

**DR. MARCIA TORNATORE ACCEPTS SUPERINTENDENCY OF  
ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

Dr. Marcia Tornatore, Assistant Superintendent of Itasca School District 10, has accepted the position as Superintendent as announced by Nancy DiCiolla, School Board President. The Board approved a four-year performance-based contract that will pay Dr. Tornatore a base salary of \$132,700 in her first year. She will assume her duties as Superintendent on July 1, 2008, replacing Dr. Kenneth Cull who is retiring at the end of the school year.

Dr. Tornatore has carried out responsibilities as the Assistant Superintendent of District 10 since 1997. As head of curriculum, Dr. Tornatore develops and implements curriculum initiatives throughout all grade levels. She develops programs and educational workshops for certified staff. As chairperson of the District Advisory Committee (DAC), Dr. Tornatore leads in the development of numerous Technology Plans. She has written State and Federal grants that have successfully generated funds for the benefit of District 10 students.

In October 2007, the School Board and its search firm (BWP & Associates) conducted a search, which produced 25 qualified applicants for the Superintendent position. BWP then conducted a series of interviews with District 10 stakeholders to determine the qualities sought in a superintendent. The Board was presented with a slate of six strong candidates that included Dr. Tornatore. The Board engaged in 1st and 2nd interviews. Dr. Tornatore was selected by the School Board as the new District leader to continue her dedication to the desired excellence in each school and to oversee the continued improvement of education.

In the 2006-2007 school year, the results of the Illinois Standardized Achievement Test (ISAT) resulted in 93% of our students meeting or exceeding state standards. In addition, Itasca District 10 was awarded the Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence by SchoolSearch. Only 84 out of 872 school districts were honored. "Accomplishments such as these are the result of the individual talents and collaborative efforts of all district staff, students, parents or guardians, and community," said DiCiolla. "Dr. Tornatore has shown that she places value in the contributions of each."

To aid in the transition to new leadership, BWP offers a consultant as a mentor during the transition period at no extra fee. The District plans to replace the reduction in force that will occur upon Dr. Tornatore's promotion, and base the qualifications on the current needs of the District. "It is believed that we have excellent teachers, qualified support staff, and experienced administrators who will continue to provide our students the outstanding educational opportunities they deserve," said DiCiolla.

Itasca District 10 serves more than 850 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades at Raymond Benson Elementary, Franzen Intermediate, and Peacock Middle School. Itasca is a near northwestern suburban community approximately 25 miles from Chicago. It is located in the north east quadrant of DuPage County and serves the communities of Itasca, Nordic Hills, and a portion of Wood Dale.

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