
Academic Interventions Support 2008 PSAE Test Score Growth
Congratulations to the Students and Staff of WBHS!

EDUCATIONAL FOCUS ITEMS:

- **Mrs. Beth Yacobi, Director of Curriculum & Learning**, provided a summary of **PSAE assessment data** from 2004-2008 for both Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools. The success of WBHS to achieve **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** means students met or exceeded the 62.5% standard in Reading and Math (raised from 55% last year) for **No Child Left Behind (NCLB)**.

Although AT test scores did not meet the benchmarks this year in all sub-categories, students and staff **experienced significant gains and continue to close the achievement gap**. In addition, the **District ACT average composite score** increased from 20.9 to 21.1.

Both schools are commended for their continuous work to raise student achievement. District 88 holds **high expectations for all students** and specific interventions are helping students gain the skills they need for success. Examples of these interventions include: increased graduation requirements, elimination of basic classes, credit recovery, summer school, math restructuring, practice tests and the work of all departments.

- **Mrs. Yacobi** also presented data from the **2008 Summer School programs**. The Freshman Interventions program **targeted specific skills and raising achievement** for students below grade level in reading and math. The results from the 24 days of instruction will be forwarded on to all freshman teachers to continue providing support to these students. The District will **work with feeder school districts and 8th grade families** to understand the value of this work before starting high school. Sophomore and Junior seminar programs in math and English, ESL reading intervention, Speech, Consumer Education and Geometry were concurrent programs offered to help students achieve specific skills and provide greater schedule flexibility.

BUILDING THE FUTURE IN DISTRICT 88:

- **Superintendent Dr. Steve Humphrey** reported that the **2008-2009 school year will open on time** and that construction will take place year round with a continued emphasis on safety for the entire school community. Assistant Principals in each building have daily contact with the construction manager and will communicate important changes and information to students and staff.

Summer progress has been exciting, particularly in the area of technology with the **installation of a new wireless network**. The first phase of tablet laptops are expected to arrive soon and will begin changing the learning opportunities in the classroom. **District Office construction** continues in Addison and the relocation is scheduled for mid-October.

THE CONSENT AGENDA, which included the following items, was approved by the Board:

- The **list of bills from June 2008** with the exception of checks to David Cain, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kucik, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Cain, Mr. Tom Kucik, Mr. Paul Habel and Mr. Mark Johnson; the **list of bills from July 2008**; the **treasurer's report from June 2008 and July 2008**; **Resolution to participate in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund**; the 2008-2009 school **calendar amendment** and the **personnel report presented at the August 18, 2008 board meeting**.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION: the following items were approved by the Board

- **Payment of checks** #446342 to David Cain, Jr., #447017 to Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Cain, #446753 to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kucik, #447432 to Mr. Tom Kucik, #448366 to Mr. Paul Habel and #448670 to Mr. Mark Johnson.
- Ratification of BTF Planning/Construction Committee action for **emergency purchase and installation of Addison Trail stadium scoreboard.**
- **BTF contractor payment requests.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the June 16, 2008 Regular Business meeting.
- **Closed session minutes** from the June 16, 2008 Board meeting.
- **Meeting minutes** from the June 23, 2008 Educational Focus meeting.
- **Closed session minutes** from the June 23, 2008 Board meeting.

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

- Certified Staff Appointments for **Erin Clancy**, WB Math Teacher; **Susan Moe**, AT Social Work Intern and **Christopher Rehfield**, WB Part-Time Social Studies Teacher.
- Certified Staff Resignation for **Haley Martin**, AT English Teacher effective the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
- Classified Staff Resignation for **Stephanie Restivo**, WB Literacy Teacher Aide.
- Classified Staff Appointment for **Jennifer Eakley**, WB Special Education Teacher Aide.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION:

Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton highlighted events that helped launch the school year:

- Parents involved in AT Booster Clubs hosted an annual BBQ in conjunction with the Code of Conduct meetings for students participating in athletics, clubs and activities.
- The AT Booster Leaders also participated in a planning meeting to set common goals for the year, review the calendar of activities and brainstorm ways to work together.
- Upcoming events include: first home football game; joint C.A.C. meeting, Open House and Homecoming Week.

Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause highlighted events that helped launch the school year:

- More than 300 freshman students attended the annual Freshman Fling.
- Fall Code of Conduct meetings were hosted for students participating in athletics, clubs and activities.
- Faculty members are scheduled to host upcoming “Warrior Code” student assemblies by grade level and communicate behavior and academic expectations.
- Upcoming events include: first home football game, joint C.A.C. meeting and Open House.

SEPARATE ACTION ITEM, following closed session, was approved by the Board:

- Resolution authorizing the board attorney to purchase two properties in Addison.

Mark Your Calendars:

September 22, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	Addison Village Hall
September 29, 2008	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	Addison Village Hall