

Lisle School District 202 Board of Education Highlights Oct. 15, 2007

Lisle Junior High School teams complete a successful season

After completing only their second year of a pilot program, the girls softball team and the boys baseball team at Lisle Junior High School advanced to the state level of competition. The girls team competed in the quarterfinals before losing in a close contest to Edwardsville Lincoln. The boys team won a third place trophy defeating Manteno. Coaches Rod Marin, Nancy Schalk and Jason Wiertel and their team members were congratulated by the District 202 Board of Education at its Oct. 15 meeting.

State releases standardized test scores

Lisle School District 202 students continue to do well on standardized tests, including the Illinois Standards Achievement Test and the Prairie State Achievement Exam, according to results released by the Illinois State Board of Education. At its Oct. 15 meeting, the District 202 Board of Education heard a presentation by Christine Messina, Curriculum Director, about how state test information is but one component in the balanced assessment program used by the district. The other components include periodic diagnostic assessments and formative and summative classroom assessments.

All District 202 schools met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as mandated by the federal legislation known as No Child Left Behind. The conditions required for making AYP include at least 95 percent of students tested in reading and mathematics for every student group; at least 55 percent meeting/exceeding standards in reading and mathematics for every group; and at least 90 percent attendance rate for non-high schools and at least 72 percent graduation rate for high schools. If a school fails to meet AYP solely because the IEP group fails to have 55 percent meeting/exceeding standards, 14 percent may be added to this variable according to federal guidelines.

Superintendent profile report will be used during search

The District 202 Board of Education heard a report by Linda Hanson and Jack Barshinger of search firm School Exec Connect regarding the thoughts of different constituent groups in District 202 regarding the goals, challenges, strengths and attributes desired in the new superintendent. In preparing the report, the consultants used information gathered from five focus groups, individual interviews with board members and the superintendent and review of individual feedback forms that were submitted. At its Oct. 15 meeting, the Board of Education approved the profile, which will be used as a tool when conducting interviews of superintendent candidates. Superintendent J. Peter Lueck is set to retire on June 30, 2008.