

**Peru Central**

# **Cross-Campus Web-based Update**

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD ACTION THIS WEEK**

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, May 11, 2010** the Board of Education:

**Adopted** next school year's academic calendar. A copy of that calendar is attached to this update, along with a copy of the May 11<sup>th</sup> Superintendent's Report to the Board.

**Hosted** a public hearing on the school board's proposed 2010-2011 budget plan, slated for voter consideration at the annual election & budget vote, May 18, 2010 from noon until 9 PM in the high school gymnasium.

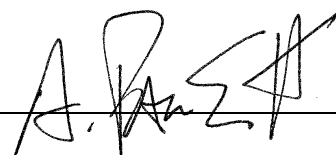
**Recognized** dozens of particular Peru CSD students, faculty, support staff, parents, school volunteers and others, as part of the annual spring recognition of distinctive student & staff achievement.

**Completed** a first reading of a revised policy 4311 Display of the Flag, with a second reading and adoption slated for June 2010.

**Approved** the recommendations from the Peru CSD Code of Conduct committee, chaired by Assistant Principals Sanford Coakley & Fred Schaefer.

**Authorized** the school district to engage on an interim basis with Saranac CSD for temporary per-diem 'Buildings & Grounds Superintendent' service, twice per week, while the school district gathers perceptions and suggestions in the weeks ahead from buildings & grounds department employees, the CSEA support staff association, administrators and operations supervisors, regarding a longer-term approach to a leaner supervisory structure for that department.

**Awarded** tenure appointments to Principal Scott Storms, Assistant Principal Sanford Coakley and faculty members Jane Arseneault, Joseph Belluscio, Melissa Catton, Jillian Devins, Matthew Devins, Jennifer Garbera, Janelle Hilderbrandt, Shannon Loughan, Bernadette Nolan, Michelle Kirby-Post, Colleen Rumsey, Kimberly Taylor, Jennifer Winternitz.



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**MAY 12, 2010**

**FROM A. PAUL SCOTT, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**Dates boxed are dates in which students WILL NOT be in Attendance.**

**Dates with circles are staff only days.**

**Dates with shaded boxes are EARLY DISMISSAL days.**



## 2010-2011 PERU CSD ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Students/Teachers 16 + 2/18

### OCTOBER 2010

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Students/Teachers 20/20

### NOVEMBER 2010

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Students/Teachers 17 + 1/18

### DECEMBER 2010

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Students/Teachers 16/16

### JANUARY 2011

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Students/Teachers 20/20

### FEBRUARY 2011

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26	27	28				

Students/Teachers 15/15

### MARCH 2011

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Students/Teachers 23/23

### APRIL 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Students/Teachers 13 + 1/14

### MAY 2011

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Students/Teachers 21/21

### JUNE 2011

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Students/Teachers 18/18

### Please Note

- 1 K-12 faculty will report to work on September 7 & 8, 2010.
- 2 Students will report to school on Thursday, September 9, 2010.
- 3 Total Days in Session - 183.
- 4 Should there be a need for additional snow days, the following days will become days in session in the following order of priority: June 27th, June 28th and June 29th.
- 5 Unused snow days will allow for days not in session as follows:  
1st May 31st, 2nd May 27th, 3rd April 26th.
- 6 The following days will be "staff only" - Superintendents conference days: September 7th & 8th, November 23rd, and April 14th.

Students: 179 days + 4 supt. days = 183 days  
Teachers 183 days

## **NO WORD FROM STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 'RACE TO THE TOP II'**

As of mid-day on May 7<sup>th</sup>, I had not received a second round application for federal Race to the Top monies intended to help fund public education reform. Last month, I was told a formal letter would be sent shortly, providing deadlines for submittal of particular documents.

## **UPDATE ON ALBANY: CONTINUED FAILURE TO ACT HAS CONSEQUENCES ON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

School boards and Superintendents are increasingly making public their frustration that Albany receives many practical suggestions each school year regarding mandate reform, streamlining and cost reduction. Albany receives our suggestions continuously. As of mid-day May 7<sup>th</sup>, Albany had not yet acted on such suggestions, despite recent state commissions recommending Albany move ahead. The consequences of continued dysfunction & inaction in Albany inflict an ever-increasing toll on our school districts, our communities and our residents. Albany can - and should - do better. Perhaps Albany will act soon.

## **ACADEMIC CALENDAR SLATED FOR ADOPTION TONIGHT**

I appreciate the array of Board & constituent suggestions offered in recent weeks, regarding the 2010-2011 academic calendar slated for Board adoption this evening. The proposed 2010-2011 calendar is revised from the preliminary draft winter 2010 edition in several ways, responding to suggestions received:

1. Spring semester parent-teacher conferences are restored, and scheduled in customary fashion during April – rather than during the winter, consistent with 2008-2009 [last school year] & various other recent school years;
2. Six early dismissal days are featured, with four of the six dates synchronized with the regional early dismissal dates for 2010-2011. Doing so will improve Peru CSD faculty and administrator access to shared staff development opportunities next school year, without incurring additional substitute teacher costs;
3. The May 18<sup>th</sup> early dismissal date fits into the NYSED timetable for scoring of at least some particular grade level state tests, thereby helping teacher teams and administrators stretch available time for scoring of such state tests, without incurring additional substitute teacher costs;
4. Two full-day Superintendent's Conference Days at the start of the academic calendar are sustained from the earlier edition, thereby providing faculty & staff time to prepare the facilities for students and classes, following the summer 2010 construction phase of the EXCEL capital project.

## **STATUS REPORT ON EXCEL CAPITAL PROJECT FROM THE ARCHITECT**

BCA Vice President of Architecture Mike Harris is slated to attend tonight's meeting to provide the Board with a status report on the EXCEL capital project.

## **COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS SET TO LAUNCH WITH FACULTY ASSOCIATION**

The school district and the faculty association are set to launch negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement. The current agreement between the two parties remains in force until a successor agreement is in place. That is customary practice - and a state mandate.

## **UPDATED TAX ROLL FORECASTS FROM COUNTY YIELD LOWER ESTIMATED TAX RATE**

Updated tax roll forecasts of May 5<sup>th</sup> from Clinton County Real Property Office result in a lower estimated tax rate increase for 2010-2011. The estimated tax rate increase of less than one percent [0.66%] translates into an estimated tax rate of \$17.78 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, up from the 2009-2010 rate of \$17.66.