

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
March 10, 2004

Board Goal Planning Session

The Board needs to think about its spring Goal Planning Session. Typically, the Board has had that session on a Friday night. We also block out the Saturday morning just in case it's needed. I am suggesting that the Board look at May 7,8 or May 21,22.

Regional Office of Education Compliance Visit

Although I was hoping to have the ROE report regarding our compliance visit "in hand" while I wrote this update, I do not. The ROE is required to visit school districts every five years to ensure that proper programming, policies, and procedures are in place. Their basic process is to review each section of Illinois law that impacts schools, then find evidence that the law is being followed. Generally, the visit went very well. There will be several procedural and program areas we will be commended on. They also made some suggestion regarding changes or additions to existing policies and procedures. Areas of non-compliance involve missing information from employee files (transcripts, TB test results, etc.). We have already begun to rectify the areas of non-compliance. Once I receive the report, I have 45 days to respond to their suggestions and areas of non-compliance. If they are satisfied with my response, we will be found in compliance. If they continue to have issue, I will inform the Board and follow up with the ROE.

Online Applications

If you recall, last year I implemented an online application process that streamlined our district's hiring process and minimized superfluous paperwork. This year, I am going one step further by working with the other Lake Park feeder districts to have an application consortium. Any applicant to any of the five districts will be an applicant to all districts. This will increase our applicant pool and allow us to expand services (uploaded letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.) without increasing our already reasonable \$500 per year cost.

Spring Break

Remember that Spring Break is the week beginning March 29, 2004. Although the schools are closed, the district office will be open.

United Way

I will be showing the Board a nice certificate District 10 received for its involvement in the United Way campaign last fall. I am so very proud of the support our staff has given to those in need through the United Way and other acts of charity.