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Cary District 26 eBulletin

New eBulletin

We are excited to provide this first edition of District 26's monthly eBulletin. The purpose of this new eBulletin is to provide District 26 stakeholders with a current and informative review of District 26 activities and events. The Board of Education and District Administration are strengthening their commitment to increasing communication with community members and hope the eBulletin will be a step in the right direction. The eBulletin will be emailed to D26 families at the beginning of each month.

Community Engagement Committee Reactivated

The D26 Board of Education is excited to reactivate its Community Engagement Committee. The Committee's purpose will be to provide a means of increasing communication and community collaboration in a public forum with an emphasis on the exchanging of ideas and feedback that address D26 issues each month. The Board Committee began in January with the assistance of an advisory panel made up of community members. While District 26 continues to be a leader in academic achievement, it is embarking on a challenging year that will require some difficult decisions to rebuild our financial stability. It is imperative that the school community work together during both the good and struggling financial times. We invite you to get engaged and welcome your involvement the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The next Community Engagement Committee is scheduled for February 22, 2010 at Cary Junior High. Times and locations of all Board Committee meetings can be found on our district website at www.Cary26.org under School Board.

District 26 Board Acts to Balance FY 2011 Budget

The District 26 Board took steps at its January meeting toward the goal of balancing its FY 2011 Budget. The Board approved the administration's recommendation to reduce 5.4 million dollars from next year's budget in an effort to balance the budget. The list identifies savings in the area of supplies, program delivery, services, and district staff. The entire list of reductions and power point can be found on our district website at www.Cary26.org under Financial Facts. In addition, the administration, in collaboration with the Community Engagement Committee, is working to provide alternative student programming that would be self-funded and expand opportunities for students in several programming areas being reduced for next year. The district's hope is that these self-funded student programs would be utilized until the district is financially able to return to the current level of student programming.

New Board Meeting Schedule Approved

All meetings are held on the Fourth Monday of each month unless otherwise noted. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. The following new schedule of Regular Board meetings was approved at the January 11, 2010 Special Board meeting.

Date	Meeting Location
February 22, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
March 22, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road
April 26, 2010	Prairie Hill School 233 Oriole Trail
May 24, 2010	Deer Path School 2211 Crystal Lake Road
June 28, 2010	Cary Jr. High 2109 Crystal Lake Road

New Board Members Appointed

Cary District 26 welcomed two new Board members, Mr. Scott Coffey and Mrs. Aimee Williams, to its ranks this past December. Mr. Coffey and Mrs. Williams were among 18 candidates that applied for two vacant Board seats. Mr. Coffey and his wife have one daughter currently in the district and two others that have gone through the school system. Mr. Coffey is a Certified Public Accountant with experience in both large and small businesses. Mrs. Williams and her husband have one child currently attending a District 26 school and will have a second child attending school in the coming years. Mrs. Williams' background is in business and financial management. Both Coffey and Williams will serve through the April, 2011 general election.

February's School Calendar

February 12	School in Session – Lincolns Birthday/Waiver
February 15	Presidents Day – No School
February 22	Community Engagement Com. – 6:00 PM @ CJH Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 PM @ CJH
February 26	Midterm Reports – Cary Junior High