

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
June 9, 2004

Liability Insurance

Liability insurance renewal rates came in at a more reasonable rate this year. That market has settled down a bit since 9/11.

Final Budget Approval

The Final FY 05 Budget is on this evening's agenda. Following this report, you will find a single spread sheet which summarizes the line items that changed from the tentative budget presented in April to this final version. I believe those changes address the Board's thoughts and direction from the April 26 budget workshop, the May 12 Board Meeting discussion, and the May 21 goals' session. All projections in the Final Budget Book were modified to reflect the changes on the spreadsheet. I hope you find the summary clear and useful.

Online Applications

One year ago, we went "live" with our online application system. Since that time, we have gone the next step to move into a cooperative application pool with the Lake Park feeder districts. Now, when an applicant applies through our website, they actually make application to all five districts. The same is true at each district's website.

Holiday

Remember that the District Office will be closed on July 2 and July 5, 2004 for the Independence Day Holiday.

Technology Purchases

Each year in the spring, I have committed to inform the Board of the specific, technology-related purchases that are planned for the following year. The items that are listed following this report are the planned expenses for the FY05 budget.

Talented Program Survey

As promised during the May 21st Goals session, I will provide survey results to the Board when they become available. Following this report you will see first semester survey results from parents of identified primary-level "Talented" students. You will see that the results are very positive and reflect excellent communication and effort on the part of the Benson staff.