

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:

By the time you receive this transmittal, you should have already received the catalog with sessions planned for our September 22 Institute Day. The professional development team has been busy planning sessions to meet the needs of our various audiences (teachers, para-educators, office workers, security staff, etc).

You will note a major change in the structure of the Institute Day format, as well. Instead of having a full day, a keynote speaker has been eliminated and sessions will begin promptly at 8:00. Also, in an effort to use as much money as possible for capacity-building experiences, lunch will not be served so that we can offer five sessions and end at 1:30 for certificated staff. All other staff must abide with their bargained agreements. Although lunch will not be provided, a healthy snack will be made available during passing times. There are a few exceptions and those are noted in the program. An example is the CPR / AED Training, which must be held for 6 hours in order to receive the certificate. In those cases, lunch will be provided.

You will also note that this year, we are offering a greater variety and several additional offerings. The Division of Instructional Programs and Services carefully reviewed the surveys and are responding to the concerns that you indicated. You will be able to choose from an all-day session, double sessions, or single sessions. Many of the sessions are targeted to special audiences and some have required attendance for special populations or schools. Please take the time needed to peruse the schedule that was e-mailed to you last Friday.

You may select those items that will best suit your needs, or those that you may be required to attend. May I encourage you to think "outside the box"? Some sessions may not have a special population in the title, but will benefit everyone who attends. An example would be the topic *Classroom Management*. While on the surface it would only be applicable for regular or special education teachers, it is also beneficial for gym teachers, para-educators, social workers, speech pathologists, etc. Everyone can benefit from tips given in this session, including administrators and other itinerant staff. Another example may be those selections noted for English Language Learners; all instructional and support staff would benefit from any work learning about how best to meet the needs of this student population. There are also several items involving the arts that are geared for every teacher, not just those involved in teaching art. A worksheet located in your emails, should make planning easier.

On behalf of the Section of Academic Affairs, we hope the day is filled with valuable and useful tools to build your professional capacity... **"A New Day, A New Way in Waukegan Public Schools! ...one pace beyond."**

Donaldo R. Batiste, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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Important Dates

- Hepatitis B Clinic (Lincoln Center 129) – **September 21, 2006**
- Institute Day (Location TBA) – **September 22, 2006**
- Attendance Week – **September 25-29, 2006**
- *Application Deadline*: William Randolph Hearst Scholarships – **October 4, 2006**
- Columbus Day (Legal Holiday) – **October 9, 2006**
- School Improvement Inservice (½ day) – **October 11, 2006**
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Expo (Park Place Senior Center) – **October 21, 2006**

Notices

HEPATITIS B CLINIC

All Waukegan Public School Staff are eligible to receive the Hepatitis B Vaccine. The first of the series of three vaccinations will be given on Thursday, September 21st at Lincoln Center in Room 129 between 2 – 4 p.m. If you would like to receive the vaccination and have not already signed a consent form, please contact your building's school nurse.

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*.

District Spotlight

***THE WORLD WITHIN OUR MINDS* BY WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Nightengale Press has just released a new book: ***The World Within Our Minds* by Waukegan High School Students**. The book contains poems and short stories by students in Diane Bressler's classroom and artwork by students in Cheryl McArdle's classroom.

The World Within Our Minds is available for \$9.95 from the publisher, Nightengale Press (<http://www.nightengalepress.com/store/customer/product.php?productid=16174>), and other online bookstores. All proceeds go to Waukegan High School. For any questions, please contact **Diane Bressler at Waukegan High School Upper Grade Center W244**.

Legal

SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM DCFS

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

There have been important changes to State law concerning the legal obligations of school employees and board members as mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect in Illinois. The start of the school year is also an opportune time to remind all of us of mandated reporters' ongoing duty under the law to report suspected child abuse and neglect.

Effective June 20, 2006, State of Illinois Public Act 094-0888 amended the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act, as follows:

1. The list of "mandated reporters" required by the Act to report child abuse and neglect has been broadened and clarified to include:
"school personnel (including administrators and both certified and non-certified school employees)"
2. School board members now have specific obligations under the Act:
"If an allegation is raised to a school board member during the course of an open or closed school board meeting that a child who is enrolled in the school district of which he or she is a board member is an abused child as defined in Section 3 of this Act, the member shall direct or cause the school board to direct the superintendent of the school district or other equivalent school administrator to comply with the requirements of this Act concerning the reporting of child abuse. For purposes of this paragraph, a school board member is granted the authority in his or her individual capacity to direct the superintendent of the school district or other equivalent school administrator to comply with the requirements of this Act concerning the reporting of child abuse."

As your school's employees welcome students back for the new year, it is also important to remind those employees of their ongoing obligation under the Act to report child abuse and neglect to the State of Illinois Child Abuse Hotline. To support you in that task, please print and distribute the updated "Care Enough To Call" brochure, which summarizes when and how mandated reporters must call the State of Illinois Child Abuse Hotline. You may also print and distribute the "Protecting Children" mini-poster, which you may post in locations visible to your school's employees. You are free to print and distribute these materials from the attached link and you may request printed copies of these documents from DCFS by calling the DCFS Division of Communications at 217-785-1700. Two more comprehensive publications, "Protecting the Children: A School Administrators Guide to Child Welfare Services in Illinois" and "A Manual for Mandated Reporters" are also available by request and can be printed from the DCFS web site at www.state.il.us/dcfs.

DCFS also offers on-site training for mandated reporters at your school, free of charge. This training is appropriate to be included in your school's in-service training program, to be scheduled at your convenience. To request additional information, materials, and/or to schedule on-site training, please contact the DCFS Division of Communications at 217-785-1700 or **Womazetta Jones** at 312-328-2299.

Protecting children is a duty we all share. Thank you for your attention to this important information and please contact us if we can assist you in any way to meet this critical obligation under the law.

Professional Development

LAKE COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Lake County Educational Services (LCES), a division of the Lake County Regional Office of Education, is offering the following professional development opportunities in October:

- **AD45312 Dealing with Difficult Teachers** – 10/13/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 09/29/06
- **AD65003 Observing Effective Reading and Mathematics Instruction in the Classroom** – 10/26/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/13/06
- **LA55250 Illinois Reading Academy Gr. K-2** – 10/10, 10/24, 11/07, 11/28, 12/12/06 4:30p.m.-8:30p.m.
Register by 10/03/06
- **LA55254 ISAT Writing – Grades 5** – 10/20/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/13/06
- **LA55258 Oral Reading Fluency: The Missing Ingredient** – 10/27/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/13/06
- **LA55260 How to Write the Best Research Paper Ever!** – 10/26/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/12/06
- **LA55262 Advanced ISAT Reading Training** – 10/19/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/12/06
- **LA65015 Illinois Reading Academy: Grades 3, 4 & 5** – 10/5, 10/19, 11/2, 11/16/06 8:30a.m.-3:00p.m.
Register by 09/29/06
- **LA65017 6-Trait Writing Basics 3-8** – 10/06/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 09/29/06
- **LA72001 New ISAT Reading-2006 for Grades 6, 7 & 8** – 10/05/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 09/29/06
- **ME63154 Math ISAT Grades 3-4** – 10/03/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 09/25/06
- **ME63155 Math ISAT Grades 5-6** – 10/13/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/02/06
- **ME63156 Math ISAT Grades 7-8** – 10/24/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/16/06
- **ME78006 Using Student Data Folders for Student Achievement** – 10/10/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/03/06
- **ME78008 Using Manipulatives to Prepare for the Math ISAT** – 10/18/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/11/06
- **SD55003 CRISS: Creating Independence Through Student-Owned Strategies** – 10/12, 10/24/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 09/28/06
- **SD55004 Project CRISS for the Math Classroom 6-12** – 10/17, 10/31/06 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.
Register by 10/03/06
- **SD55006 ISAT Content Area Updates: Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Writing** – 10/10/06 8:30a.m.-11:30a.m.
Register by 10/03/06
- **TE18004 Lake County School Librarian/Aides User Group** – 10/25/06 8:30a.m.-11:00a.m.
Register by 10/20/06

Most courses meet at the Lake County High School Technology Campus and the University Center of Lake County (both located on the College of Lake County campus in Grayslake). **Many LCES courses earn CPDU credits for participating teachers.** For updated information and to enroll, go to www.lake.k12.il.us and click on *ESD Workshops*. All LCES enrollment is done online.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND EFFECTIVE TEACHING OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS

→ ***PRESENTED BY HSC Workshops***

Many children have emotional or behavioral problems that present special challenges for teachers and others in school. This workshop will provide you with strategies to enhance learning, build self-esteem and control disruptive and otherwise troublesome behavior of students with emotional and behavioral problems.

We will discuss the causes of these problems (conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder, ADHD, depression and bipolar disorder, bullying, societal violence, parental mismanagement, among others) and, on this foundation, build practical strategies to maintain behavioral control and teach effectively.

When & Where:

Chicago (Rosemont), IL	Monday, Sept 25, 2006	Holiday Inn	6600 N. Mannheim Rd
Joliet, IL	Tuesday, Sept 26, 2006	Holiday Inn Expr.	3231 Norman Ave
Urbana, IL	Wednesday, Sept 27, 2006	Holiday Inn	1001 Killarney Street
Edwardsville, IL	Thursday, Sept 28, 2006	Comfort Inn	3080 S. St. Road 157

Time: 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM (lunch noon- 1:00)

Registration: 7:30 – 8:00

Cost: \$139.00 includes morning coffee and rolls as well as all training materials.

SPECIAL NOTE: *Payment of 2 registration fees entitles a 3rd person to attend free.*

HSC Workshops is an approved provider of continuing education by the Illinois Department of Education

For more information or to register for a workshop, contact HSC Workshops by phone at (602) 674-0911 or by e-mail to hscworkshops@cox.net.

Division of Instructional Programs and Services

BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SERVICES

→ ***From Mike Kallison, Manager of Behavior Intervention Services***

I am very proud to say that PBIS is alive and well within our district. As this letter is being written, 12 schools and their PBIS Green Level teams are busy working on continuing to implement PBIS in their buildings. Carman-Buckner Elementary, Cooke Magnet, Clearview Elementary, Lyon Magnet are all in the planning stages of their kick-off celebrations for the beginning of the year. The school-wide kick-offs include stations where the students are taught and reminded about school-wide expectations, such as how to walk in the hallway and so on.

Another PBIS initiative is the Tertiary Training as Waukegan received a grant for training and implementing the Tertiary Levels of PBIS. The State Level of PBIS picked Carman-Buckner,

Cooke Magnet, and Benny Middle School as the model schools for this school year. We will be receiving technical assistance from Loyola University and from the Illinois PBIS Network for training and implementation. The district WRAP-around Coordinator will be heading the Tertiary initiative. This is exciting as Waukegan was one of three school districts in the entire state picked to receive this grant.

Finally, the school district has a District PBIS Leadership team that is hard at work ensuring the stability of PBIS within the district. I look forward to the school year and to the future of PBIS. For further information, please feel free to contact the Manager of Behavior Intervention Services at mkallison@waukeganschools.org or the WRAP-around Coordinator at rwojak@waukeganschools.org.

For more information on PBIS, please visit www.pbisillinois.org.

Scholarships / Programs for Students

HEARST SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

The deadline for juniors and seniors in private and public high schools to apply for the 45th Annual United States Senate Youth Program sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation is **October 4, 2006**. The two student winners of the competition representing Illinois will spend an all-expenses-paid week-long educational experience in Washington, D.C. and a \$5,000 college scholarship. Please encourage your outstanding juniors and seniors of this unique opportunity. For immediate details, please visit www.isbe.net/sos/htmls/hearst.htm or call **Dr. Richard Walker** at 217-524-4832.

Enclosures

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **Current Vacancy Postings** – [VacanciesV1N5.pdf](#)
2. **Workshop: 10 Ways Pandemic Flu Could Affect Your School** – [PanFluSchoolInvite.pdf](#)

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