Superintendent's Report

August 20th, 2010

LEARNING UPDATE

- **LCP Institutes** – On August 10th and 19th we held this year's institutes in support of the various Lab Classroom Project teams across the district. We had fifty staff members involved in this effort as well as eight from Green Mountain. I was very impressed with their work to develop specific problems of practice to focus their professional development efforts for the year. The energy was wonderful to observe and for me this was a clear signal that the learning is internally generated rather than externally forced by administration. Throughout these two institute days, Dave Holmes led this work as part of his new role. I was very impressed with his leadership and the learning environment he created for staff. Kudos to him for his great work!
- **District Leadership Retreat** – On August 17th the district leadership team held our annual retreat to set the stage for the year. We spent the bulk of the day working on learning more about the La Center learning model and our background knowledge about creating high quality learning environments for students, staff and for ourselves as learners. As a district, we are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, focused group of leaders who are truly invested in their work to support our students and staff.

BOARD UPDATE

- **Budget Update –** As we end the 2009/2010 budget year, the numbers continue to look strong for ending the year in a stronger position than we did at the end of last year. As stated in my EL-8 monitoring report, we project to end the fiscal year with a 7.7% ending fund balance (up from 7.3% last year) as compared to our total operating budget, which is well above the board's required 5% ending fund balance. As stated in previous budget updates, this good work is a direct testament to our administrators and staff for paying great attention to their budgets and lowering costs where possible. I am very proud of their efforts.
- **Summer Maintenance Progress** – The buildings and grounds are getting into good shape (despite the heat) as we rapidly are approaching the start of school. Floors are polished, walls are painted, shrubs are pruned, gutters and roofs are cleaned, etc. in preparation for another busy school year. Rob and his crew have worked very hard at taking care of the tough work of preparing the buildings for staff and students.

I think that is all for now. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Talk with you later.

Mark