

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
October 13, 2004

Bright Red Apple Award

For what I believe to be the 11th year in a row, Itasca District 10 has been recognized with a Bright Red Apple Award of Excellence by SchoolSearch, Inc. SchoolSearch is a Kansas City-based firm that provides comparative school district information for corporations, homebuilders, real estate professionals, legislators and relocating families. Only 95 of Illinois' 892 districts received the award. To receive the award, SchoolSearch assesses number of staff with masters degrees, pupil teacher ratios, teacher salaries, operating expenditure per pupil, and percentage of students in "Exceeds" category of ISAT reading, math, and writing.

Uncollected Fees

I will ask principals to report out during my report so that the Board has up to the minute information. The Board will need to discuss the "next step" for those who have not paid.

November Election Day

I have been in contact with the Itasca Police to ask their assistance in keeping our buildings as secure as possible on November 2, 2004, the date of the national elections. I have asked the police to meet with each principal to review polling place location and foot-traffic patterns. The police will also attempt to have a visible presence at each school on Election Day. Election days are always difficult as we try to balance our educational program, accessibility for the voting community, and security.

Technology Lifecycle Issues

I have been in contact with a local company experienced in technology issues in school. I have posed our lifecycle issues to them and asked them if they can help us revise our schedule of replacement. Charles and I recognize that the current schedule is based on the age of the computer. We also recognize that there is a total cost of supporting technology that increases as computers age. We have also discussed ways to work computer usage and need into the replacement schedule. I will contact at least one more outside group and continue our internal discussions in an attempt to develop an assessment of our lifecycle plan.