school year will be June 5 without emergency days. Early dismissal days will be Sept. 12, Oct.31, Feb. 6 and May 1 for teacher inservices. The Thanksgiving holiday is scheduled for Nov. 26-28 and winter break begins at the end of day Dec. 19 with classes resuming Jan. 5. Spring break begins at the end of day March 27 and classes resume April 6. School holidays include Columbus Day on Oct. 13, Veteran's Day on Nov. 11, Presidents' Day on Feb. 16, Casimir Pulaski Day on March 2 and Memorial Day on May 25. For more information about the school calendar, including when parent conferences and institute days are scheduled, visit the District 202 Web site at www.lisle202.org. The board will take action on the calendar at its Feb. 25 meeting.

New high school Advanced Biology class approved

A new sequence of science courses was developed during the 2002-03 school year for Lisle Senior High School with courses being implemented in the curriculum since that time. An Advanced Biology honors class is the last class in the sequence to be added and will become part of the science curriculum beginning with the 2008-09 school year. The District 202 Board of Education approved the addition of the course at its Jan. 28 meeting. The course is problem-based and includes laboratory experience. Complex biological processes will be studied and how they are interwoven into society. The class will be taught by Mark LaScala, who is the head of the Science Department.

New name approved for Applied Technology Department

The Applied Technology Department has requested a name change to Career and Technical Education to better align with curriculum changes and state and professional standards. The name better describes the various aspects of the department, which includes classes in Family and Consumer Science and Business. Career and technical education provides students with academic subject matter taught with relevance to the real world, often called contextual learning; employability skills from job-related skills to workplace ethics and education pathways that help students explore interests and careers in the process of progressing through school. The District 202 Board of Education approved the name change at its Jan. 28 meeting. The new name will be included with registration materials for the 2008-09 school year.

Summer construction projects authorized for bids

Reroofing work will continue at Lisle Junior High School this summer. The proposed work was identified during a Life/Safety Survey conducted in 2005. Three roof sections were identified as having the highest needs and will be put out for bid. Three additional sections will be included as alternate bids, which District 202 may consider completing if the proposed prices are within its budget. At its Jan. 28 meeting, the District 202 Board of Education approved architects Perkins and Will to prepare drawings and solicit bids for the partial reroofing of the junior high to be completed this summer.

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