

# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY

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Dear Valley Stream 30 School Community,

## **Upcoming Presentation on District Instructional Goals – June 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 p.m., Shaw Avenue Library**

At 8:00 p.m. at the June Work Session, Gerard Poole, Valley Stream 30 Director of Curriculum and Instruction, will review Valley Stream 30's progress toward the 2009-10 curriculum goals that were shared in the Fall with the community. At this meeting, a draft of goals for 2010-11 will also be presented for discussion. We invite all of you to attend to see what has been accomplished this year and what steps we believe we should be taking to continue to move Valley Stream 30 forward. We value an informed community that can continue to work together with us to grow our Valley Stream 30 schools!

## **Technology Presentation**

At this past Monday's Board meeting, Ryan Meloni, Director of Technology, provided a very comprehensive report about the progress of our District Technology Plan (a six-year plan, a majority of which has been completed in two and a half years!). The full PowerPoint presentation is available on our website. Here are some "fun facts" that were shared that evening:

- In 2007-2008, Valley Stream 30 had only 120 working computers
- In 2009-2010, the student-to-computer ratio is now 3 to 1
- More than ½ of the classrooms in Valley Stream 30 are equipped with: an interactive whiteboard, digital projector, document camera and audio system (Technology Plan provides for the additional classrooms to be completely equipped within two years)
- There are 7 laptop carts across the district totaling 175 laptops that can be pushed into a classroom at any time
- Valley Stream 30 now has a world-class infrastructure rivaling that of a Fortune 500 company

Thank you to the Board of Education, the parents, community and staff who, through all your efforts, have helped to support the success of our technology integration program under Mr. Meloni's leadership.

## **Assistant Superintendent for Business**

Last night Ed Cullen was appointed Assistant Superintendent for Business in the Baldwin School District. Mr. Cullen has done a wonderful job for Valley Stream 30 as the Assistant Superintendent for Business for the past five years. I know we are all very appreciative of his excellent, hard work over these years that has contributed so much to the success of our school district.

As Mr. Cullen moves forward in his professional career to meet the challenges of a larger, K-12 school district, I know all of us wish him much success even though we will miss him very much. We have begun the search for a new Assistant Superintendent for Business and will keep you informed of our progress.

I wish everyone a good weekend! Please email ([ekanas@vs30.org](mailto:ekanas@vs30.org)) or call me (285-9881, ext. 222) with any suggestions, comments, questions, etc.

Sincerely,

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