

## **Todd Fox**

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**Subject:** Parent Announcements - September 1, 2012

### **Monthly Parent Announcements**

Beginning October 1, 2012, parent announcements will be posted on our school website and sent by e-mail only. If you would like to continue to receive a hardcopy of the parent announcements, please e-mail Kassi Taylor at [ktaylor@southeastern337.com](mailto:ktaylor@southeastern337.com). Thank you for your understanding.

### **Physicals / Immunizations**

According to the Illinois State Code, if a child does not present proof of health examination and immunizations by October 15<sup>th</sup> of the year in which such proof is required, the school district is required to suspend the child from school. This will be enforced. Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.

### **Thank you**

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Living Faith UMC in Bowen for once again sponsoring the "The Backpack Project." They provided over 220 backpacks with supplies to our students. Each year we see more and more students not prepared for school and this program is "huge" for so many of our students. If you get the opportunity, please thank Living Faith.

### **Elementary Field Trips**

Grade level teachers will determine the number of parent chaperones needed on elementary field trips. The grade level teachers will clearly communicate this information to all parents. Parents wanting to chaperone will be able to submit their names. If there are more names submitted than needed, a drawing will be conducted. There may be certain situations where additional parents are invited to join the field trip later. The grade level teachers will inform parents of these situations. You can find the entire field trip policy in the elementary handbook on pages 29-30.

### **Senate Bill 2850**

Senate Bill 2850 was signed by Gov. Pat Quinn on July 5, 2012. It is effective as of June 30, 2013. It states that the first and last day of student attendance must contain at least five hours of school work. Therefore, **next year (2013-2014)** our first day of student attendance and last day of student attendance will be 2:15 dismissals.

### **Open Positions**

Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337 has the following open positions for the 2012-2013 school year:

- Bus Route Riding Monitor

If interested, please contact me at [shsprin@southeastern337.com](mailto:shsprin@southeastern337.com).

### **New Federal Lunch Program Guidelines**

As we begin the new school year, the federal government has taken historic steps in making the school day healthier for kids in schools across the country. You will see:

- More fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- Low-fat and fat-free milk.
- Fewer salty and fatty foods.
- Appropriate amount of calories.
- Correct portions of different foods.
- Reducing the amounts of sodium, saturated fats, and trans fats.

### **August Board Meeting Action Summary**

- Approved the FY2013 tentative budget as presented.
- Approved the bills, financial statements, and activity funds.
- Changed the September 2012 board meeting from Monday, September 24 to Wednesday, September 26.

- Approved the release of the following closed session minutes for public view: January 23, 2012, February 27, 2012, March 12, 2012, and June 25, 2012.
- Approved the employment of Allison Lee in the position of 5/6 assistant girls basketball coach for the 2012-2013 school year.
- Approved the employment of Judy Flesner in the position of federal grant director for the 2012-2013 school year.

**FY2013 Tentative Budget**

At the August board meeting, the board of education approved the FY2013 tentative budget. The budget hearing and approval of the final FY2013 budget will take place on Wednesday, September 26, 2012.

Points of Emphasis:

1. This is only the tentative budget. We will make changes and update revenue/expenditures amounts all the way up until the final adoption date. Some of our revenue amounts have not been confirmed yet.
2. At this time, we are predicting \$5,094,717 in revenue and \$5,674,714 in expenditures. This would result in a deficit of \$579,997.
3. Last year we predicted a deficit of \$129,234. Last year's deficit was \$146,466.
4. Why the deficit increase? It is a perfect storm scenario. Our revenues are decreasing and our expenditures are increasing. For example, due to the 89% proration of our General State Aid, we are going to lose \$219,705 in expected and promised revenue.
5. 75% of our expenditures are salaries and benefits.

<b>TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>FY12 Actual</b>	<b>FY13 Tentative</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Revenue	5,350,225	5,094,717	-255,508
Expenditures	5,495,691	5,674,714	179,023
Deficit	-145,466	-579,997	

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