



Byron Center Public Schools

"Opening the Doors of Tomorrow for Students Today"

March 18, 2009

Dear Byron Center Public Schools Stakeholders:

Several of you have asked that the ideas and suggestions made at the Parent/Stakeholder Budget meeting on March 10th be shared with all. I have shared all the input I have received over the past weeks with the Board, and below we have summarized suggestions that were given to us for your reflection.

Over the next two weeks as we prepare our research, we will try to respond to the most popular suggestions with the pro's and con's, the costs and implications, and the affect we perceive each would have on our district culture. In the meantime, I would ask that we all wait to hear how our Board of Education votes on the Balanced Budget directive, the Early Retirement Incentive, and the Schools of Choice as these will influence the potential need to implement certain ideas. Again, our goal is to maintain programs for our students, and to the best of our ability, to keep potential cuts as far away from our students as possible.

Please be certain to sign up for the EConnection in the lower left corner of our district website www.bcpsk12.net and remind your neighbors to do the same. All of our communications will be done through the EConnection and then posted to the front of our website on the icon titled "2009-2010 BCPS Budget Planning." We will leave all the documents posted until the budget is finalized.

Byron Center Public Schools, in partnership with the community, will educate and prepare each student to be a responsible citizen capable of pursuing life goals, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Takens
Superintendent

- To view a summarized compilation of the ideas and suggestions of the March 10th Parent meeting, visit the district website www.bcpsk12.net and you will find an icon along the top of the page titled "2009-2010 BCPS Budget Planning." Click to open and then click on "Suggestion Summary."
- To view the 2009-2010 Budget Planning Powerpoint visit the district website www.bcpsk12.net and you will find it along the top of the front page.
- To view the 2009-2010 Budget Planning Timeline visit the district website www.bcpsk12.net and you will find it along the top of the front page.
- To subscribe to the "EConnection" for communications emailed directly to your computer, simply visit the district's website www.bcpsk12.net and click on "EConnection" in the lower left corner.