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Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work a company work, a society work, a civilization work.
--Vince Lombardi

Campus Plans Action

A number of you did not attend the training for Campus Planner 3.0 and this year's plans for developing your plans. If I have not visited with you about this session, please give me a call.

Related to this, I'm still listening for suggestion about how best to present plans to the Board.

2005-2006 Calendars

Calendar ballots for 34 different calendar options went to CEIC and DEIC members this week. They are due back to me by September 24. Be sure you continue to provide information to your parents about the process. If anyone has a preference about the calendars, they should contact CEIC and DEIC members to express their opinions. Those individuals on the committees are to be responsive to their constituencies.

Student Discipline

Attached is a notice from Walsh Anderson, a legal firm that the District does business with. The notice addresses Search and Seizure in regards to a recent Texas Court ruling. Please be sure to read it.

Just a reminder that it is necessary to be sure that all students and teachers receive a copy of the SCOC either electronically or on paper. Remember, that in order to reduce printing costs, we have move to accessing the SCOC by Internet. There are several sign-off pages in the back of the SCOC and in the packet that was created to send home with students at the beginning of school that need to be completed and returned to you. Evidence of receipt of the book is very valuable in disciplinary situations.

Discipline/Hearings Action

REMINDER. There are requirements for parent notification both before and after any conference that results in a removal to CPC, SRC, or JJAEP. Look in your

Discipline Manual for the appropriate notification letters. Always send written information to parents regarding date, time, place, and charges for a conference, even if you agree on a conference time in person or by phone. The same applies to notification letters after a conference. Even if you communicate your decision verbally, follow it up with a letter. Each letter for CPC, SRC, and JJAEP should be sent certified <u>and</u> first class. You may never need the documentation of these contacts, but when you do, you will have them.