

## **Superintendent News – September**

With only a week and a half of school completed, many things are happening within our schools. I encourage you to continue to watch our website and take the time to look at what your children are doing in each of their classrooms by clicking on the link within our website called “Elementary Staff News” and “JH/HS Staff News”. This link will give a brief description on what each grade level and educational discipline is working on at the present time.

We continue to upgrade our technology and we anticipate that it will be an important tool in the education of your children in the upcoming school year. Our students will now see additional classrooms with interactive white boards and individual student response devices so that they will have direct interaction with the lessons being taught. Coupled with the multiple teaching strategies utilized by our teachers and staff, we will continue to ensure that the best possible education of your children is provided. You are always welcome to visit your child’s classroom to see the wonderful accomplishments that your children are doing each and every day.

On a different note, we continue to watch what the State of Illinois is doing with school funding and the uncertainty regarding other pertinent issues like school consolidation, pension reform, and additional unfunded mandates. At the conclusion of last year the State did not pay obligations to Pearl City Schools in the amount of \$79,121. We continually are told that less is going to be provided to schools and more should be done locally. With further reductions in transportation and General State Aid coupled with the uncertainty that the State can make the required payments for mandated categoricals makes us all wonder when or will it ever stop. I will keep the Pearl City Community informed of the most recent activity regarding all of these issues.

As always, our doors are always open and we encourage you to stop in and visit the great things that your school is doing for your children.

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