

# 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:

### ***“New Year Health Resolves”***

Last week, you will recall that I sent you my first message of the New Year. That message was entitled, “*New Year Resolves.*” The theme of that message was that it is a new year and that each of us should take the time to be pleasant, to smile, to show attention to, appreciate, and love our families... including our school family.

Well, another important resolution that each of us should make in the New Year is to love and care for ourselves. Although this sounds selfish, each of us should commit to improving our health through good nutrition and exercise. Further, we should learn to cope with the stresses that life presents us through relaxation or meditation. Our ability to share our love with our families is dependent upon how well we are able to support and help ourselves. And herein lies our resolve... in order to be able to help others, we must first be fit and healthy ourselves.

Please remember that our district health care plan has marvelous wellness benefits. These benefits enable us to affordably address our health issues and maintain a healthy status. We should all start the new year by getting a routine physical; especially if you have not had one recently. When did you last have your cholesterol checked, a mammogram, a PSA, a hearing exam, or a vision test? Our PPO / HMO plan will help you significantly with the costs of these services and may thus provide you with significant preventative medical assistance.

Please remember to take care of yourself. You are very important to us, and we need your help with our educational mission. 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 of Schools

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## Important Dates

- Board of Education Election Nomination Filing Begins (8:00 a.m.) – **January 29, 2007**
- Board of Education Election Nomination Filing Ends (5:00 p.m.) – **February 5, 2007**
- Mail-in Registration Begins for 2007-2008 School Year – **February 20, 2007**
- 2007 Southern Illinois Women's Teen Conference – **February 24, 2007**

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## Notices

### GUEST PRINCIPAL / TEACHER PARKING AT LINCOLN CENTER

Effective immediately, eleven parking spaces at the south end of the drive in front of Lincoln Center are reserved for principals and teachers who are guests during the workday or after hours. As stated in last week's *Superintendent's Bulletin*, all doors other than the main entrance will be locked during the day, so we are providing parking near that entrance. These spaces will be marked as soon as weather permits.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION NOTICE

Nominating petitions for candidates for Member of the Board of Education must be filed in the office of the Superintendent between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning January 29, 2007. The final day to file petitions is Monday, February 5, 2007, no later than 5 p.m.

In case of simultaneous filings at 8:00 a.m. on January 29, 2007, (or as specified in the *School Code*), a lottery to determine position on the ballot will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 12:00 p.m., noon, in the office of the Superintendent of Schools.

**All Board Election notices are posted on the Waukegan Public Schools Web Site (<http://www.waukeganschools.org/schoolboard/election>) and submitted to the *News Sun* for newspaper publication.**

### CONTRIBUTIONS

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

<p><b>Patrick Schwisow</b> Web Information Manager Lincoln Center for Educational Services 1201 N. Sheridan Rd Waukegan, IL 60085 Phone: (847) 263-2300 Fax: (847) 360-5628 <a href="mailto:pschwisow@waukeganschools.org">pschwisow@waukeganschools.org</a></p>
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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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## Registration and Enrollment

### MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FOR 2007-2008

→ *From Eric Christianson, Interim Manager, Student Support*

Mail-in registration for the 2007-2008 school year is about to begin! Secretaries should look for materials to arrive in their buildings at the beginning of February to mail out to parents by mid-February. Procedures will be very similar to past years. Mail-in registrations will be accepted from February 20<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>. Look for more details, including training dates, in the near future.

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## Nutrition / Health

### LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE WORKSHOPS ANNOUNCE NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR ILLINOIS SCHOOLS

→ *Submitted by Diane Grischeau, District 60 Lead Nurse*

*Illinois Schools Can! Putting School Wellness Policies into Action* is a full-day workshop offering 5 CPDU credits to K-12 school staff. These workshops are being sponsored by the Illinois Soybean Association and presented by the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools and the Illinois Nutrition Education and Training Program.

In July 2006, all schools participating in national school meals programs were required to develop and adopt a local wellness policy to support student wellness and play a role in childhood obesity prevention. Many Illinois schools and local wellness policy teams have already worked long and hard to come up with a wellness policy that supports academic achievement and student health. The next step is implementation!

These workshops coming to your region in February or March 2007 are funded, in part, through USDA grants and focus on putting your school wellness team members and school staff in touch with strategies and resources to move policy into action. A new mini-grant opportunity for Illinois elementary schools who want to take the *USDA HealthierUS School Challenge* will also be announced at these workshops. Attendance at these workshops will also provide elementary schools who want to apply for the *Illinois Schools Can!* grants of up to \$2,500 with extra credit points!

Download a registration form at [www.kidseatwell.org](http://www.kidseatwell.org).

### ILLINOIS SCHOOLS CAN! INITIATIVE

→ *Submitted by Diane Grischeau, District 60 Lead Nurse*

The Illinois Nutrition Education and Training (NET) Program is announcing *Illinois Schools Can!* - a new initiative to assist Illinois elementary schools in taking the *USDA HealthierUS School Challenge*.

Components of this two-year initiative include an electronic newsletter, mini-grant opportunities that support elementary schools taking the *HealthierUS School Challenge*, and a statewide *Principals Step & Crunch Challenge* to be initiated next year 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.

*Illinois Schools Can!* is being undertaken by the Illinois Nutrition Education and Training Program with funding from a USDA Team Nutrition grant. This is a collaborative project involving the Action for Healthy Kids - Illinois team, Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in this concerted effort to benefit Illinois schools.

Any interested organizations, agencies or corporations who would like to support the *Illinois Schools Can!* initiative is invited to participate as well. In addition, sponsorship of future *Illinois Schools Can!* mini-grants are needed to sustain and expand the program.

Contributions to the *Illinois Schools Can!* electronic newsletter are welcome. Please notify the Illinois NET Program of any programs, training or resources that can support Illinois schools in their efforts to meet *HealthierUS School Challenge* criteria by emailing them to [inet@kidsroe.org](mailto:inet@kidsroe.org).

We would also like to hear success stories from Illinois schools that have made progress in school wellness initiatives. For more information on how to get involved in the *Illinois Schools Can!* initiative or to register for the *Illinois Schools Can!* newsletter, visit [www.kidseatwell.org](http://www.kidseatwell.org) or call the Illinois NET Program at (800) 466-7998.

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## Reading

### LITERACY IN BLOOM CONFERENCE PRESENTER PROPOSALS

→ *From the Lake County Regional Office of Education*

For the past two years, the Northern Illinois Reading Recovery Consortium and the Lake County Regional Office of Education have sponsored *Literacy in Bloom*, an after school professional development event. The program, which focused upon literacy acquisition for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade regular education, special education, and ELL teachers, was extremely well received by almost 200 attendees. Each year, breakout session presenters were drawn from a pool of local educators who excel in their work with children. Because program evaluations underscored the value of this offering as well as the need for more of the same, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Literacy in Bloom Conference* is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2007, 4:00 to 7:30 P.M.

Local educators with expertise in the areas of literacy acquisition and development are encouraged to submit a proposal for a session to present at the conference. (Presenter Proposal forms are attached to this document; see [Enclosures](#).) **Completed proposal forms are to be mailed or faxed to Laura Beltchenko, Wauconda District 118, as noted on the form, by February 1, 2007.**

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## Professional Development

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDORSEMENT COURSES OF STUDY

→ *From the Educators' Center, University Center of Lake County*

It is the desire of the University Center of Lake County to follow-up on the survey data that was recently gathered from Lake County school superintendents and teachers regarding teacher shortage areas and professional development needs by trying to set up some programs for teacher endorsements in areas of highest need.

It is our hope that a number of member institutions will respond to this REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (see [Enclosures](#)) by the March 2, 2007 deadline date so that plans can be completed as soon as possible for a series of courses to be offered in one or more endorsement areas of need, beginning summer, 2007.

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## Position Vacancies Around Illinois

### **RONDOUT SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Rondout S.D. #72 is currently seeking a K-8 Building Principal for Rondout Elementary School. The person selected will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr. Michael Polite who has served in this capacity for the past eleven years. The new principal is expected to begin work on July 1, 2007.

This twelve-month position includes both building- and district-level responsibilities. Rondout S.D. #72 is seeking a dynamic educational leader with excellent interpersonal and communication skills, a strong work ethic and professional commitment. The position will offer a regionally competitive administrative salary with an excellent benefit package.

To be considered for this position, interested individuals must complete and on-line application at [www.rondout.org](http://www.rondout.org). In addition, a cover letter, current résumé, three letters of recommendation and official transcripts should be mailed to:

**Principal Search – Rondout School District 72**

Attn: Dr. Jenny Wojcik  
28593 N. Bradley Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

**The application deadline is February 1, 2007.**

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

The Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) announces the following Administrative Positions for the 2007 school year:

***Chief Financial Officer***

Responsible for all aspects of a \$60,000,000 budget for a comprehensive special education cooperative.

Closing date: **February 15, 2007**

***Principal: Cyd Lash Academy***

Principalship of a High School Alternative Program for Students with severe emotional / behavioral disorders. Student enrollment ranges from 150-175 per year.

Closing date: **March 1, 2007**

***Principal: Laremont School / Majorie Ureche Early Childhood Center***

Principalship of Pre-K through age 21 day school for students with severe / profound multiple disabilities. Student enrollment ranges from 90-100 students per year.

Closing date: **March 1, 2007**

Interested applicants may apply on-line at [www.sedol.k12.il.us](http://www.sedol.k12.il.us) and send letters of interest to:

**Mark Heckmon**

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Special Education District of Lake County  
18160 Gages Lake Rd  
Gages Lake, IL 60030

## **NORTH SHORE DISTRICT 112 ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**

The North Shore School District 112, a progressive K-8 district of 4,300 students located in the north suburban Chicago area, is seeking a principal for Wayne Thomas Elementary School (K-5) for the 2007-08 school year. Candidates should hold or be eligible for Type 75 administrative certification in the state of Illinois. District 112 is offering a regionally competitive salary, no less than \$90,000, plus full TRS, and other excellent benefits in a ten-month administrative contract.

Please apply online at <http://www.nssd112.org/> no later than **January 26, 2007**. For further information, contact **Dr. Michael Lubelfeld**, Director of Personnel Services, at **(847) 681-6700**.

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## **Enclosures**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. **Current Vacancy Postings** – [VacanciesV1N19.pdf](#)
  - ⇒ Twilight School Teachers / Facilitators (A.O.E.C. / Twilight School)
  - ⇒ Cross-Categorical Paraprofessional (Jefferson)
  - ⇒ One on One Paraprofessional (Jefferson)
  - ⇒ Safety Officer (A.O.E.C. / Twilight School)
  - ⇒ Night Custodian – Area 2 (Webster)
  - ⇒ Night Custodian – Area 1 (Washington)

### **READING**

2. **Literacy in Bloom Conference Presenter Proposal Form** – [PresenterProposalForm.pdf](#)

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

3. **RFP for Middle School Endorsement Courses of Study** – [RequestForProposal.pdf](#)

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