

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
November 12, 2003

Peacock HVAC Project

A question was asked at the last Board meeting regarding the difference in humidity readings between October of 2001 and September of 2003, after the completion of the project. The air quality report from 2001 shows significantly lower humidity levels than the 2003 report. I believe the answer lies in the significant difference in outdoor temperature on the day of sampling: 39 degrees in October of 2001 versus 83 degrees in September of 2003. I have asked Keter consultants to review the data and respond, in writing, to ascertain if their testing indicates any problems with the work completed. Hopefully, I will have a report for distribution at the meeting.

Bright Red Apple Award

Itasca School District 10 has again been presented with the Bright Red Apple Award. The award was presented to only 78 of Illinois' 891 school districts by SchoolSearch, a company that assists employees of major corporations in relocation. The award is based on academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per student, education level of teachers, and average teacher salary. This is the tenth year of the award. I believe Itasca District 10 has been a recipient in each of those ten years.

Musical

The Board is aware of our inability to secure staff from District 10 to direct and supervise a musical for the second year. In discussing the issues that arose from last year's attempt to use outside staff with Dr. Nickisch, I made the decision to not pursue an outside director and supervision thereby canceling the musical. I am aware that this is high profile part of the community. I included this information in my report so that it appears in the public record.

Levy

Later in this meeting, the Board will be voting to adopt an estimated levy. A Pre-Levy Information Packet was mailed out last week. Discussion on the levy can occur before the vote on the action item.

Cash Flow Report

Starting with the October meeting, I began experimenting with a daily cash flow analysis. I failed to highlight the process in October. I believe it provides a very clear picture of cash flow issues not only for District 10, but also for school districts around the state.