Staff Recognition

Dr. Belcastro received a professional development scholarship from the Illinois Principals Association. Attached is the press release from the IPA. Mrs. Boeke received a similar scholarship to attend the National Association of School Business Officials Conference this year as well. I think it is important to be supportive of the administrative team's participation in their professional organizations. I believe the benefits of active participation are significant for both the administrators and the district as a whole.

Registration

We will hold registration on July 24 and August 1 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. on both days at NBHS. We will also try to immediately screen new students who many need ELL support. We have posted the information on the web, included it with spring report cards, sent out a couple of tweets, Facebook posts and sent the information to the local media.

Before School Care

I met with the Belvidere YMCA to follow up on the before school care option at Poplar Grove. The YMCA should be sending out a mailing to Poplar Grove families and they plan to be present at the registration days as well to promote the opportunity.

Regional Office Changes

Dr. Fanello has been in place for a couple of years now at the ROE and you can start to see the office taking on a more coherent and strategic approach to some of the newer programming that the they have assumed responsibility for over the past few years. Attached is the new organizational structure for the alternative and at-risk programming from the ROE. Please let me know if you have any question.

Education Reform

Thomas Gentzel is the new executive director of the National School Board Association. Attached is his June 2013 editorial regarding the national "reform" agenda for education in the *American School Board Journal*.

Hourly Grounds and Health Data Work

One person applied for the extra grounds work, Sherri Timm. She worked on the grounds crew in the past and is currently a bus driver as well. Sarah Fleming is the only person who applied for to work with the health data entry. Both have been assigned to do that additional temporary work.