

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT SAU 83**

### **Executive Summary**

During this past year teachers, staff, and administrators have worked together to accomplish the Board-approved goals of our District. This was a challenging but positive and productive year.

Through programs, initiatives, and curriculum work, we continue to build on existing opportunities for student learning within and beyond the walls of the classroom, challenging students to think critically and creatively, increase student success on assessments, prepare our students for the world in which they will live, and develop lifelong habits that will serve them well into the future. Whether we were working on facilities, finances or curriculum, our focus is always on what is best for the students and how we can positively impact their learning experience.

We are pleased and proud to announce that we were successful in meeting the requirements of AYP this year. Ellis School qualified as a Follow-The-Child school. Follow-The-Child is an initiative to help schools and teachers foster student aspirations and to promote student achievement through an emphasis on personalized learning and assessment. Expanding upon the spirit of No Child Left Behind, Follow-The-Child focuses on measuring growth in the personal, social, physical, and academic aspects of each student's life. This initiative helps to preserve the individual education of each child as the defining purpose of New Hampshire's education system.

We continue to work with the administration of Sanborn Regional High School to align our curriculum so that students are provided with programmatic consistency as they move from elementary, middle, and on to high school.

Principal Kelly Killen resigned in June after four years of providing strong leadership at Ellis School. We were pleased that William Marston agreed to replace Principal Killen and serve as interim principal at Ellis School for the 08-09 school year. Mr. Marston has outstanding qualifications as an educational leader having served as principal, headmaster, adjunct professor, teacher, and college lecturer.

The New England School Development Council is currently conducting a search for a permanent principal at Ellis School. The recruitment process will begin in January 2009 and will include input from staff and community members. The new principal will be selected in March of 2009.

The new principal will have the opportunity to attend a stakeholders retreat on the strategic plan regarding our District, which will be held in May. The strategic plan process began in September of 2008 with input from school board members, administration, teachers, support staff, community members, parents, and public officials. The three groups focused on this question: What issues or concerns do you think the School District should address in the next few years?

We negotiated a contract for support staff which did not pass at the School District Meeting. However, we feel strongly that the contract addresses the needs of the School District and we will present it again this year.

Recently, we received word that the next U S Congress will be working on a major economic stimulus bill to address school building needs. This could have a significant positive effect on long-range facilities planning as funds may become available to meet our school needs.

As parents and guardians, you may be certain that we take our responsibility of educating the students at Ellis school very seriously. It is our most important goal to assist them in being well-rounded individuals, ready for whatever goals they choose to pursue when they enter high school.

I want to thank the School Board and the community for the opportunity to serve you and your children.

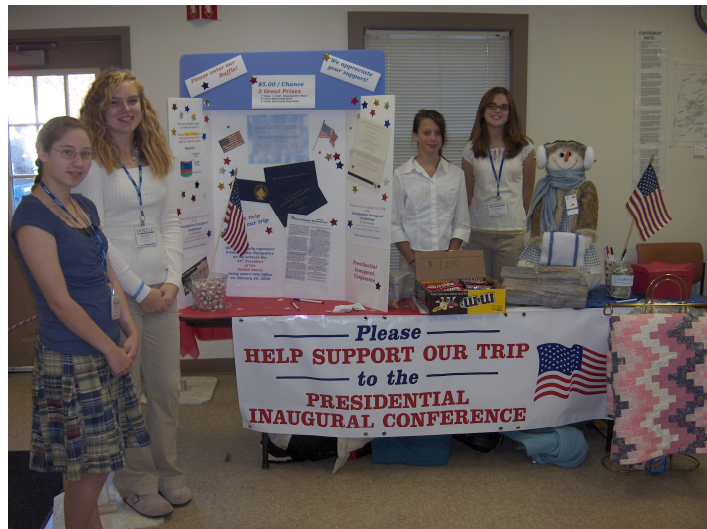
Respectfully submitted,

Normand A Tanguay, Superintendent of Schools  
Fremont School District

### **A Very Special Thank You To Fremont Voters and Election Officials**

Election Day was a huge success for four Fremont Middle School Students who will be traveling to the Presidential Inauguration in January 2009. Fremont Voters had the chance to meet the students at the Safety Complex on Election Day as they entered to cast their vote. The students were overwhelmed by the generous donations and support that the townspeople provided. Because of the wonderful response, the students are much closer to their overall goal of raising \$10,000.00 before their trip in January. A special thank you goes out to the Town and Election Officials for allowing us the opportunity to participate in the process. It was a pleasure to meet everyone on Election Day. We will make Fremont proud as we witness the President of the United States take the Oath of Office.

**Thank you** to everyone that purchased raffle tickets and candy bars or made a donation!!



Jessica Girardi – Emma Keane

Alexandria Tonas – Hannah Keane

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