

### ***Board Honors “88’s Best” for December***

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88’s Best**. They were pleased to honor the following students for their improved performance:



**Javier Garay**, a senior at **Addison Trail**, is recognized for displaying highly improved performance during his past four year. He has grown from a freshman that was struggling to learn the English language to a senior who exemplifies Blazer Pride.

His academic performance has improved each and every year. Javier transitioned from having only one non-ESL class his freshman year (P.E.) to four non-ESL classes and two sheltered ESL classes that were taught in English only his sophomore year. The transition from ESL into the traditional mainstream classes has culminated in Javier taking all mainstream core classes for his senior year.

After graduation, Javier plans to attend College of DuPage to begin his work towards becoming either a mechanic or chef. Upon obtaining his Associates Degree, Javier will look to attend a four-year university.

**Martha Valdivia** spent her early high school years **Willowbrook** caring for her Mother who was ill. These challenging circumstances contributed to her missing classes and losing credits. However, Martha’s persistence and dedication to achieving her goals eventually lead her to the GOAL program.

Martha entered the GOAL Program needing 20 credits in order to graduate with her class in June of 2011. Through GOAL, she improved her attendance in school and her focus on her future in the culinary arts. By completing the program early, Martha has shown that hard work and perseverance is certainly rewarded.

As she looks to the future, Martha plans to study Culinary Arts at the College of DuPage. One day she hopes to open her own pastry shop.



### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2010 TAX LEVY**

The **tentative tax levy for 2010** was reviewed and approved at the November 15, 2010 Regular Business Board meeting. At that time, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2010 in the amount of **\$47,555,351**. No changes or updates were made since the tentative tax levy was approved in November. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Law, the public hearing was opened for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2010 proposed tax levy.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- **Adoption of the 2010 Tax Levy.**
- **The list of bills, treasurer’s report, and budget status report** from Nov. 2010.
- **Payment of check #473442 to Mr. Tom Edmier** for a bookstore refund.
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more.
- **Rising Star Comprehensive Plan Report** for Willowbrook High School.
- **Authorization to dispose** of items on the Disposition of Equipment list.
- **BTF Contractor Payment Request #29.**
- **New Course Proposals for the 2010-2011 School Year** including Arabic and Calculus.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**, which included the following, were approved by the Board: (con't)

- **Calendar revisions for the 2010-2011 School Year** reflecting 1:40 dismissals on December 17, 2010 and March 25, 2011.
- **Final payment to Wight & Co.** for additional civil engineering services exceeding the original contractual scope of Building The Future work..
- **Meeting minutes** from the November 15, 2010 Evaluation and Compensation Meeting; November 15, 2010 Closed Session Evaluation and Compensation Meeting; November 15, 2010 Regular Business Board Meeting; and November 22, 2010 Educational Focus Board Meeting.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTIONS:** the following items were approved by the Board:

- Classified Staff Appointment for **Patricia Kraegel**, District IEP Coordinator.
- Classified Staff Retirement, effective June 17, 2011, for **Kathy Kirch**, WB Financial Secretary.
- Classified Staff Resignation for **Christopher Perkins**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.
- Buildings & Grounds Appointment for **Steve Decker**, WB 3<sup>rd</sup> Shift Custodian.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Review of **Board Policy 4:50 – Payment Procedures**.
- **A Freedom of Information request** was received from Mr. Justin Grygiel of First Student, Inc. and information related to his request regarding transportation contracts has been forwarded.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

**Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton** highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The Guidance Department hosted a successful Career Week that featured local business partners conducting mock interviews with students, participating in a Career Fair and hosting onsite field trips in the community.
- Forty-seven students have earned distinction as Illinois State Scholars, ranking in the top 10% of the states graduating seniors.
- Students and staff participated in Governor Quinn’s “Holiday Cards for Heroes” initiative sending hundreds of holiday wishes to service men and women abroad.
- Upcoming events include: culmination of Holiday Benefit concerts, Annual Young Alum event, Principal’s Cup of Cheer, winter break and EXPLORE testing for Class of 2016.

**Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause** also highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The Willowbrook community supported the “Warrior Project” by adopting 77 children and senior citizens in the community and providing wrapped toys and gift certificates this holiday season.
- Students and staff also participated in Governor Quinn’s “Holiday Cards for Heroes” initiative sending hundreds of holiday wishes to service men and women abroad.
- Congratulations to the Speech team who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 23 teams in the last tournament. Team members are preparing for their home meet to be hosted in January.
- Upcoming events include: the culmination of holiday music concerts, Annual Young Alum event, winter break, Art Alumni Day and EXPLORE testing for Class of 2016.

**SEPARATE ACTION ITEM:** Following closed session, the Board approved:

- Resolution releasing minutes from closed session meetings.

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**Mark Your Calendars:**

January 24, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
January 31, 2010	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom