

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
October 8, 2003

Peacock Air Quality Report

Ketter Consultants finished the air quality testing for Peacock. Their complete report is under a separate cover in this Board packet. Indoor air quality was rated as "good". Mold and carbon dioxide levels at all tested locations were well within appropriate ranges. Temperature and humidity readings were also within appropriate ranges.

National School Board Association

The National School Board Association conference will be held March 27 through March 30 in Orlando. I have registered myself and five Board members (Susan, Diann, Maureen, Chuck and Dennis). One must be registered in order to get a room through the Housing Bureau. The Housing Bureau opens October 10, 2003. Typically, we would each have an opportunity to make a first, second, and third choice. We then are assigned to a hotel that may or may not be one of the choices. You should have all received a housing brochure in the mail from NSBA. If the Board can provide me with your arrival and departure dates AND a consensus on the price range (i.e. less than \$200, less than \$190, less than \$180) I can try to get on line Friday morning and get the rooms booked. Or, without the consensus, each traveler can make his or her own arrangements. Room rates and locations are located at <http://www.nsba.org/conference/index.cfm>

Illinois Joint Conference

The state conference held in conjunction with administrators and school business officials is November 21-23. Two Board members (Patrick and Dennis), some administrators and me are registered for the conference. Any other interested members should let me know. I will get you registered; however, rooms may no longer be available. More information on that conference is available at <http://www.iasb.com/jac03/>

Impact of Budget Cuts

Three areas in which personnel budgets were cut include custodial, technology, and nursing services. We have begun to feel the impact of those decisions. Custodians at Peacock cannot clean to last year's level with one less person. Technology team probably would have been OK, except an inordinate amount of time is being spent on network protection from viruses leaving routine and preventative maintenance on hold. The addition of AEDs and students with extensive medical needs have caused nurses to put off routine and preventative activities. Although no one is suggesting adding full time staff, I would like to entertain a Board discussion on adding some hours each week in each area with part time help.