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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT
2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

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As the Administration begins the process of developing the 2010-11 school year budget, we are faced with a decline in revenues from the State, a possible loss in enrollment, and the increase in costs for providing a quality educational program. As I write this, we are waiting for the Governor's budget recommendations to see if they will improve upon the projected reduction of $268 per student in the Foundation Grant for next year. This reduction, on top of the $165 that was taken away from our Foundation Grant of $7,316 promised last fall, could result in a loss of $664,818 in revenues to the school district. Our amended 2009-10 school year budget already has a projected deficit of $265,791, which must be addressed in the 2010-11 budget.

Our preliminary budget for a worst-case scenario has revenues of $11,377,710 and expenditures of $12,291,731. The result is a deficit of $914,021.This budget includes contractual increases for employee groups presently under contract for the 2010-11 school year. It does not account for a potential increase in required contributions to the employee retirement plan by the school district. The district's savings account, our Fund Balance, is projected to be at $366,267 in June. We will not be able to achieve a balanced budget, given our present circumstances, without making drastic changes to our present educational program.

The Board of Education will hold a workshop on **THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010, BEGINNING AT 7 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**. The purpose of this workshop will be to inform the public about the 2010-11 budget projections and to seek input from the district residents on ways to reduce our expenditures. The Board is encouraging the public to attend the meeting and voice their opinions. The Board must adopt a balanced budget prior to July 1, 2010, and will be using the information gathered at this meeting to make their decisions during the budget process.

ART STUDENTS HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR HAITI

Pictured left to right are Jayde Groschere, Danielle Peterson, and Stephanie Miller

Art students from Mr. Bertram's high school class sold ceramic bowls, which they made at school. The students sold the bowls at the Westwood mall and raised over $1,000. The money was donated to the Red Cross.

The students enjoyed making a contribution to help save lives through their creativity and skills.

This project was part of the Art Student for World Peace and Understanding Initiative.

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OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR NOMINATION

The Negaunee School District, in conjunction with the Cliffs Natural Resources, the Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Chamber of Commerce and other area schools, has formed the West Marquette County Partners for Education. One of the major goals of the Partnership is to honor outstanding students and teachers. On April 30, 2010, the partnership will host our 20th annual Excellence in Education Day. A portion of the program will involve the formal recognition of our finest students and teachers. You are invited to participate in the selection of two teachers – one teacher in grades K-8 and one teacher in grades 6-12 (6th through 8th grade teachers can be in either group) – who have had a positive influence on students in the district. A nomination form is enclosed for your convenience. Just fill in the teacher's name and return the form no later than March 3, 2010, to one of our area schools or the Central Office: 101 South Pioneer Avenue, Negaunee, MI 49866.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER
Please nominate two teachers (one K-8 teacher and one 6-12 teacher) who have the most positive effect on students in the Negaunee School District.

NAME OF TEACHER (K-8th grade):_____

COMMENTS:_____

NAME OF TEACHER (6th – 12th grade):_____

COMMENTS:_____

PAST AWARDEES

1999 Cindy Kotila and Mark Setterlind
2000 Dan Skewis and Richard Koski
2001 Helen Grossman and Marlys Trudgeon
2002 Mary Ganfield and Vineta Miller
2003 Kevin Bell and David Hytinen
2004 Michelle Lammi and Sue Roberts
2005 Sandy Bonsall and RaeAnn Loy
2006 Derek Cardinal and Suanne Trebilcock
2007 Wendy Beacco and Sue Scott
2008 Kathleen Hill and Elizabeth Holmgren
2009 Lisa Bigalk and Pam Jacobson

HIGH SCHOOL

Alexander, Katherine
Backlund, Todd
Bell, Kevin
Bertram, Gene
Bonsall, Karen
*Connin, Jeremy
*Debelak, Pam
Ellerbruch, Bill
Grazulis, Marius
Grossman, Helen
Hamlin, Jill
Heinlein, Connie
Holmgren, Elizabeth
Holmgren, Sherri
Houghton, Katherine
Jacobson, Kevin
Johnson, Michael
MacDonald, Sue
Mileski, Lynn
*Moilanen, Catherine
Morey, Michelle
Nebel, Paula
Paupore, Victoria
Ruokola, Peter
Skewis, Andy
Tafoya, Heather
Wahlman, Joseph
Weaver, Peter
***Also at NMS**

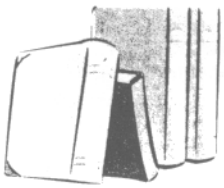
MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Bell, Kyle
Bingel, Karen
Boase, Lori
Cardinal, Derek
Churchill, Mark
Delpier, Chuck
Ellingsen, Barbara
Jacobson, Pamela
Jacobson, Paul
Lammi, Michelle
Landick, Steven
Levi, Louise
*Lindblom, Connie
Loy, RaeAnn
*Niemi, Jeffrey
Palomaki, Tristan
Plaisier, Karen
Standerford, Abby
Stedman, Billie
Trebilcock, Suanne
***Also at High School**

LAKEVIEW SCHOOL

Anderson, Michelle
Baldini, Cathy
Bath, Keri
Beacco, Wendy
Belanger, Karie
Bell, Lori
Bigalk, Lisa
Boase, Kellie
Bonsall, Sandra
Carlson, Sabina
Clement, Sarah
Coduti, Nicole
Collins, Paul
Crookham, Alice
Ferns, Maryann
Finkbeiner, Marianne
Ganfield, Mary
Hill, Kathleen
Johnson, Jodi
Kainulainen, Joellyn
Kendall, Cindy
Korpi, Katie
Kus, Molly
Kytta, Mary Jo
LaCombe, Corrie
LaForest, Sandra
Larsen, Lynn
Nelson, Bethany
O'Donnell, Michael
Roberts, Susan
Sager, Tori
Savolainen, Barbara
Scanlon, Connie
Schneider, Nancy
Sorensen, Gina (HS)
Spaulding, Tracy
Stetson, Shelly
Trudgeon, Marlys
Waters, Lori

MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS



The 6th grade classes have been discovering that there is more to find at the library than books. In this activity they explored the Mining Journal newspaper to find things like the weather forecast, local bulletin board, the pound, movie theater listings and other items of interest to students their age. One student said she was amazed at what was considered news 60 year ago. As they worked through this "seek and find" lesson they realized that there is more to the paper than just the comics, although they like those too!

STUDENTS SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

This past December students from Mrs. Ferns' 2nd grade class sent two Christmas packages to Saudi Arabia for the Troop 380th ECES/Fire Dawgs. Richard Wills, VFW Past Commander and Thomas Sharland, on the right, VFW Men's Auxiliary President accept the packages from the students.

HIGHLAND CLAN MEMBERS DONATE TO LAKEVIEW'S GIVING TREE

On December 7th, the Negaunee Highland Clan donated an abundance of toys to the Lakeview Elementary School Giving Tree Program, which has become an annual event. Members of the student council helped to unload the gifts. These toys and other items purchased through local sponsorship will be given to Lakeview School families in need this holiday season. For more information on the Giving Tree Program, contact Tori Sager, Guidance Counselor at 475-7803, ext. 110 or Kellie Boase, Assistant Principal at 475-7803 ext. 102.

Pictured above (back row) Chuck Poole, Jeff Krause, Matthew Krause, Dennis Cox; Lakeview Student Council members (middle row): Samantha Carlson, Hannah Mikkola, Madysen Kontio, Jacob Paquet, Ty Koski; (front row) Marissa Symons, Jackie Ware, Taylor Bond, Hailey Fezatt, Hannah Tresedder and Trevor Borlace.

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

One of the goals of Negaunee Public Schools is to better meet the needs of children entering our schools. In order to achieve this goal, preschool screening is being offered. During the screening, information is gathered about the child's development, health, and school readiness. Vision and hearing are also checked. Availability of Head Start, School Readiness Programs, or Negaunee Special Education Preschool is also considered.

Preschool Screening is focused on children who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2010. Children who will be 3 years old by December 1, 2010, should also be screened if there is reason to suspect a developmental delay.

Screening will be held at Lakeview Elementary School in the Preschool Center (near the gym entrance) April 22 and 23, 2010. The process will take about an hour. To make an appointment please call the Head Start office at 228-6522 or 1-800-562-9762.

Negaunee Public Schools
Kindergarten/Young Fives Registration

In order to register for Young Fives or Kindergarten, children must be 5 years old by December 1, 2010. Registration for these programs for the 2010 - 2011 school year will take place in the Lakeview Library on Tuesday, March 9th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is an informative and registration meeting for parents. Children need not attend. Parents will have an opportunity to have questions answered by staff regarding transportation, breakfast/lunch, latchkey, and the nurse. Parents who are unable to make the evening meeting can register on Wednesday, March 10th from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Lakeview office. To sign up for registration, please call the Lakeview office at 475-7803 ext. 0.

When registering, please bring your child's:

- Ò state-issued birth certificate
- Ò immunization record
- Ò current picture

Kindergarten/Young Fives Screening

Screening will take place Monday, April 12th through Friday, April 16th at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Appointments will be made for this screening when you register.

CAN YOU HELP?

Negaunee Public Schools is looking for parents who would be interested in filling vacancies on the Reproductive Health Advisory Committee.

For more information please contact Ronda Mattila, District Health Coordinator, Lakeview Elementary School, 200 Croix Street, Negaunee, MI 49866 or call (906) 475-7803 ext. 105.

NEGAUNEE STUDENT ATHLETES EXCEL IN ACADEMICS

Congratulations goes out to the following Negaunee Miners Athletic teams:

2009 Varsity Football Team - Academic All State honorable mention with a 3.648 GPA, which ranks them in the top 10 for the State in Division 5.

2009 Volleyball Team – Academic All State with a 3.61 GPA. Charissa Johnson, Sarah MacDonald, Mykka Marana and Kristina Mattson received individual Academic All State volleyball awards.

2009 Girls Cross County Team – Academic All State with a 3.953 GPA, which earned them the number 1 top Academic All State team in Division 1. Alea Juntti received individual All State honors.

2009 Boys Cross County Team – Academic All State award. Dylan McKevitt and Nathan Waters received individual All State honors.

VISIT NEGAUNEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEBSITE AT:
http://www.negaunee.k12.mi.us/

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Regular monthly meetings are normally held on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Library.