

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
February 9, 2005

2005-06 School Calendar

Lake Park has passed its calendar for next year. The major change in that calendar is that students will attend school on Veteran's Day and not attend school the day before Thanksgiving. We will finalize our draft calendar and bring to the District Advisory Committee again later this month. We will bring the calendar for Board approval at the March Meeting.

Contingency Funds

Nearly all work related to our Three-Phase HVAC project with Johnson Controls has been completed. A \$3.7 million bond issue to cover the cost of a Performance Contract financed the project. All monies spent from bond proceeds must be related to the original project or change orders to that contract with Johnson Controls. We have a great deal of flexibility with the funds **IF** we have work done through Johnson Controls. However, because of some Board concerns about JCI's pricing, I suggested we use the remaining Bond proceeds to cover the cost of the contract's maintenance agreement (see Superintendent's Report, January 2004). This should free up operating funds and assist us in establishing a positive fund balance in the O&M fund. We had a roof survey done and we have no significant problems. If we do end the year with a fund balance in O&M, those funds can be held to assist with cash flow, or be spent over the next years as determined by need and budget limitation. Spending of fund balances can be done with any vendor at the district's discretion. Spending of bond money is limited to the performance contract with Johnson Controls. The bond funds must be spent by June of this year. No Board action is necessary to implement my recommendation. However, if members of the Board want to do other projects through Johnson Controls prior to the end of this fiscal year rather than pay off our maintenance agreement, we can discuss that during my report.

Golden Apple Finalist

Carol Nulph, special education teacher at Peacock, has been named one of 32 finalists for the Golden Apple Award. This is a very prestigious award for teachers in Illinois. More information about the Golden Apple Foundation and the award can be accessed at www.goldenapple.org Congratulations to Carol!

IASB Dinner Meeting

The Illinois Association of School Boards is hosting its Spring(?) Dinner meeting on February 22, 2005. You should have received a flyer on this at your home. It is being held at the Carlisle on Lombard. Registration is at 6:00 PM. Dinner is at 6:30 PM. The speaker is Amy Stempel from the Education Trust, a Washington, D.C. think tank. There is a pre-meeting briefing for School Board candidates that starts at 5:00 PM. Please let Catherine know by February 14th if you are interested in attending either or both.