



Lansing School Board:

# Technology, Spelling & Enrichment Efforts Being Emphasized

The Lansing School Board reviewed nearly sixty items during its November 14 regular meeting in the High School library. Improved districtwide use of technology for teaching, efforts to improve elementary school spelling instruction and integrating "enrichment" programs across the three schools were among the topics covered at the efficient, marathon evening session.

### Technology

Technology committees in the elementary and middle schools are reviewing software from IBM, Apple and the Computer Curriculum Corp. Committee members visit schools that are using these software products to determine which will best fit Lansing's needs. "By determining which software we want to use," said Supt. Andrea Price, "we'll be able to develop a consistent curricular approach in our three schools and coordinate our hardware purchases."

The district technology committee is pursuing a parallel track by focusing on developing ties to the Cornell Theory Center and developing a "Technology Club" for elementary school teachers to increase the frequency and depth of their in-service training.

### Spelling

The Elementary School's assessment committee has asked for district support to develop "a consistent approach to the teaching of spelling." Though spelling has always been taught at the elementary level, the committee wants to ensure that spelling instruction is integrated with students' daily writing in all subjects.

### Enrichment

After reviewing the enrichment program in the high school, the high school's site-based decision making team of parents, teachers, students and administrators has asked the School Board to appoint a committee of teachers and administrators to develop a comprehensive K-12 enrichment program. "The committee is sensitive to the fact that they're just looking at the high school," said principal Bill Rankin.

Currently, each building has a different approach to enrichment, explained Price. The high school's shared decision-making team wants to "pass the issue to a committee of teachers and administrators to address the issue on a districtwide basis," she explained.

### State Aid & Future Budgets

The Board discussed the forthcoming state budget debate and its expected impact at the local level. "We've been told early on to prepare for a knock-down fight," said Price. The state doesn't have any money for state aid to schools, she told the Board.

"We're expecting zero growth in state aid and hope there'll be no cuts," said Price. But even if there is no reduction in state aid, the budget will rise because of contractual obligation.

**Ed Note:** Sorry that there's not enough room to cover everything. If you can spare the time to attend next month's Dec. 12 meeting, you'll probably find the experience worthwhile.

"LIVE LONG AND PROSPER," say Jennifer Farmer, Amber Skoch, Kim Dean, Rob Mitchell, Robert Fuller, William Baldini, Karen Van Duren, Amber Bennett, Jason Howell, Jesse Isenbarger, Janna Hatfield, Jesse Skoch, Valerie Lovely, Darcy Baxter, Rachael Jackson, Saira Raza and Mrs. Diane Stone-McClure.

To raise funds for their science club's trip to the Kennedy Space Center/Sea World and the Epcot Center next year, our "trekkies from 'Deep Corridor 9'" held an extra-terrestrial supper featuring Klingon Gash, Riecake and non-alcoholic Romulan ale.

On Monday, November 11, Ruby and Floyd Ferris attended a White Star Travel Seminar at Drumlins in Syracuse for a preview of 1997 travel for seniors.

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## DeWitt Student Awards

An awards assembly held last Friday morning recognized 14 DeWitt Middle School students for their service to the school and another 87 students for their academic achievement.

Service pins honored students for their acting and/or directing the school's "Triple R" skits. Sarah DeVries, Julia Meinwald, Alexis Matusiewicz, Adam Barlow, Arty Kamholtz, Eric Wiessinger, Sara Mateer, Lindsey Tuttle, Michael LePage, Alison Byers, Beau Parks, Jennifer Hudler, Sara DeJoo and April Viands received the pins.

Saluted for their academic achievement were Mansour Abdulky, Patrick Baker, Lucia Benetti, Samson Carr, Jazamene Cherry, Kelli Culpepper, Tessa Dentes, Patricia English, Vicky Gearing, Calman Glass, Sonya Harper, Bryn Horrocks, Peter Hutson, Daniel Katz, Bethan Lemley, Shuocao Liang, Casey Lucier, Tristin Meador, Dana Moxley, Grady Nash, Solomon Otim, Daniel Page, Jon F. Ross, Laura Sherman, Heather Simpson, Nardia Smith, Leilani Trutt, Jessica Wang, Nikkia Wharton, Gerry Allen and Adam Barlow.

Also cited were Genie Birman, Melissa Castillo-Garsow, Ryan Clover-Owens, Henry Decker, Sarah DeVries, Witold Galkoski, Jessie Gilbert, Guy G'Sell, Oliver Harwood, Valerie Hubbs, Jake Ighaler, Lazarus Lahis, Daniel LePage, Amanda Lisenby, Aveek Majumdar, Julia Meinwald, Jesenka Mrdjenovic, Tenzin Norzin, Patrick Ouckama, Annie Quach and Caleb Scott.

Additional winners were Peter Sherman, Carlie Smith, Anthony Taibi, Mary Undercoffler, Anity Weiss, Dwan Williams, Brandon Auble, Linn Berglund, Laura Boronky, Chae-Nyung Cha, Scott Conley, Scott Dentes, Naomi Dorsey, Nick Gerner, Rebecca Giusti, Yvette Gu, Andrew Heist, Jennifer Hudler, Heather Jarow, Ted Larison, Katie Levy, Heather Lockwoo, Stephen Mallory, Hayden Miller, Justin Naftel, Katie Olszosa, Alicia Pagan, Jenna Rosenberg, Michael Shenoda, Elizabeth Sholtys, Eric Smith, Linh Tran, Sheena Venev, Miranda Welbourne and Mijin You.

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