

# Waukegan Public Schools

## Community Unit School District #60

### Superintendent's Bulletin

*Dr. Donaldo R. Batiste, Superintendent*

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## Superintendent's Message.....

Dear Colleague:

With our first snow day already behind us, it is apropos at this time to turn our attention to safety and security. Safety and security in the educational workplace is an important concern for each and every one of us. Being prepared for a crisis is vital for educational personnel who are responsible for the lives of staff and students.

Beginning today, the Department of School Safety and Security, in conjunction with the Waukegan Police Department, will begin conducting "Code Red" emergency lock-down drills in all of our District buildings. In the event of an emergency crisis situation, these drills will prepare students and staff to follow procedures that will minimize a crisis as it unfolds. Each drill will be evaluated by Waukegan Police representatives. These representatives will advise us of how we can best be prepared in the future. I realize that these drills may be an inconvenience; but it is important that everyone cooperates so that we can meet our obligation to provide a safe environment for our staff and students.

Please remember that these are only drills, that have the same preparation purpose as any fire, tornado, or bus evacuation drill. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Al Rogers, Director of School Safety and Security, at (847) 360-5638.

Remember our theme and motto: **"A New Day, A New Way in Waukegan Public Schools! ...one pace beyond."**

Sincerely,  
**Donaldo R. Batiste, Ph.D.**  
 Superintendent

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## Important Dates

- 2006 United Way Campaign – **November 13-December 8, 2006**
- National Inclusive Schools Week – **December 4-8, 2006**
- Winter Break: Schools Closed – **December 25, 2006-January 5, 2007**
- District Offices Closed – **December 25, 2006-January 1, 2007**
- *Deadline:* Certificate of Tax Levy – **December 26, 2006**
- *Application Deadline:* Laura Bush Foundation Library Grants – **December 30, 2006**
- Meeting The Challenge XVII Fine Arts Conference – **January 5, 2007**
- Classes Resume – **January 8, 2007**

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## Notices

### ***SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED OVER WINTER BREAK***

Because of the closing of all schools and offices for Winter Break, the final *Superintendent's Bulletin* of 2006 will be published on December 18. **All approved submissions received by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 13, will be included on the 18<sup>th</sup>.** The *Superintendent's Bulletin* will return on Tuesday, January 16, 2007, the day following the observation of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. The submission deadline for the January 16<sup>th</sup> issue will be noon on Wednesday, January 10.

– P. Schwisow

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

*Superintendent's Bulletin* is a weekly newsletter from the Superintendent, the Web Manager, and other district administrators. Please send all contributions to:

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The preferred submission method is via e-mail. **Contributions must be received by 12:00 noon on Wednesday** to be included in next week's *Bulletin*.

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## Awards and Honors

### **IGLESIA EMANUEL RECOGNIZES A "SPECIAL TEACHER"**

Kudos to Mrs. Randi Marconi Spiegel, second grade teacher at Clearview Elementary, who was recognized at a special dinner as a "Special Teacher" by Iglesia Emanuel in Waukegan on November 18, at the request of one of her student's parent for the fine job of teaching that she is doing. Keep up the great work!

## **UNsung HEROINE**

Hats off to **Mrs. Marge Xenos**, Specialist from the Division of Instructional Programs and Services, who "single-handedly" designed 560 patriotic award lapel ribbons distributed to 13 elementary schools that made AYP for use by all school staff during American Education Week.

## **PASS ATTENDANCE WEEK AWARDS**

→ ***From Roycealee J. Wood, Regional Superintendent of Schools for Lake County***

On behalf of the staff of the Lake County Regional Office of Education, I am pleased to extend our congratulations to Waukegan Unit School District 60 and to **Washington School** and **Jefferson Middle School** for being in the top ten schools for the 2006 attendance week sponsored by PASS. Please be assured that we are proud of your staff's efforts as well as for the positive experiences they have provided to their students. We commend them on a job well done.

We continue to look forward to working with your district and its schools in the future, and we wish you continued success with attendance and academics for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year and beyond. Please encourage your buildings' participation in the attendance week activities in 2007-2008.

Our best wishes to you and to the staff in Waukegan Unit School District 60 for a very happy holiday season.

## **LYON STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE**

→ ***From Patricia Jones, Waukegan Township Supervisor***

For the past ten years in December, Waukegan Township's Supervisor, Board of Trustees, and Shawall Shriner Temple #165 have jointly co-sponsored a Children's Holiday Shopping Spree. One hundred children, ages 5-12 years old, from Waukegan Township are invited to participate in the day's fun-filled activities. The children are selected from area schools, churches, and from Waukegan Township's "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren's Group".

CONGRATULATIONS! We are excited and please to extend an invitation to thirty children ages 5-12 years old from Lyon Magnet School to participate this year in our Children's Holiday Shopping Spree on Saturday, December 16, 2006.

So that the parents can also enjoy a day off, the women and men of Shawall temple will be the chaperones for the day. There will be a bilingual chaperone to assist children who do not speak English.

***Congratulations to the lucky students, and thank you to Patricia Jones, the Waukegan Township Board of Trustees, and Shawall Shriner Temple.***

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## **School / Classroom Safety**

### **SCHOOL SAFETY SEARCHES**

Beginning Monday, December 4, 2006, anyone who enters a middle school or any high school building **may** be searched. This procedure, of course, is for the safety and well-being of students, staff, and visitors. Searches will be accomplished by utilizing "walk-through" metal detectors and/or "hand-held" wands. Please refer to the *2006-2007 K-12 Discipline Rules and Policies Handbook*, for Waukegan Public Schools, pages 33 and 34, for the definition of a legal search.

Parents and students have been provided a list of items that will not be permitted in the school buildings. The list of prohibited items is not intended to be all-inclusive; and, will be updated, as necessary. Additionally, the administration reserves the right to confiscate any items deemed dangerous or to be potentially dangerous.

Delays in entering the building will be minimal; but the new process will give us a greater assurance of safety.

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## Technology

### NEW COMPUTER DEPLOYMENT STATUS

As many employees are aware, new computers were purchased at the beginning of the school year for the replacement of antiquated equipment throughout the district. To date, nearly half of those computers have been installed. The final phase of the deployment, which will be the replacement of the classroom Apple computers, is scheduled to begin this week. Please know that computer replacement will be based on the age of the computer. A tentative schedule of when the buildings will be receiving the new computers will be sent to all principals and computer assistants under separate cover. The schedule will show an approximate date when the technology team will be at the schools to replace the old computers. The purpose of this schedule is to give staff members enough time to "backup" and delete data before the current computer is removed. The technology support staff truly appreciates the patience that has been extended to us during this very busy time.

Waukegan Public Schools is making every possible effort to stay "on track" with the *Technology and Learning Plan*. The vision of the *Technology and Learning Plan* is to provide and integrate technology-based tools and resources to improve educational and support services to our staff and students. Our district has been very fortunate to be able to provide many of these resources; and, takes this opportunity to thank you for your continued efforts in realizing the vision of the plan.

### MICROGRADE SOFTWARE

Recently, we have received many inquiries about the status of Micrograde, and whether its functionality will be impacted by upgrading and replacing the Apple computers. Please be advised that Micrograde will function as it should on the new upgraded computers. Additionally, some buildings have reported that they have misplaced their CD media for Micrograde. For those locations, replacement media have been ordered and are expected to be delivered shortly. Once received, the new CD's will be delivered to the locations in need.

### ROE ACCOUNTING PACKAGE PHASE-OUT

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

Based on the results of a survey of the ten Regional Offices of Education (ROE) still using the Regional Office of Education Accounting Package (RAP) ISBE has made the determination to permanently phase RAP out on July 1, 2008.

The phase-out period will allow the ROEs currently using the RAP system to use that system for one more fiscal year cycle (2007-2008 ending June 30, 2008). For assistance on other accounting packages please contact **Scott Norton** at (217) 558-3617 or by email at [snorton@isbe.net](mailto:snorton@isbe.net).

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## Division of Specialized Instructional Programs and Services

### NATIONAL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

→ *From Arlene Vombrack, Inclusion Facilitator*

December 4-December 8, 2006 marks **National Inclusive Schools Week**. Staff members will be wearing multi-colored awareness ribbons all week to represent the diversity of learners and students throughout the nation. Throughout the district, various celebrations and recognitions will be occurring. Each building has received a poster and a Celebration Kit with various ideas and lesson plans to honor the diversity of the learners in Waukegan District 60. In addition, principals have received information regarding the district poster / essay contest, as well as the national poster / essay contest. Staff will also receive awareness ribbons honoring the weeklong event.

When celebrating National Inclusive Schools Week, it is important to recognize the characteristics of the inclusive school. Inclusive schools:

- Make sure each and every student feels welcome and is learning.
- Embrace the understanding that every student is unique, and therefore learns differently
- Understand that all children—students with and without disabilities, English language learners, and those with special talents learn better if teaching is tailored to their abilities and interests
- Collaborate with families
- Hold high expectations for student success
- Keep improving

*(Taken from the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative)*

National Inclusive Schools is a perfect time to recognize the fine work that students, staff, and parents do everyday to make the school environment a successful and nurturing place for all.

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## Division of Instructional Programs and Services

### OPEN COURT READING SERIES SUPPORT WORKSHOP

→ *From the Office of the Lead Teachers / Curriculum Specialists (Literacy)*  
*Nicole Lemberger, Lesley Barbre, Dianne Akouris*

#### Attention 1st and 2nd Grade Bilingual and Monolingual Teachers!

We would like to offer additional support using the Open Court District Reading Series. Please join us on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 in room 118 at Lincoln Center.

Early Elementary	3:00-4:00
Late Elementary	4:00-5:00

This is a "make and take" workshop on the following topics:

- Sound Spelling Cards
- Word Walls
- High Frequency Words

Snacks and a CPDU will be provided for the one-hour session. Invitations have been sent via mail. Please respond by December 7, 2006 or call (847) 599-3908 for more information.

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## Legal

### EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

This year Public Act (PA) 94-0792 was passed, expanding the 2001 law allowing children to carry asthma inhalers, to include epinephrine auto-injectors (Epi-Pens).

An epinephrine auto-injector is a disposable medical device for immediate self-administration by a person with a risk of anaphylaxis, which is a severe allergic reaction to insect bites/stings, foods, drugs and other allergies, including exercise-induced anaphylaxis. Students are permitted to carry this medication for self-administration as prescribed while at school and while participating in school events if the school has received the written consent of the physician, the parent and the parent acknowledges with his or her signature that the school incurs no liability due to the self-administration or medicine by the pupil.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Matt Maloney at the American Lung Association Metropolitan Chicago for more information: [mmaloney@alamc.org](mailto:mmaloney@alamc.org).

PA 94-0792 is available online at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=2898&GAID=8&GA=94&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=24007&SessionID=50>

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## English Language Learning

### CELEBRATING OUR GAINS, EXPANDING OUR AIMS

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Division of English Language Learning, in cooperation with the Illinois Association for Multilingual Multicultural Education and Illinois Resource Center, invites educators to "Celebrating Our Gains, Expanding Our Aims", the 30th Annual Statewide Conference for Teachers of Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Students, December 11 through 14, 2006. The conference will be held at the Oakbrook Hills Marriott Resort, 3500 Midwest Road, Oakbrook, Illinois 60523, phone (630) 850-5555.

More than 2500 conference attendees will choose from more than 150 concurrent sessions blending theory and practice in literacy, content area instruction, academic standards and student assessment. Participants will hear from experts in the field including: Tim Boals, Carlos Cortez, Fred Genesee, Kenji Hakuta, Else Hamayan, Kathryn Lindholm-Leary, Robert Marzano and Donna Ogle.

For more information, visit <http://www.thecenterweb.org/irc/index.html> or call the Illinois Resource Center at (847) 803-3112.

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## Fellowships / Scholarships / Grants for Educators

### **21<sup>ST</sup> CCLC WORKSHOPS TO BEGIN NOVEMBER 27**

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

Based on statewide evaluation data, a need for training on the topics of sustainability and evaluation of local 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC programs was identified. Therefore, beginning on November 27, ISBE will provide Sustainability Workshops in the Chicago area and in Springfield. Evaluation Workshops, which will assist grantees with measuring the success of their local programs, will be provided during January and February of 2007. These January trainings will be held in Chicago, Matteson, and Springfield.

Each grantee should check the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC list serv for specific details regarding registration for these workshops. Other questions may be directed to Gail Meisner, Federal Grants and Programs Division, (217) 524-4832.

### **SCHOOL LIBRARY \$\$\$**

Grants are available in the program called from the Laura Bush Foundation for school libraries in communities with greatest need. \$5,000 in books can be obtained. The deadline is: 12-30-06!!!

For more information, please see: <http://www.laurabushfoundation.org/web2/index.htm>.

### **FINAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AUDIO CONFERENCE SET**

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

#### **Access info and materials now available**

ISBE will host the final audio conference session to talk about the requirements and timelines for revised school improvement plans. The final session will be held December 12 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Please access School Improvement under Hot Topics on the ISBE home page for access information for these audio conferences and to download materials pertinent to the audio conference.

Schools currently in Academic Warning and Watch Status are encouraged to participate in one of these sessions. Schools with preliminary data indicating academic status should also participate.

Schools that have not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years are required to revise their school improvement plans. Schools have three months to revise their plans following notification of academic status. Though not required to revise their plans at this time, schools in Academic Warning and Watch status with approved plans on file with ISBE for FY07 are welcome to participate in these sessions. ROE and RESPRO staff serving schools in status are encouraged to participate in these sessions.

Notification of status related to the state assessment results will start the clock ticking for revising school improvement plans. As soon as final notification occurs, schools will have the full three months for planning, followed by a 45 day peer review process and local board approval. At the end of that period, district superintendents must post the approved plans using the Illinois e-Plan School Improvement Template at the Interactive Illinois Report Card website <http://iirc.niu.edu/>. Please contact Federal Grants and Programs at (217) 524-4832 with any questions about these audio conferences.

## SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES NEEDS ASSESSMENT ONLINE

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

In an effort to provide the best prevention program information and quality statewide, ISBE has developed an online questionnaire that addresses different facets of the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities (SDFSC) programs:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=295452814037>

The questionnaire focuses on district needs related to prevention in the areas of school safety, substance abuse / addiction topics, cultural competence, policy, curricular, prevention research and evaluation. ISBE will use the information to develop improved prevention education.

Answers will be confidential and reported by region. While completing the questionnaire is strictly voluntary, ISBE encourages districts to participate. ISBE will share the results during the Illinois Statewide 2007 NCLB Conference, February 14 through 16, 2007.

If you have questions, please contact **Albert Holmes** at (312) 814-3618 or [aholmes@isbe.net](mailto:aholmes@isbe.net).

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## Professional Development

### LCESC ONLINE REGISTRATION CLARIFICATION

→ *From Judith M. Green, Director of School Improvement*

Teachers and Administrators registering online for workshops at Lake County Education Service Center must adhere to the following directions regarding who is entered for district approval, as requested by the registration form.

- If the workshop is being paid out of SIP funds, Title funds, or through the RESPRO system of support, then you enter **Judy Green** as the district approver.
- If the workshop is being paid out of Bilingual Funding sources, then you would enter **Mary Lee Borerro** as the district approver.
- If the workshop is being funded from Special Education funding sources or grants being administered out of Dr. Karen Carlson department (example- Early Childhood Grant), then you would enter **Janine Gruhn** as the district approver.

The process that our district has in place is one that ensures that there are funds available for the workshop fees associated with the staff registration. The only way this can be monitored is to direct your request to the person overseeing the funds that allow for this professional development opportunity.

Also, remember that all teachers must complete a professional leave form and process that form with the same person who is approving the workshop registration. Again, this ensures that there are funds available for the substitutes to cover class assignments while participants are at the workshop, and if verifies that you have the approval of your building principal to attend the workshop.

We hope this clears up any confusion and speeds up your successful registration for LCESC workshops.

## **LEADERSHIP FOR DIVERSITY CONFERENCE**

→ *From the Lake County Regional Office of Education*

In the era of No Child Left Behind and accountability through testing, educational leaders are being asked to focus on learning success for demographically diverse subgroups. Diversity exists on a continuum and all schools and districts are diverse—some more, some less. What all schools share is the need for leadership from superintendents, principals, and teachers to embrace the challenges and opportunities diversity offers us in the 21st century. Join us on December 3–4, 2006, at the Bone Student Center, Illinois State University for the second biennial **LEADERSHIP FOR DIVERSITY CONFERENCE**, a unique meeting that brings together educators from around the state for a conference that is actually a conversation about leading in a changing state, nation, and world. Conference sessions will be organized around leadership and policy issues in five categories: Urban and rural poverty, bilingual populations, students with disabilities, social justice, and school-university partnerships for high poverty schools and districts.

The purposes of the conference are (1) to promote a statewide dialogue and sharing of insights from practitioners, researchers, and students about best leadership practices to promote learning in diverse environments; (2) to develop leadership skills that build inclusive learning communities where diversity is valued, respected, and promoted; and (3) to consider practitioner and researcher insights about leadership and learning in diverse environments in terms of implications for local, state, and national policy.

Information about the keynote speakers, breakout sessions, the conference schedule, and a registration form are provided [here](#) (see flyer in [Enclosures](#)). This year we have added narrative sessions, a first person account of life in schools and other social institutions. Don't miss this distinctive professional development opportunity! **REGISTER NOW!**

## **MEETING THE CHALLENGE XVII FINE ARTS CONFERENCE PLANNED**

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

**Meeting The Challenge XVII**, a fine arts conference for all educators, has been planned for January 5, 2007 at Sauk Valley Community College, outside Dixon, Illinois. The theme of this fine arts conference arranged by the Whiteside Regional Office of Education and Sauk Valley Community College is *Integrating the Fine Arts into the Core Curriculum*.

Three workshop sessions will be available to each participant in the areas of drama, visual arts, music and dance. Many of the sessions are hands-on and will provide curriculum which participants should be able to duplicate in their classrooms. The full day of activities will be awarded 5 CPDUs. Registrations postmarked by Friday, December 8, 2006 will be eligible for an early-bird discount and confirmations of registrations will follow by FAX.

Full conference information, including registration form, is available on the Whiteside Regional Office of Education website of [www.whitesideroe.org](http://www.whitesideroe.org). For further questions or to request a flyer, please contact (815) 625-1495.

## **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ANNOUNCES NEW COHORT-BASED PROGRAM IN OAK BROOK**

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The Department of Educational Organization and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is offering a new cohort-based program in Oak Brook beginning Summer 2007. Prospective students can pursue either the Master of Education or Advanced Certificate degree. The Oak Brook based Educational Administration Program is designed to meet both the degree requirements of the College of Education and the certification requirements for the State

of Illinois General Administrative Endorsement (Type 75). Admitted students will enter the cohort program together and continue through their course work as a group. Applications for admission to the fall cohort must be submitted by April 2, 2007. An informational meeting is scheduled at the Multi-University Center, 1010 Jorie Boulevard in Oak Brook from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2006. For more information on the program or informational meeting, please visit: <http://www.ed.uiuc.edu/eol/edadmin/home.html>.

### NEH SUMMER 2007 OPPORTUNITIES

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) is accepting applications for teachers to participate in its special summer programs. Each year the NEH's Division of Education Programs offers teachers opportunities to study humanities topics in a variety of Summer Seminars and Institutes. Topics range from teaching Italian to studying about the Canterbury Tales, and from Mark Twain to Chinese culture & identity. The dates and duration of each project are listed under each title.

The application deadline is March 1, 2007 (postmark). For more details, please see: <http://www.neh.gov/projects/si-school.html>.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

- New Temporary Exhibit – “*to cherish peace and goodwill...*” **Holidays at the White House**; November 24, 2006 through January 7, 2007; <http://www.alplm.org/events/holidaysatWhiteHouse.html>.
- **Book Discussion – Dr. Gabor S. Boritt, author of *The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech that Nobody Knows***, Saturday, December 2, 7 p.m., Union Theater. A book signing in the Museum Store will follow Dr. Boritt's presentation. Reserve a free admission ticket by calling (217) 558-8881.
- For more information about the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum visit us online at [http://www.alplm.org/intro\\_0a\\_content.html](http://www.alplm.org/intro_0a_content.html) or email [HPA.ALPLM.Events@illinois.gov](mailto:HPA.ALPLM.Events@illinois.gov).

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## Nutrition / Health

### ILLINOIS SCHOOLS CAN! INITIATIVE TO START

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The Illinois Nutrition Education and Training (NET) Program will soon implement an *Illinois Schools Can!* initiative to assist elementary schools in taking the HealthierUS School Challenge. Components of this two year initiative include an electronic newsletter, mini-grant opportunities that support schools taking the HealthierUS School Challenge and a statewide *Principals Step and Crunch Challenge* that will enlist principals, teachers, students, parents and foodservice professionals to serve as role models for students in practicing healthy eating and being physically active.

Watch <http://www.kidseatwell.org/> for more information to be posted soon. In the interim, please call NET (800) 466-7998 to find out how you can be involved!

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## Scholarships / Programs for Students

### ILLINOIS FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE—"WHAT MY FATHER MEANS TO ME"

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

- Each student is asked to write a 250 word (or less) essay on the theme "What My Father Means to Me," describing their relationship with their father or father figure. Father figures can include: uncles, brothers, coaches or other persons of influence to the student.
- Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation as well as coupons for other prizes. Each student will also have a chance to win a \$1,000 Bright Start college scholarship and an invitation to the May 2007 Faces of Fatherhood Celebration at U.S. Cellular Field.
- The Top 100 Schools that participate in the Essay Contest will be awarded a Best Buy Gift Card, compliments of IFI.
- Twelve of the essay finalists and their Fathers or Father Figures will be invited to attend the June 2007 IFI Fatherhood Celebration Dinner in Chicago.
- Essay contest materials will be available online in November at <http://www.4fathers.org/>.
- The contest officially begins on December 1, 2006. Essays must be postmarked on or before Friday March 9, 2007.

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## Assessment and Accountability

### ACCESS FOR ELLS® - PRE-ID LABEL INFORMATION

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The pre-ID labels for the ACCESS for ELLs® language proficiency test will be handled differently than last year. ISBE Student Assessment has made changes to help TBE/TPI coordinators and district staff in charge of Limited English Proficient (LEP) services.

ISBE will pull all the names and student demographic information for LEP students in grades Kindergarten through 12 from the Student Information System (SIS). Every student identified as LEP will receive a pre-ID label for ACCESS. Districts are encouraged to make sure that LEP students have their State ID numbers and current demographic information entered into SIS before November 22, 2006. ISBE vendor MetriTech will use this information to produce the pre-ID labels which will be sent to districts around January 9, 2007.

If you have any questions, email **Becky McCabe** at [rmccabe@isbe.net](mailto:rmccabe@isbe.net) or call MetriTech at (800) 747-4868.

### NON-CERTIFIED STAFF SALARY STUDY SURVEY

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

Beginning with the 2006-2007 school year, the paper-based Non-certified Staff Salary Survey will be replaced by a web-based online system. School districts are requested to submit their Non-certified Staff Salary data online via a secure connection over the Internet known as ISBE Web Application Security (IWAS). The system will be opened for data entry on March 1, 2007 and the last date for submission of data is March 31, 2007.

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## Classroom Resources

### ILLINOIS TEXTBOOK LOAN PROGRAM

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The Illinois Textbook Loan Program will open for school ordering November 15, 2006 and will close on March 15, 2007. The Fiscal Year 2007 program will service grades 9-12. ISBE sent out school packages November 8, 2006, to all administrators with grades nine through 12 students. If you have any questions, please call (217) 782-0734.

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## Waukegan-Area Events

### COMING SOON TO THE GENESEE THEATRE

Attached to this *Bulletin*, you will find information about some of the great performers coming to the Genesee Theatre in the next few months (see [Enclosures](#)). For a complete list of all upcoming acts including four Broadway shows, ticket prices, and show times, call (847) 782-2366 or visit [www.geneseetheatre.com](http://www.geneseetheatre.com).

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## Position Vacancies Around Illinois

### MUNDELEIN SCHOOL DISTRICT 75 DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Mundelein School District 75 is seeking two dynamic and creative educational leaders to fill key administrative positions beginning July 1, 2007.

The **Director of Teaching and Learning** is a new administrative position to replace retiring Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Judy Giannamore. The position is changing from a 10-month plus 20 day teaching position to a 12-month administrative position.

The **Director of Finance and Operations** is a new title that more accurately reflects the responsibilities held by Business Manager, Stacey Bachar. Stacey has accepted the Assistant Superintendent position in Aptakisic-Tripp for next year.

The Deadline for Application is January 8, 2007. For more information, see [www.District75.org](http://www.District75.org) or contact Superintendent Cynthia L. Heidorn, Ph.D., at (847) 949-2700.

### SIGNAL HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 181 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Board of Education of Signal Hill School District 181, Belleville, Illinois, is seeking a School Superintendent. It is anticipated that the new Superintendent will be selected by mid-February, and will be expected to assume the post on July 1, 2007. The Superintendent selected will succeed Jim Rich, who has served as Interim Superintendent since August 2006.

To receive consideration, applicant's file must be completed by December 29, 2006. For more information, contact the Illinois Association of School Boards at (217) 528-9688.

### **VIRDEN DISTRICT 4 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Virden Community Unit School District No. 4, Virden, Illinois, is seeking a Superintendents of Schools. The Superintendent selected will succeed James H. Kirbach, who has served the district for the past 23 years and is retiring in June 2007. The new Superintendent will be expected to assume the duties on July 1, 2007.

To be considered for this position, an applicant's file must be completed and received by January 5, 2007. For more information, contact The Consulting and Research Group, Inc. (phone: 217-762-7475, e-mail: [crgroup@pdnt.com](mailto:crgroup@pdnt.com), web site: [www.crgroupweb.com](http://www.crgroupweb.com))

### **RAMSEY DISTRICT 204 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Ramsey Community Unit School District No. 204, Ramsey, Illinois, is seeking a Superintendents of Schools. The Superintendent selected will succeed Chuck Stortzum, who has served the district for the past 8 years and is retiring in June 2007. The new Superintendent will be expected to assume the duties on July 1, 2007.

To be considered for this position, an applicant's file must be completed and received by January 5, 2007. For more information, contact The Consulting and Research Group, Inc. (phone: 217-762-7475, e-mail: [crgroup@pdnt.com](mailto:crgroup@pdnt.com), web site: [www.crgroupweb.com](http://www.crgroupweb.com))

### **GRANITE CITY DISTRICT 9 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education of Granite City Community Unit School District #9 is seeking a Superintendents of Schools. It is anticipated that the new Superintendent will be selected by February 1, 2007, and will be expected to assume the post no later than July 1, 2007. The Superintendent selected will succeed Dr. Ken Perkins, who is retiring after serving the district as Superintendent of Schools for the past four years.

The deadline for receiving applications and credentials is January 5, 2007. For more information, contact the Superintendent Search Committee at (618) 451-5800.

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## **Enclosures**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **Current Vacancy Postings** – [VacanciesV1N15.pdf](#)  
⇒ Mathematics Classroom Teacher (Jefferson Middle School)

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2. **FLYER: Leadership for Diversity Conference** – [Leadership for Diversity Flyer.pdf](#)

### **WAUKEGAN-AREA EVENTS**

3. **FLYER: Coming Soon to the Genesee Theatre** – [112506 Genesee flyer.pdf](#)

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