



STERLING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Where kids achieve!

TO: STAFF

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RE: SUPERINTENDENT NOTES

Great Start!

It's hard to believe that we're already three weeks into the start of the school year, isn't it? During this time I have had the privilege and opportunity to visit each school and talk with many of you. I am continually amazed at how dedicated, skilled and endearing you are on a daily basis toward our students. Thank you, because it is truly awesome to observe you achieving!

Where Kids Achieve!

As I talked about in my opening day speech, don't forget to tell people wherever you are that at Sterling Public Schools, kids achieve! It is our responsibility to send our message through our stories of success. Remember, we're our best, and worst, ambassadors of education!

Jobs Bill Update

Tim Schwingle and I viewed an ISBE webinar this week regarding how districts will receive revenue from the Federal Jobs Bill. Preliminary figures indicate that Sterling Public Schools will receive \$972,000. Though we are uncertain how this money will be distributed, currently all the information disseminated from the State indicates these dollars will not replace General State Aid or MCAT payments. We know we will have to apply at some time for these funds, but it appears that this is good news because these may be additional revenue dollars for SPS.

New Energy Grant Possibility

I am partnering with Bob Sondgeroth at the Whiteside Regional Office of Education to write for one of the forty State of Illinois Clean Energy Grants. These grants are for Clean Energy projects only, and are up to \$250,000. Bob and I believe, due to our geothermal initiative, we have an excellent opportunity to receive these funds. Though a quarter of a million dollars is exciting, there are some questions still to be answered. It is a matching grant, so either the school or a private donor will have to match \$250,000. If the District was the matching agent, it would have to flow through HLS Bonds. I have already spoken to a private donor and informed them we are applying for this grant.

If we received this grant, we would need to determine where we would spend these funds. There is some early indication in the grant literature that these dollars must be spent on a new project. If true, with these limited funds, Lincoln Elementary would be our only option.

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