

## **Counselor's Board Report 3/3/10**

### **Testing:**

As District TAKS Coordinator I am responsible for the district's TAKS.

Responsibilities include:

Attend training session at Region 8 and then train locals

Help designate and train Campus Coordinators--Judy Minter-elementary, David Williams-middle school & Donna Pyeatt-high school

Order all materials; Verify and distribute shipments

Receive and distribute precoded test materials

Ensure proper testing procedures

Prepare and return all scorable and nonscorable materials

Make sure security oaths are signed and returned

### **TAKS**

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, TAKS administered were 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> writing, 9<sup>th</sup> reading, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> ELA. The majority of the TAKS are given in April. On March 4<sup>th</sup> is the math exit retest and March 5<sup>th</sup> is the science exit retest. Detroit has four seniors that are involved in retesting.

### **Benchmarks:**

During the week of February 16<sup>th</sup> it was my responsibility to print and schedule the benchmarks for high school math, science and social studies. The 2009 TAKS released test was used for this benchmark. New tutorials were assigned as a result. Percentage passing improved significantly in comparison to the benchmarks in November.

ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills), norm-reference test was administered to grades K-2 in February.

### **Scholarships**

All seniors have received copies of the local scholarship applications that are available at this time. This includes: the memorial scholarships-Glenn Townes, Richard McCain, Zachary Broadway, Blake Trammell, and Charles Sharp (Eagle Honor); Detroit PTO, DYSA, Eagle Foundation, Booster Club and Heritage Bank.

The Lennox Foundation Scholarship application was given to the ten eligible seniors. A minimum ACT score of 20 is required. Eight seniors submitted their application by the February 19<sup>th</sup> deadline. Those students participated in a mock interview with Ms. Looney, Dr. Moore and me. The Lennox interviews are scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup> with the superintendents.

### **Senior Financial Aide Day**

On February 19<sup>th</sup> a representative from the financial aid office at PJC was on campus to help seniors and their parents. Letters were mailed home informing the parents. Ten parents/guardians attended and they were very appreciative of the help received.

### **RYLA**

Two Detroit juniors, Jessica Miller and Caleb Salter, were chosen to participate in the RYLA camp. The Clarksville Rotary Club sponsored these students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership camp.