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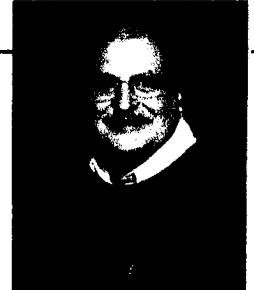
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Preparing children to be responsible citizens, problem solvers, decision makers, and lifelong learners

The mission of Bourbonnais School District #53 is to:

- Collaborate with staff students, families, and community;
- Provide a safe learning environment with innovative instructional practices; and
- Inspire all students to reach their unique potential as globally conscious learners.



SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS, THOUGHTS, RAMBLINGS

Dear BESD 53
Community Members,

We have just completed the first quarter of the school year. Parent / Teacher conferences have been conducted and we continue to be focused on providing outstanding educational opportunities to the children of Bourbonnais.

I wanted to share information about a collaboration between the Village of Bourbonnais and District 53 that I believe will reap future benefits. Thanks to the commitment of Mayor Schore, the Village has committed a full time patrol officer to serve as a School Resource Officer. Officer Nick Crowley has been assigned to this position. Officer Crowley has an office at Bourbonnais Upper Grade Center and he has provided lessons to students in classrooms across the district on various topics including: Police procedures to solve crimes, Halloween safety, US Constitution and how it affects law enforcement. We believe that having positive interactions with a police officer in the classroom will result in positive,

cooperative relationships as students grow older. Teacher reports to date have been overwhelmingly positive and we are appreciative of Mayor Schore's initiative.

I would like to make residents of the District aware of a survey that we plan to conduct in the near future. Last school year we conducted an on-line survey to gather information regarding the community's views regarding Bourbonnais Elementary School District No 53. We believe we obtained valuable information from that effort. If we critically examine the methods of that survey, one could argue that the responses were not representative of the majority of the community.

Because we are the public's schools and we want to be responsive to the community's needs, we have partnered with Professor Daake and the Marketing Class at Olivet University to conduct a statistically significant, randomly sampled telephone survey during the month of November. During that

time telephone contacts will be made to randomly selected residents of the school district. The caller will ask permission to ask a set number of questions and the whole process would not take much more than 10-15 minutes. The Marketing class will compile the data and provide the Board with a report of the results. We will certainly post this report on our website once the Board receives it.

I know how annoying it is to have unsolicited telephone calls bother you at home. If you happen to be one of the randomly selected numbers that the surveyors call, I hope you will be willing to provide your opinion.

Sincerely,

Myron V. Palomba, Ph.D.