

Memo

To: Michael E. Robey, Ed.D., Superintendent

From: Susan Montgomery, Executive Administrative Assistant

Date: August 3, 2012

Re: Visits by Senator Richard Durbin and Congressman Danny Davis

Senator Richard Durbin's Community Outreach Coordinator Greg Bales recently met with members of District 89's Model Communities Coalition to learn more about our health and wellness initiatives. Mr. Bales said that, in light of dwindling federal funding available for grants, the Senator is particularly interested in programs that are sustainable and involve community partnerships.

Senator Durbin will be passing through the area on August 28, en route to Springfield and would like to visit one of our schools to see how we have implemented the program. The Model Communities Coalition has selected Washington School, which has a very active wellness committee. The Senator will arrive at approximately 11:15 a.m. His visit will be very brief. We plan to have the wellness council and students talk about their activities over the past year.

Members of the Model Communities partner organizations will be present and we invite the Board of Education to join us as well.

Additionally, Dr. Louverta Hurt, Education Task Force Chair for Congressman Danny K. Davis, expressed interest in arranging for the Congressman to visit another District 89 school to learn about the Model Communities program. We have followed up and set up a visit on Aug. 30th at 10 a.m. for the Congressman to visit.