

Lisle School District 202 Board of Education Highlights Oct. 20, 2008

High school band to perform in Disney World

The Lisle High School Band and Flag Corps will be performing in Florida over spring break from March 29-April 4, 2009. The band will march in the Disney World Magic Kingdom Parade and also will have a performance recorded. The Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved \$1,500 to help offset ground transportation costs for the trip.

Board of Education approves emergency notification system

At its Oct. 20 meeting, the Lisle School District 202 Board of Education approved the purchase of an automated notification system that will be used in the event of school closings or other emergencies. The system called Connect-ED is owned by Blackboard Connect, Inc., and will enable school administrators to record, schedule, send and track personalized messages via phone, e-mail or text message to thousands of parents, students and staff within less than five minutes. The system will be used for emergency use only utilizing the phone numbers given to the District at the beginning of the school year.

Lisle students continue to achieve on standardized tests

The Lisle School District 202 Board of Education heard a presentation at its Oct. 20 meeting on the results of standardized test scores from Director of Curriculum Dr. Christine Messina. The Illinois Standards Achievement Tests are given to students in grades 3-8 in the spring. All schools in District 202 made Annual Yearly Progress, a measurement required by the federal legislation known as No Child Left Behind. District-wide we had 83.8% meeting and exceeding standards in Reading and 87.4% meeting and exceeding standards in Math. The state-required targets for 2008 were 62.5 percent of students meeting or exceeding standards in reading and math.

Students in grade 11 take the Prairie State Achievement Exam, in which there is an ACT component. The ACT is a curriculum-based measure of college readiness in which scores can be tied directly to standards. Students are tested in English, math, reading and science. Lisle students continued to score above state averages with an ACT composite score of 22.1; the state's was 20.7.