

September 6, 2007

Dear Parents,

Thank you for joining us at Curriculum Night. As a parent, I know that you are far more interested in meeting your child's teacher than sitting through a talk from the new superintendent. Not wanting to take away from any of the informative activities that our wonderful staff has created for tonight, I thought I would send you home with this brief note instead.

There have already been many changes this year at Burr Ridge District 180. Creating a change in attitude and direction takes everyone's contribution and that is why we are glad you're here tonight.

You've already seen or heard about some of those changes with the new grade level newsletters and change in suspension procedures. In the coming weeks you'll see more as we institute a new way to measure student academic growth and introduce our high expectations for student attendance.

Sustaining this positive momentum requires everyone's support. This support will especially be needed when we begin our discussions regarding the financial situation the district finds itself in, and the potential need for additional resources if we are to continue to have effective programs for our children. As this information becomes more clear to me, I will be sure to keep you informed.

Finally, thanks again for attending tonight's events. If I haven't already said hello to you, I will be available all during the curriculum night. On behalf of the staff and the Board of Education, we look forward to working with you and thanks for your support.

Thanks,

Tom Schneider  
Superintendent