

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

December 8, 2004

School and District Report Cards

The Illinois State Board of Education has finally released 2004 School Report Card information to Districts. The information is being "embargoed" and held from public release until December 15, 2004, thereby allowing Boards of Education to see the results before they are released to the general public. The aggregate test score information was shared with the Board at the September meeting in Dr. Tornatore's "Testing Report". The District 10 scores presented in that presentation have not changed significantly. A summary of the changed scores follows this report. The official report card contains a great deal of demographic and financial information. Copies of each school's Report Card and the District Report Card and District Summary are included in this "packet", but not bound in this booklet. After tonight's Board meeting, our reports cards will be released for public viewing through District 10's website.

Illinois Associations Conference

The IASB, IASA, IASBO Joint Conference was held in Chicago November 19 – 21, 2004. I attended sessions on several topics including school financing, benefit cost containment, leadership and accountability.

Ed-Red Dinner Meeting

Ed-Red, the legislative lobbying group we belong to, is having their annual dinner at 6:00 PM on January 31, 2005 at the O'Hare Marriott Hotel, 8535 West Higgins Road in Chicago. The guest speaker has yet to be named. Typically, the speaker is well connected to Illinois politics. Any Board members interested in attending should let Catherine know by January 7, 2005. Once I find out the speaker, I will forward that information to everyone.

NDSEC Dinner Meeting

The annual NDSEC Dinner meeting will be held January 26, 2005 at Oak Meadows Banquet Facilities in Addison (note different location) at 6:00 PM. Any Board members interested in attending should let Catherine know by January 7, 2005.

Risk Management Review

As a requirement of membership to our liability insurance cooperative, a risk management specialist visits us. This person reviews our procedures and visits our schools to make suggestions that should minimize our exposure to insurance claim. Our track record is very good since we have had only one claim in the past three years (vandalism last year). The administration will follow up on all recommendations or suggestions.