

2008

# PASD STATE OF THE DISTRICT

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## From the desk of the Superintendent:

As I reflect on this past year, it feels good to say we are definitely gaining ground and doing some groundbreaking! We have accomplished some wonderful things collectively. I felt this would be a great opportunity to share with each of you some of the things we have accomplished over the past twelve months.

Before I begin, I want to thank the Board of Education for their support and continued encouragement. Secondly, the PASD has a tremendous group of hardworking employees and Administrators who truly have a passion for the job they do and the students they serve.

## 2008 YEAR IN REVIEW

### FACILITIES

- A lot of time and energy is directed to facilitate the construction/renovation project and ensuring it is on target with our expectations.
- Visited other districts regarding the design of our new facilities.
- Purchased new outside lighting for Linwood Elementary as well as a fire alarm system.
- Worked with the new Linwood Park Board in May to prepare a working agreement.
- Worked with Consumers Power to lease the adjacent property.
- Groundbreaking ceremony with legislators in June.
- Developed a bids and quotation policy, especially important with the construction happenings.
- Worked with the Pinconning Township on water taps for the City/Township and District.
- Moved the storage building in anticipation of the parking lots and industrial arts building construction.
- Rearranged library for temporary construction area.
- Completed retention pond area to help with water drainage.
- Renovated Early Childhood restroom facilities.
- Purchased a plow truck.
- Continued asbestos abatement at Linwood Elementary and Central Elementary.
- Completed repair of Central Elementary's roof; the last of the elementary buildings.
- Continued work with Safe Routes to School.
- Completion on the Industrial Arts building in preparation for students second semester.
- Collaborated with Rotary and volunteers the first week of school to ensure safe and proper routing of buses, vehicles and students.

## STAFF

- Many meetings with negotiations were ongoing with the PAASA union, which were wrapped up winter 2008.
- Movement in the Administrators allowed for hiring of a new High School Assistant Principal / Athletic Director.
- Retirements in teaching staff who took advantage of the voluntary severance program allowed for hiring of new, qualified teaching staff.
- Collaborated with districts in the ISD to come up with an equal scale for sub teaching staff.
- Made a new appointment to the Board with the resignation of a Board member.
- Developed and implemented a 403B plan for employees.
- Encouraged all Administrators to attend School Law course held at the ISD to increase knowledge and awareness in a local setting.



- Continued collaboration with other districts for professional development for teaching and secretarial staff.

## CURRICULUM

- Implemented a Walk to School Day in May to assist with grant writing and healthy habits.
- Worked in collaboration with the Saganing Indian Tribe to fund various projects.
- Worked to implement Compass Learning software for use at the Pinconning High School, Advancement Academy and Summer Academy.
- Continued work with Strategic Goals committees.
- Developed a Personal Curriculum Policy as mandated by the State.
- Implemented a 7 period schedule to increase offerings to students.
- Continued work with our curriculum to prepare our students and District for the updated Michigan Merit Curriculum and graduation requirements.
- Worked with TV5 and the Cool School's program and Our Town.
- Approved new HIV Aids Curriculum for MS/HS to be in compliance.
- Developed a Summer Academy to offer recovery credits.
- Reviewed list of textbook needs for the district.
- Updated 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies textbooks.
- Produced historic Ten November play.
- Purchased 5<sup>th</sup> grade math books.
- Collaborated with the ISD for students to receive academic credit for courses.
- Three classrooms received 100% proficiency in math.
- Continued work at the grade level meetings to align curriculum and update curriculum mapping.
- Continued common end of-course-tests for 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes for MMC.
- Continued to map all high school and middle school curriculum.
- Purchased Pearson Benchmark Assessment software.
- Began to prepare for Title 1 On-site review.
- Continued efforts in school improvement at all buildings.
- Preparing to implement the new foreign language requirements in 2010.



## BUDGET

- Submitted the Bowerman grant for renovations to the track.
- Prepared a VSP package for PAEA.
- Changed the election date and terms to even years in November to reduce financial burden of election costs.
- Collaborated with other districts to provide daily mail to and from the Bay-Arenac ISD at no charge. This was an increase from 2 to 5 days and eliminated the need for bus drivers to incorporate in the Skill Center route.
- Continued meetings with Policy Committee to review NEOLA and recommend policies for approval.
- Worked in collaboration with the ISD on an emergency coordinator's meeting.



## TECHNOLOGY

- Purchased new computers for High School teachers.
- High School/Middle School library set up for online searching and renewal from home.
- New computers for HS/MS Media center via a grant.
- Increased technology support to the district in collaboration with the ISD.
- Approved data warehousing program in collaboration with the ISD.
- Implemented Edline at the Middle School level.
- Implemented windows server for platform specific applications and reduce instability.
- Approved consultant for the E-Rate program to fully take advantage of USF funding.
- Purchased new computers for Middle School lab.
- Ran new fiber to maintenance building to eliminate instability and dial up.
- Sceptor 7 information available to staff for increased student information.



## Things to look for in 2009

- A Board of Education that continues to remain student-centered and focused on helping all students achieve success.
- Continued work with the architects, construction manager, and Site Committee to finalize the construction/renovation project.
- Organize an Open House for the new facilities.
- Continued collaboration with the ISD to improve educational opportunities for students.
- Continued work with our Board Strategic Goals.
- Continue to seek grants that could assist our District.
- Continued work toward improving our student's learning and meeting curriculum and graduation requirements to enable our students to succeed.
- Continued work on updating our Board policies with NEOLA services.
- Use of data warehouse to fine tune academic needs and awareness of target areas.
- Continue to explore reductions/restructuring with increased educational needs and lower revenue.

## In conclusion . . .

Pinconning Area School District continues to advance our educational opportunities and has the ability to move forward even more to become a leader in helping all students achieve and work towards the benchmarks established by the State. We will continue to build and maximize our efforts of the education we provide to our students. We have the experienced staff to make changes that make a difference in the best interest of our students every day - now all we have the facilities to do it with.

I sincerely thank each Board member for allowing me to serve at Pinconning Area Schools. The time and energy you give to our students has not gone unnoticed. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you and provide a better opportunity for our students and community.

## Upcoming Dates for your Calendar

### 2008-09 School Year

<b>No School/Professional Development</b>	February 16
<b>Kindergarten Roundup</b>	February 26
<b>Spring Break</b>	March 30 – April 3
<b>No School/Good Friday</b>	April 10
<b>½ Day of School</b>	May 20 and 21
<b>High School Graduation</b>	May 21
<b>Last Day of School</b>	May 21

### TENTATIVE DATES FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

<b>Tentative Date for Opening Breakfast</b>	September 8, 2009
<b>Tentative Date for Open House</b>	September 11, 2009
<b>Tentative Date for Start of School</b>	September 14, 2009
<b>Tentative Date for Christmas Break</b>	December 21, 2009-Jan 1, 2010
<b>Tentative Date for Spring Break</b>	March 29-April 2, 2010
<b>Tentative Date for Graduation</b>	May 27, 2010
<b>Tentative Date for Last Day of School</b>	June 3, 2010

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