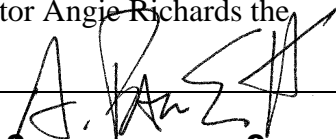


Cross-Campus Web-based Update

HIGHLIGHTS OF SCHOOL BOARD ACTION TUESDAY NIGHT

At the regular monthly meeting of **Tuesday, June 10, 2008**, the school board:

- A. Completed the sixth annual commemorative library book and bookplate reception and recognition for retiring employees of the Peru Central School District.
- B. Commended students Matthew Kennedy, Jesse Mulbury and Nicholas Napolitan for their volunteer service this school year on the Peru CSD Code of Conduct Constituents Committee.
- C. Commended all students, parents, faculty, support staff, volunteers and administrators of K-5 elementary grades programs for their contributions to Peru CSD's Intermediate School designated as a 'High Performing & Gap Closing School' as announced May 2008 by NYS Regents Chancellor Bennett and Commissioner of Education Mills.
- D. Applauded particular middle schools students for their engagement with Johns Hopkins University Center for academically skillful youngsters.
- E. Congratulated particular high school students for exemplary achievement at regional and state levels associated with career-technical programs via this region's career-technical center operated by Champlain Valley Educational Services.
- F. Praised particular members of the Peru CSD High School Class of 2008, for their honorable academic achievements as the 'top ten percent' of their graduating class.
- G. Congratulated Cafeteria Services Coordinator Jeannine Kerr and the cafeteria services staff for the April 30th Child Growth Workshop they provided, in partnership with Clinton County Health Department.
- H. Offered a formal resolution of appreciation to outgoing vice president Peg Garner, whose term expires at the end of this month. Peg Garner has served with distinction as a long-term volunteer, a five-year member of the school board and as an officer of the school board in recent years, who continually has strived to represent the full range of constituent groups and the entire school community throughout her service as an elected official who serves on this organization's volunteer governing board.
- I. Received from the Intermediate School Yearbook Staff the 2008 Peru CSD Primary-Intermediate School Yearbook.
- J. Received from Peru CSD High School Yearbook Co-Editor Angie Richards the



- K. Accepted the following reports:
- a. June 2008 Update on the 2007-2008 Timetable of Public Reports
 - b. June 2008 Program Reports
 - c. June 2008 Operations Reports
 - d. June 2008 Enrollment Report
 - e. June 2008 Fiscal Accountability Report
 - f. June 4, 2008 Briefing Packet for Curriculum Audits
 - g. Bulletin on Summer 2008 Supply Lists
 - h. Comptroller Audits Physical Education
 - i. October 14, 2008 Regional Conference
 - j. Middle/ High School Online Databases
 - k. Peru CSD Acronyms
 - l. Soaring Diesel Costs
 - m. BOCES Regular Monthly Meeting
- L. Examined the results of the annual vote and election of Tuesday, May 20, 2008, and welcomed member-elect Lisa Crosby.
- M. Approved the updates to the Peru CSD code of conduct, recommended by the code of conduct constituents committee, consisting this school year of three students, one teacher, four administrators, one operations supervisor and two parents.
- N. Completed a first reading of the various policy updates for the 3000 section of the Peru CSD policy handbook, based on the recommendations of the New York State School Boards Association, tailored to the existing set of section 3000 Peru CSD policies.
- O. Completed a second reading and adopted the various policy updates for the 2000 section of the Peru CSD policy handbook, based on the recommendations of the New York State School Boards Association, tailored to the existing set of section 2000 Peru CSD policies.
- P. Approved the 2008-2009 recommended set of cafeteria meal prices for students and adults, reflecting increased costs for dairy products, meat, groceries, ice cream and paper products.
- Q. Approved the recommended price for second lunches [also known as doubles] for students who wish to eat a second lunch.
- R. Commissioned the Buildings & Grounds Department to mount the year 2002 capital project dedication plaques in appropriate locations at the lobby of the Primary School and at the middle school-high school during summer 2008, in preparation for a fall 2008 commemorative of the formal completion of that voter-authorized capital project.
- S. Accepted the Clinton County Health Department's 2,250 grant award to Peru Central School District's middle grades 'Eat Well Play Hard' to purchase

equipment which is in keeping with the grant application, to promote physical activity and health habits. Special thanks to Director Phillips and faculty member Tracy Posada.

- T. Approved this year's requests from the Towns of Peru and the Town of Plattsburgh to contract with Peru CSD for student transport to and from the summer recreation programs.
- U. Approved the updated timetable proposed by the School Business Administrator for a July 2008 'yard sale' as part of ridding the campus of miscellaneous items previously declared as surplus by the Board of Education. Such items not purchased by individuals at the July 2008 yard sale are to be suitably recycled, sold as scrap, brought to the transfer station and/or otherwise removed from the campus by the end of July 2008, so as to de-clutter and reclaim program spaces and operations spaces for normal functions.
- V. Recognized New York State Assembly Legislative Resolution #1416, memorializing May 12, 2008 as Asperger's Syndrome Day in the State of New York, and further that resolution by commissioning the Superintendent of Schools to share that resolution across campus during the week of June 16, 2008, thereby promoting greater school community awareness of this serious health syndrome.
- W. Authorized the Superintendent of Schools to engage with the appropriate district employees, the independent auditor and other appropriate parties to establish an employee benefits reserve fund during June 2008.
- X. Received the eighth annual Peru CSD goals booklet, published to establish and sustain collective focus on district, grade span, professional development goals and continuous improvement initiatives.
- Y. Received the eighth annual spring report from each grade span's building level team for shared decision making among the various constituent groups.
- Z. Authorized the school district administrator that agency's student survey to children who attend grades 7-12 at Peru CSD, on behalf of the NYS Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, as part of their data gathering initiative.
- AA. Authorized engagement with the statewide interscholastic athletics association regarding an updated model of competition and travel of sports teams between and among school districts, to reflect the 21st Century's increasing cost of fuel products and scarcity of public funds to transport students and staff to and from distant regular and off-season athletics events.
- BB. Rescheduled the annual reorganization meeting and next regular monthly meeting to Tuesday, July 15, 2008.
- CC. Requested administration gather estimated costs associated with modestly expanding after-school supervision and transportation from the central campus to the 'home' practice sites for particular 2008-2009 school year athletics teams.

A copy of the June 10, 2008 Superintendent's Report is attached.



NYSED DESIGNATES PERU CSD ELEMENTARY GRADES PROGRAM AS HIGH PERFORMING

Peru Intermediate School is among the 1,759 public schools named "High Performing/Gap Closing" under the No Child Left Behind Act, publicly announced by New York State Regents Chancellor Robert M. Bennett and State Education Commissioner Richard Mills last month. That designation is based on student achievement in recent years associated with the NYSED's K-3, K-4 and K-5 state tests.

Tonight's agenda includes public praise for all students, parents, faculty, support staff, volunteers and administrators of the school district's K-5 elementary grades programs.

STATE COMMISSION ON PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

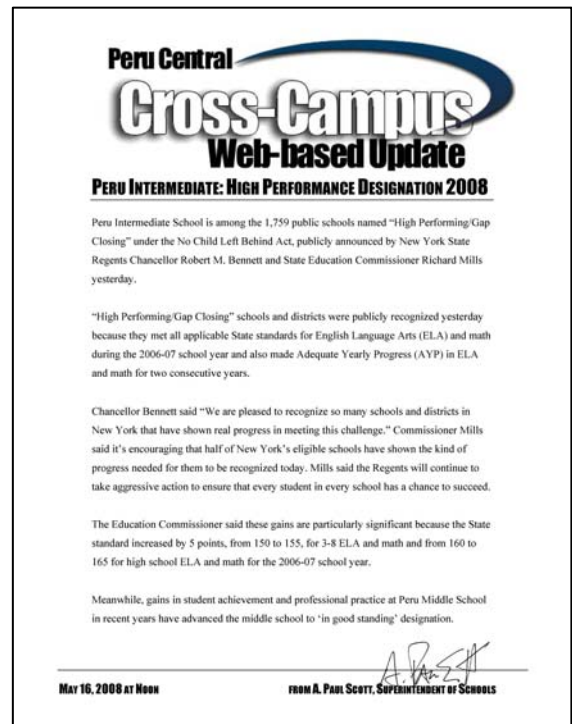
Typically, any preliminary report from any state commission is elevated to 'shelf art' in one week. I forecast the June 3, 2008 New York State Commission on Property Tax Relief's preliminary report will be a catalyst for discussion in Albany and across the Empire State, for an extended period of time.

The April 2008 report from the New York State Commission on Local Government Efficiency & Competitiveness entitled **21st Century Local Government**, coupled with this June 2008 preliminary report on property tax relief, provide the Executive and Legislative branches with plenty of topics to discuss and debate, between now and November's elections.

A May 21, 2008 report from the Washington D.C.-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities indicates at least 27 states, including some of this nation's largest states, as of spring 2008, were forecasting an estimated \$47B of combined budget shortfalls for fiscal year 2009. Given the national and statewide economic downturns associated with the winter 2008 credit and housing crunches, and the recent headline-gathering increases in food and oil-based fuels, the conversations among politicians nationally and statewide will reflect spring and summer 2008 dinner conversations in homes across America: What to do about rising prices amid economic scarcity and competing demands for money, time and votes.

This preliminary report on property tax relief will at some point become 'shelf art', yet the statewide conversation on property tax relief seems to be just getting started, if recent feature stories and editorials in the state's regional newspapers are still a sound 'barometer' of what's on the minds of New Yorkers. The commission's preliminary report recommendations for property tax relief include:

- No new legislative mandates without a complete accounting of fiscal impact on local governments.
- No new regulatory mandates from the NYSED without a complete accounting of fiscal impact on local governments.
- Amendments to laws associated with collective bargaining, such as the option for a regional collective bargaining contract through the BOCES.
- Requiring school district reporting on collective bargaining outcomes, including a public report on collective bargaining outcomes with the annual school budget presentation.



RECOGNITION OF DISTINCTIVE SERVICE AS ELECTED OFFICIAL AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Tonight's recognition of achievement includes special focus on Vice President Peg Garner, whose term expires at the end of this month. Her five years of service as an elected official and officer of the Board of Education is in addition to her decades of service as a school volunteer at Peru Central. In the best spirit of school board service, Peg has strived to represent the full range of constituent groups and the entire school community throughout her service as an elected official and officer on this organization's volunteer governing board.

The monetary value of the governing team's gift she receives tonight [from private funds, not public funds] is within district policy guidelines and is merely a token of the appreciation for hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours she's offered to the children and this school district, across many school years. Peru Central School District wishes 'all the best' to tonight's feature volunteer, Peg Garner.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION LAUNCHED TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD

In keeping with district policy, member-elect Lisa Crosby and various Peru CSD administrators and operations supervisors launched the new member orientation program. The June 3rd two-hour first session featured snapshot briefings on instructional programs and support operations. Future segments of the orientation program include budget development, business office functions, employee recruitment, personnel matters, fiscal accountability and communications. Several segments of the orientation program in the months ahead feature NYSSBA & regional workshops for newly elected board members.

ARCHITECT TO OFFER BRIEFING ON SPRING 2008 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Vice President of BCA, the school district's architectural and construction management firm, is slated to provide a briefing on design development initiatives, to date.

Forty-four [44] design development meetings with the architect have been completed to date, with the district office and architect and appropriate district employees, to help establish detail specifications for the voter-approved EXCEL project of March 2008.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES FOR CLASSROOM PHONES VIA UPDATED VOICE/DATA NETWORK

Each faculty member will be provided with two phone numbers prior to the start of classes September 2008: The phone number for their classroom and an auxiliary, unique phone number exclusively for 'voice mail' from parents and other constituents who wish to leave a voice mail message for that teacher, any time during school hours, evenings or weekends.

Faculty members will still be able to telephone other classrooms throughout the day, while outside phone calls to particular classrooms will still be routed to voice mail during school hours. Faculty members will have voice mail access from any room. All phones will be provided with access to local phone calls, to assist with emergency response and offering employees access to local dial tones regardless of whichever classroom they are in when there's need to make a local telephone call.

Long distance phone calls from classrooms will still require a use of an access code. Each faculty member will receive a unique access code.

JUNE REPORT SPONSORED BY CLOROX CORPORATION ENCOURAGES DISINFECTANT USE

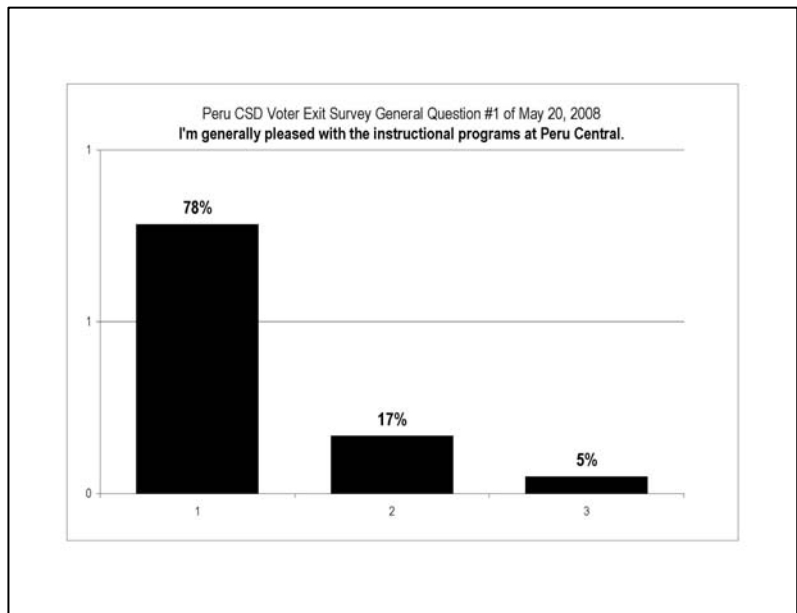
A June 2008 research article in **Pediatrics**, the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, reflects our school district's continuing focus on cleaning of elementary classroom surfaces. Our custodial services team has been placing additional emphasis on this aspect of 'doing the essential work right'. The research article, consistent with common practice and common sense, reports that cleaning of surfaces can help with some types of non-respiratory illnesses. Although the research study was funded by Clorox, which provided the researchers with hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes, Clorox did not have approval rights over the publication of that research article, according to the journal.

SURVEY FROM NEW YORK OFFICE OF ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

That state agency has requested Peru CSD engage students in grades 7-12 participate fall 2008 in a statewide survey focused on reducing substance abuse problems that can impede academic success. That survey, entitled 'Communities That Care', is slated for administration next school year. Tonight's agenda includes school board consideration of whether or not to engage Peru CSD students in such a perceptions survey. A copy of the survey was included in school board member agenda packets, delivered last week.

VOLUNTARY VOTER EXIT SURVEY – SNAPSHOT REPORT

Last month's voluntary voter exit survey included four general questions on programs and operations. **78%** of those who participated in the exit poll indicated general satisfaction with instructional programs at Peru CSD. **72%** indicated general satisfaction with Peru's focus on continuous improvement, **66%** with indicating general satisfaction with campus renovations and modernization, and **60%** indicated general satisfaction with support operation services.



ANNUAL REPORTS FROM BUILDING LEVEL SHARED DECISION MAKING TEAMS

Tonight's agenda includes the annual set of reports from our primary, intermediate, middle and high school grade span building level shared decision making teams. The forty members of the building level teams consist of **twenty nine** [72.5%] faculty members, **five** [12.5%] administrators, **four** [10%] parents and **two** [5%] support staff members. The building level team reports are presented in their entirety as part of tonight's agenda packet.

Respectfully submitted by A. Paul Scott, Superintendent of Schools