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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

Congratulations on another year of successes in District 86! As a result of your and your students hardwork a total of 1,069 students, 624 at Hinsdale Central and 445 at Hinsdale South, graduated in June! 98.2% of the Class of 2011 are college-bound; 78.6% are matriculating to a 4-year college, 19.7% to a 2-year college. Collectively, we have prepared them well for this next step and we look forward to their return visits to campus to share their adventures. We thank each of you for the role you have played in providing them with an exceptional education and the skills to succeed in this next phase of their lives.

In June, we welcomed John Bruesch as Hinsdale Central's Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction. John joins us from Community High School District 99 in Downers Grove. He is a former Social Studies Teacher and just completed an administrative internship with the superintendent at District 99. Welcome John!

We also welcomed two new board members in April. Dr. Richard Skoda and Mrs. Jennifer Planson joined the seven member Board of Education for their four year term.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing summer!

Best regards,



Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl
Superintendent of Schools

SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Kathy Gabric, Central Science Teacher, had a chapter published in a book. The citation is Gabric, K.M. (2011). The Awakening of a High School Biology Teacher to the BioMath Connection. In M.B. Cozzens & F.S. Roberts (Eds.) BioMath in the Schools (pp. 109-112). This is Kathy's 11th publication and first publication in a book. Congratulations!

Hinsdale South World Languages Teachers, **Courtney Mikulcik** and **Alison Vrtis**, were named "Best of Illinois" after presenting at the ICTFL conference. They will represent ICTFL at the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in Milwaukee in March 2012.

SUCCESSSES

Dr. Gary Hutchinson, Business, Tech Ed and FACS Department Chair (South), was honored with the National Business Education Association Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes outstanding contributions to business education. He was presented with the award at the NBEA 2011 Annual Convention in New Orleans in April.

District 86 was honored with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. This is the sixteenth consecutive year that the District has been recognized.



ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE

The following teachers recently earned advanced degrees:

Jim Westphal, Central Special Education Teacher, Masters in Educational Leadership and Administration from Northern Illinois University.

Kristen Bronke, Central Business Education Teacher and Co-Mentor Coordinator, Masters in School Leadership from Concordia University.

Jennifer Lawrence, Central World Languages Teacher, Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from Northern Illinois University. The title of her dissertation was "An Examination of High School Assessment and Grading Practices within a Professional Learning Community."

CELEBRATIONS!

BIRTHS

- * **Tanya Walery** (Central) and husband, Kevin, welcomed Zachary Walery into the world on May 19th.
- * **Patrick Maag** (South) and wife, Jessica, welcomed Margaret (Maggie) Maag into the world on June 8th.
- * **Jordan Stob** (Central) and husband, Matt, were blessed with the birth of Jack Henry Stob on May 27th.
- * **Michelle Proutsos** (South) and husband, Chris, welcomed baby Teddy into their family on June 3rd.
- * **Paul Woods** (Central) and wife, Christine, are excited to announce the birth of Evan Jae-Hyun Woods on May 12th.



DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB INDUCTEE

Howard Wright, Hinsdale South Social Studies Teacher, was inducted into the Quarter Century Club and honored for his 25 years of service to the District. The Quarter Century Club Dinner took place on May 19th at Ashton Place. Congratulations Howard!

CRYSTAL CLUB INDUCTEES

This year we welcomed five inductees into the Crystal Club and thanked them for their 15 years of service to the District. Maribeth Schauert, English Department Secretary; Timothy Hohman, Director of Technology; Sigita Mitchell, World Languages and Social Studies Secretary; Teresa Palumbo, English and Music Secretary; Jo Anne Sigel, Student Supervisor. Congratulations!

RETIREES HONORED

Congratulations to Susan Camasta, Science Teacher; Richard Doherty, English Teacher; James Kirwan, Physical Education Teacher; Thomas Malloy, Social Studies Teacher; Richard Townsend, Science Teacher; Jeff Waggoner, Jazz Ensembles Director. These six dedicated teachers retired at the end of the 2010-11 school year and were honored at the Quarter Century Club dinner at Ashton Place on May 19th.

Congratulations and thank you to retirees Sandy Gales, Excel Tutor; Lee Ann Swanson, Math and FACS Secretary; Robert Rietz, Maintenance Foreman; Joan Mangano, Administrative Assistant to the Athletic Director; Carlene Vicha, Assistant Bookstore Manager for their years of service and dedication to our District. These retirees were honored at the Crystal Club Luncheon on April 15th.

Thank you for a great year! See you in the Fall!