# Teaching and Learning Update
# December 2010

Well, it's only been 5 days of school since the last school board meeting so I don't have a lot to pass along to you.

I do have a couple of new developments on old projects:

The SuccessMaker server is here and installed. I will be meeting early next week with the 6th grade math team to begin use of this program with the 6th grade class ASAP. Dan Bentson has done a great job supporting the technology side of this endeavor! Thank you Dan.

I will be organizing a parent/community information night in January that will address "Teen Depression and Suicide". I have a presenter to work with me that comes highly recommended (and free!). I will get everyone the date when it is finalized. Along the same lines I have the video posted on our moodle site of the Internet safety presentation. There are still bugs to be worked-out as the file is so large it doesn't stream well and different computers don't deal with it well. That said, I will continue to work on it and will send you a link when I'm confident I have everything worked out.

The review of the substitute and classroom evaluation content is completed and we are in the process of producing the actual forms. We should have them in the buildings and in use after the holiday break.

We have collected sufficient data on the math program (ALEKS) that we've been testing for highly capable to determine that it is useful and appropriate for our K-5 students. After we receive word on the budgetary fate of the state highly capable dollars that are currently being attacked by the legislature we will order and get this program in use if those dollars remain.

Our next CTE (career and technical education) (formerly vocational education) parent advisory meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 15th, @6 pm in Ms. Mosby's room. We will be continuing our work to create a pathway of classes that result in a "next step" opportunity for our students, for implementation in next years master schedule.

Carol and I will be hosting a group of teachers from Woodland high school on Tuesday the 14th. They are interested in learning how we create such great quadrant 1 learning environments.

Everyone have a great holiday! Dave.