

## **CURRICULUM REPORT**

### **I. Assessment for Early Entrance to Kindergarten**

For parents requesting their children to enter kindergarten before reaching the age of 5 years old prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>, an option of assessment is provided within District #10 schools. With the State of Illinois guidelines indicating children should reach the age of 5 by September 1<sup>st</sup> for entering kindergarten, Itasca School District offers an option of assessment to children born during the month of September. A school psychologist chosen by District #10 and paid for by the parents administers the assessment. The assessment results provide direction in identifying if a child is prepared for entering kindergarten. For the 2004-2005 school year, there are not any families requesting their children be tested for early entrance to kindergarten.

### **II. Talented and Gifted Program (TAG) Update:**

#### Gifted Program Meetings with Staff, Parents and Students

There are two levels to the TAG program: Talented and Gifted levels. Gifted Program students are provided with an individual plan that identifies yearly goals, objectives, activities and timelines. To initiate this yearly plan, a committee consisting of the building principal, classroom teacher, Media Center Director, all associated teachers, Assistant Superintendent, parent(s), and student attend the meeting. After the plan is developed, the committee continues to meet each fall and spring of each succeeding school year. The purpose of the meeting in the fall is to identify target activities. In the spring, the parents are provided with a summary report, as well as an opportunity to provide feedback. At this time, we are reporting that all spring summary meetings for Gifted Program students have been successfully completed.

### **III. Summer Curriculum Committee-Leveled Books**

Two teachers will be organizing leveled books within Franzen Intermediate School. This activity will entail coding the books as to their reading level of difficulty, as well as structuring a checkout system for use within the school.

### **IV. Technology Plan**

The District Advisory Committee (DAC) members have completed the revisions of the Technology Plan. The newly revised plan consists of three years (2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007).

The Technology Plan has been submitted to the Regional Office of Education (ROE) for their review. An "approved" plan (as per the ROE) is required for receiving many of the grants.

During July, the School Board members will be provided with a copy of the Technology Plan. This new plan is only a revision of the prior Technology Plan currently in use. Most of the revisions are within the area related to purchases.

Throughout the next three years, DAC members will be working on a total new development of the Technology Plan. Starting next year, the Illinois State Board of Education is providing a new format, as well as revised guidelines to follow in developing future Technology Plans. The next revision of the plan is due spring of 2007.