



# Board at Work

News from the Pattonville School District Board of Education

November 12, 2003

## PNEA, PTA Council hosts “No Child Left Behind” event

The Pattonville Council of PTAs and the Pattonville National Education Association (PNEA) are teaming up to offer a meeting for parents and staff to help explain some of the components of the new federal “No Child Left Behind” legislation and how it impacts Pattonville and its students. The event is set for 7 p.m., Dec. 8 at Holman Middle School in St. Ann.

The meeting will deal with a segment of the law that requires all school districts and schools in the nation to make “adequate yearly progress” (or AYP) toward a federal goal of having ALL students proficient in reading and writing by the year 2014. Each state department of education develops yearly targets and determines what AYP is for the public schools in its state. Each district and each individual school is assessed to determine if it has achieved AYP. In addition, each of the following subgroups is monitored for meeting AYP: Asian, Black, Hispanic, Indian, Pacific Islander, White, Other/Non-Response, Free/Reduced Lunch, IEP (special education) and LEP (students with Limited English Proficiency). All groups of students are required to meet the same level of proficiency at the same pace. If one group fails to make AYP, the entire school is labeled as not making adequate yearly progress.

The Dec. 8 meeting will further explain AYP and what parents and staff members should know about it. Dr. Mike Fulton, assistant superintendent for planning and assessment in Pattonville, and Peggy Cochran, executive director of the Missouri NEA, will be the featured speakers for this information night. A question and answer session will follow, and participants will discuss contacting legislators about “No Child Left Behind” and the new law’s approach to educational issues. Babysitting is available by calling (314) 434-9256 by Friday, Dec. 5.



### Information Night

**What:**

Information Night on “Adequate Yearly Progress”

**Who:**

Pattonville National Education Association and Pattonville Council of PTAs

**When:**

7 p.m., Dec 8, 2003

**Where:**

Holman Middle School  
11055 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Ann

**For:**

Parents, community members, staff members. The event is free and open to the public.

## Education funding summit to address state crisis

Cooperating School Districts and the Affton School District are co-sponsoring, “A Call To Action: An Educational Summit on School Funding,” at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20 in the community auditorium at Affton High School, 8309 Mackenzie in St. Louis.

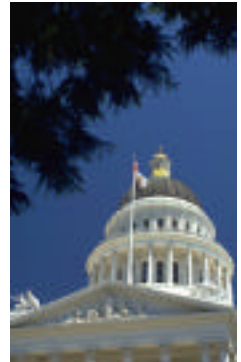
The Missouri legislative session is nearing, and Missouri state leaders are preparing to make decisions related to funding for schools. Parents, community members, school employees and board members are encouraged to attend this community forum to learn more about what schools will be facing as a result of a loss of millions in state aid and the outlook for the state of Missouri’s budget.

During the educational summit on school funding, the audience will:

- Learn more about the state of Missouri’s budget situation. (How did we get here? What does it look like? Missouri could be facing a nearly \$1 billion shortfall.)
- Gain a better understanding of school funding in Missouri, cuts in state revenue to schools that have been made and could be made in the next year.
- Hear from a variety of area school districts on what lies ahead as a result of state revenue reductions.

Featured speakers include:

- Jim Moody, the former commissioner for administration for the state of Missouri and a former Missouri state budget director;
  - Chris Straub of the Missouri School Boards’ Association;
  - Several superintendents from surrounding counties in the St. Louis metropolitan area;
  - Representatives from the Committee for Educational Equality and the Coalition to Fund Excellent Schools; and
  - Bruce Ellerman, chief executive officer of the Voluntary Interdistrict Choice Corporation.
- State legislators have also been invited to attend.



## Kinney's Corner

An Update from Superintendent Hugh Kinney

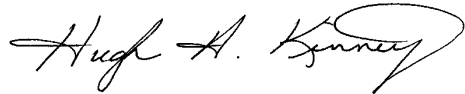
Here’s a look at what’s happening in Pattonville:

- **Geri Evans, Jennifer Rogers and Paul Simpkins**, three of Pattonville’s National Board Certified Teachers, are visiting U.S. senators Jim Talent and Kit Bond in Washington, D.C., Thursday to talk about the importance of having quality teaching in our classrooms and how National Board Certification can have a direct impact on student achievement.
- Thanks to all of our principals, teachers, service personnel and veterans for the wonderful Veterans’ Day activities in all of our schools. Our students and staff did an outstanding job of properly honoring our nation’s heroes in the military.
- Congratulations to Pattonville High School’s special sports volleyball team. The team won first place at the Ladue Tournament on Monday, and individual skills athletes received second place at the competition. Great job!
- Talk about making a strong showing... Briar Crest Physical Education Teacher **Willie Wessels** appeared on the David Letterman Show Monday night. As a representative of the North

American StrongMan Association, he lifted odd objects (a couch, a washing machine, riding lawn mower, etc.) throughout the evening. We always knew he had star power!

- This week we learned that Pattonville is a semifinalist for the Missouri Commissioner of Education’s Award of Excellence for Professional Development. A team will visit Pattonville in December to interview educators and review our success. Congrats to all our administrators and staff members who work toward providing quality learning opportunities for our staff, which in turn has led to higher achievement for our students. You’re doing a great job, and I believe everyone in the state will soon know it.

Have a great week!



## Business Bits

### Paying the bills

The Pattonville Board of Education on Nov.11 approved paying:

- \$2,360,795.70 in regular bills;
- \$104,009.76 in cafeteria bills;
- \$288,864.22 in bond issue change orders; and
- \$6,559 for membership dues to the Missouri School Boards Association.

### Policy/procedure updates

The Pattonville Board of Education on Nov. 11 lodged for action the following:

- **Policy EBBA (First Aid)** – The second paragraph is being reworded to read, “Each principal is responsible to have a process in place in the building for the care and supervision of ill or injured persons. The nurse or other qualified personnel shall provide immediate care of any ill or injured person and administer emergency first aid.”
- **Policy EBBB (Accident Report Forms)** – The first paragraph is being reworded to read, “In order that proper measures may be taken to avoid recurrence of accidents, written reports will be prepared by the school nurse on all accidents occurring on school premises during the school day and by the designated sponsor of a school-sponsored activity after school hours.”
- **Procedure GDBC-R-5 (Support Staff Workers’ Compensation)** – A minor word change is being recommended.
- **Procedure GDCA-R (Vacancy Postings and Employee Selection/Transfer)** – A minor word change is being recommended.
- **Procedure GDFH-R-2 (Procedures for Transportation Department Field Trips)** – The following sentence is being removed: “All field trips are subject to the approval of the assistant to superintendent for curriculum/instruction.” Item number four in the list of procedures is being reworded to read, “Every effort shall be made to schedule day field trips between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to utilize regular drivers. Evening field trips on weekdays will normally depart on or after 4 p.m. On early dismissal days, evening field trips may leave earlier.” In item number seven, “assistant to superintendent for curriculum/instruction” is replaced by “building principal or secretary.” Item number 14 is reworded to read, “When a field trip exceeds the specified time by 15 minutes, it should be reported by the driver, in writing on the trip sheet to the router/dispatcher.”

The board is expected to vote on these policies and procedures during its Nov. 25 board meeting. The board also approved the review of policies **GDNC (Personal Appearance of Employees)** and **GDND (Personal Telephone Calls and Mail)**. In addition, the board approved the following policies and procedures on Nov. 11:

- **Policy EBBC (Accident Prevention and Safety Equipment)** – The first phrase in the policy was changed to read: “All students, staff and visitors are required to wear industrial quality safety equipment (this equipment includes but is not limited to safety eyewear, ear plugs and gloves) when participating in or observing the following non-inclusive examples in any class...” The phrase “eye protective devices” was changed to “safety equipment.”
- **Policy ECAA (Access to Buildings)** – A paragraph was changed to read, “Upon leaving any building, room or office space unattended by an authorized person, staff members will ensure that all lights are out, equipment is turned off, or on, as appropriate, all windows closed, all doors locked and the building alarms are engaged as appropriate.”
- **Policy EDA (Receiving and Warehousing)** – The sentence, “The warehouse will be operated by the custodian and food service departments,” was eliminated.
- **Policy EEA (Student Transportation Services)** – Minor wording changes were made.
- **Policy EEAB (School Bus Scheduling and Routing)** – A paragraph was reworded to read, “Students will ride their assigned bus and embark and depart at their regularly assigned stops unless a note from their parent or guardian authorizes students to disembark at stops other than their regular stops. Said notes will be retained by the drivers and turned in to their supervisor. Parents/guardians may designate a babysitter or child care address for the transportation of their child(ren).”
- **Policy EEAC (School Bus Safety Program)** – A minor wording change was made.
- **Policy EF (Food Services Management)** – The word “lunches” was changed to “meals,” and a sentence was changed to read, “Exceptions shall be made for those fund-raising sales by students, PTO/A groups, etc., which shall not be conducted during the regularly scheduled lunch period, exception being the Pattonville High’s STUCO store which functions as a learning activity for students who operate the store under the guidance of the sponsors. Special events which include the sale of food/beverages conducted during the regularly scheduled lunch period must be approved by the principal and the director of food services.”
- **Policy EFB (Free and Reduced-Price Food Services)** - The word “lunches” was changed to “meals.”
- **Procedure EEAG-R (Student Transportation Accident Reporting)** – Minor changes in personnel titles were made to reflect current practice.

## New Hires

- **Kristin Scott**, clerical assistant, Holman
- **Eugene Roseboro**, bus driver, transportation
- **Mary Binnington**, English for Speakers of Other Languages teacher, Drummond

### Your Board of Education

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