

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. New Teacher Induction Program

All newly employed District #10 teachers will be involved in a New Teacher Induction Program on August 10th and 11th. During the two-day workshop, the teachers will receive an overview of the district's curriculum, materials and programs. In addition, the teachers will meet with their building principal for a specific in-service on school related procedures. Charles Kapachinski will provide the teachers with a technology workshop.

II. Medical Training

As in the past couple of years, a medical training session for newly employed staff will be implemented within District #10. The following is a summary of the training programs to be offered to staff this fall.

A. OSHA Training

As with last year, OSHA training will take place during the New Teacher Induction Program. OSHA requirements include training new staff members within the first 10 days of their employment on designated components, such as Bloodborne Pathogens. District #10 personnel continue to present the medical information and training to the newly employed staff members.

B. Special Needs Medical Training

With similar training to last fall, teachers who come into contact with children who have medical needs will receive basic information about the medical topic. Three medical categories will be covered: seizure disorders, diabetes and life threatening allergies. The District #10's medical personnel organize the information, which is shared with the associated teachers.

C. General First Aid Presentations

District #10's medical staff members will be providing basic first aid procedures to staff members at each individual building. These sessions will occur during the month of September at a staff meeting.

III. District Advisory Committee (DAC)

The DAC committee will reconvene during September. Technology will continue to be a focus of this committee. Each month, the team is provided with a technology update.

The Regional Office of Education has recently approved District #10's Technology Plan. The plan will be submitted to the Itasca School Board in September.

IV. Writing Process Curriculum Committee

Throughout the school year, teams of teachers will be meeting to review effective instructional strategies utilized to instruct students in the writing process. Meeting within each building, effective writing strategies and processes will be discussed for each grade level. Throughout the school year, updates will be provided to the Itasca School Board.

V. Update of Proposed Changes within Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)

Currently, changes within the Illinois State Board of Education proposed by the Governor of Illinois have not been approved, as of this date. The Governor's proposed structural changes within ISBE (e.g., appointment of ISBE board members) will have no direct effect on Itasca School District.

Changes in statewide assessment were approved last year. No additional changes have been presented by ISBE. A review of the changes will be provided to the Itasca School District board members in September 2004.