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# The Board Bulletin

A Report to the Community from the Glencoe Board of Education

## Dear Community Members,

When interviewing applicants for teaching positions, it is not uncommon for candidates to ask, "What makes District 35 a good school district?" Without hesitation our response includes reference to the students, staff, parents, Board of Education, and school community. We also identify two groups who support our school district both financially and with human resources. These two groups are the **Glencoe Educational Foundation (GEF)** and the **Glencoe Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)**. During the school year, these organizations provide opportunities, materials, technology and renovation projects that are only possible due to their support.

During the upcoming summer break, 19 classrooms will receive SMARTBoards, which are interactive displays that connect with computers and are effective in enhancing instruction and motivating students. We thank the GEF for funding this classroom technology. We are appreciative for the opportunity to expand this teaching and learning tool to additional classrooms.

Last year the students at Central School were thrilled by a new playground funded by the PTO. This fall South and West School students will be excited to see the wood chips gone and new playground surfaces in place. Once again we thank the PTO for enhancing our school playgrounds. Every child in the school district and many in the community will benefit from this enhancement. The PTO also funds more than 30 before- or after-school clubs for students at each of the three schools, as well as cultural arts programs, author visits, parent education nights, family nights, and WE CARE projects.

While I believe we possess all of the components of a truly great school district, the support of our community and organizations such as the GEF and PTO places District 35 in the company of nationally recognized outstanding school districts.

Thank you for another wonderful school year. We extend our best wishes for a relaxing summer break.

Sincerely,

**Cathlene A. Crawford**

Superintendent, Glencoe School District 35

## "Blue Ribbon" for Central School

The U.S. Department of Education has honored District 35's Central School with a **No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon**. The award was made in October 2007 and accepted in Washington D.C. by Central School principal Ryan Mollet. Presenting the award—consisting of a plaque and flag—was U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

The No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private K-12 schools that are either academically superior in their state or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement.

"We are very proud of our staff, students, and principals," said District 35 Superintendent Cathlene Crawford. "This award is a tribute to their hard work and dedication."

Adds Mollet: "Although Central School was recognized with the Blue Ribbon Award, this acknowledgment is truly a compliment to the entire District 35 community. The students, teachers, and parents of all three schools should be very proud."

Central School, located at 620 Greenwood, serves Glencoe students in grades 5 - 8. Its 2007-2008 enrollment is 617 students.



Hoisting the flag: Central School Principal Ryan Mollet and Assistant Principal Molly Cinnamon proudly display Central School's "Blue Ribbon" flag.