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To: Board of Education Members
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Subject: Looking at the 2009-2010 School Year

As I look back at the 2009-2010 school year, I am pleased with what has been accomplished in the area of curriculum despite the challenges that have faced in the last year. We have continued to work with the reading curriculum, reviewing the skills and knowledge the students are learning. Teachers have worked on developing more ways to help the students improve their comprehension, fluency, and skills.

In math the teachers in grades K-3 have been learning how to assess their students' knowledge of math concepts in new and different ways. In the year to come the teachers will not only evaluate all of the students in their class in the primary grades in early September but will then develop fun and interesting ways to help the students learn and practice new skills.

The students have really enjoyed using Study Island to review information in math, reading and writing. Many of the students have scored very high as they compete to improve their scores against other students in the district and nationally. We are in the process reviewing the data from the other programs (Reading Plus, Lexia, Fastt Math, and Symphony Math). A report will be forthcoming in the latter part of the summer.

The summer will be a time for evaluation and planning as we look forward to the new school year. Changes will be coming, but there is much to celebrate and to look at with pride. Our children are doing well, learning and growing in their skills and knowledge. We have excellent teachers who care deeply about their students. Many districts would give anything to be able to say the same thing. These are the facts that we should keep in the forefront of our minds as we face the difficult decisions that we will make in the months to come.