



Greensburg Community Schools

# Central Office Update

## 2006-2007 New Staff Members For Greensburg Community Schools

### Greensburg Community Schools 2006-2007 Enrollment Figures

Kindergarten	203
1st Grade	195
2nd Grade	182
3rd Grade	159
4th Grade	153
5th Grade	132
6th Grade	146
7th Grade	179
8th Grade	181
9th Grade	166
10th Grade	170
11th Grade	149
12th Grade	154

Total Enrollment 2,169

(as of August 23, 2006)



**Row 1 :** (Left to Right) Jesse Wallace, Carol Koester, Sarah Crank, Katie McNealy, Emily Peters, Iris Ramp, Adam Metzger

**Row 2:** (Left to Right) Crystal Simpson, Dennis Spears II, Stacy Meyer, Holly Wehr, Rhastina Blessing, April Caudill

**Row 3 :** (Left to Right) Jennifer Graves, Jeff McClure, Susan Burbrink, Kristy Stroud, Lisa Schwering

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## Superintendent's Corner

### Welcome!

I would like to extend a special welcome to those students and parents who are new to our school community. Our focus is to involve parents in their child's education and we invite parents to volunteer at our schools. When parents and schools team together we can provide better for the needs of all children. Our schools are fully accredited by the state of Indiana and we have fully qualified staff in all curricular areas.

Greensburg Schools take this opportunity to ask that you partner with us to better serve your child. We can utilize volunteers in almost all areas of school activity. You can volunteer for a few hours or for a whole day. The elementary school can use parents that are willing to tutor students, read to students, supervise playground activities, supervise the cafeteria, help in the library, assist with copying materials, and a wide range of other activities. Make plans to help out if you have a few hours a week. Also, the junior high and high school can use volunteers in many different ways. All that is needed is a criminal history check (which we can do for free) and a willingness to help. Come be a part of all the great things happening in your Greensburg Community Schools.

## Greensburg High School Television Studio

From the desk of Mr. Jesse Wallace

As the community prepares for the vast changes associated with Honda, the nation is preparing itself for the vast change known as Digital Television or DTV. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, will put into effect the switch from Analog to Digital television. This act known as "Title III – Digital Television and Public Safety Act" requires that all television stations stop broadcasting the Analog signal that most people pick up on their cable or satellite systems, and start broadcasting a Digital signal. Currently the only digital signal is High Definition.

So what does this mean to you? Well if you already have a High Definition television, then nothing, but if you're like most Americans, then it will mean the purchasing of a box to convert the Digital signal being received into a lower grade signal capable of being handled by the current Analog sets. Not only will your television sets be affected, but your DVD players, Video Game systems, and Consumer cameras will all have to transcend with the upgrade to High Definition.

If any of you remember when VHS tapes first hit the market, you remember the saturation the market experienced in the new home movie experience. Yet, VHS had a tough battle to be the norm for consumer video, a battle comparable to Apple vs. IBM or Netscape vs. Internet Explorer. VHS created by JVC had a format war with Sony and its Betamax video tape system. Betamax was a thinner kind of video tape that provided a higher analog quality than that of VHS, but VHS won, and became what we used for nearly two decades, because of its lower cost of production and distribution. Now the same thing is happening with High Definition DVDs. There are currently two formats battling to become the next consumer standard as we alter our television standards. The two formats are the Blu-Ray disc, which supported by such companies as Sony, Disney, and Apple, and HD-DVD which is supported by companies including Microsoft, Intel, and Toshiba. Which format will win? Only time and the consumer can decide.

In the meantime, we here at Greensburg Community High School are preparing for what will be a monumental change in television history and our media experience. By providing multi-leveled courses in all aspects of television production, our students will have the opportunity to learn how to Shoot, Edit, Direct, Produce, Digitally Master, and Burn their own creative projects, as well as school and community events.

So on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2009, when most schools will be busy upgrading their stations to meet high definition standards, Greensburg will already be there anticipating the next big media change in our society.

## Greensburg Community Learning Center Will Help You Prepare For A New Job Or Improve Your Skills In The One You Currently Have

The Greensburg Community Learning Center is dedicated to delivering programs and services that respond to individual, community, workforce, and economic development needs and plans.

The Center provides a comfortable atmosphere and a broad range of continuing education opportunities, emphasizing one-on-one assistance to help the adult learner set and reach his or her goals.

At the Greensburg Community Learning Center adult learners can choose from a variety of opportunities to improve job skills such as:

- \* Earning or completing a high school or college degree
- \* Improving computer skills for personal use or career related advancement
- \* Learning industrial, technical or health care skills

Besides face-to-face classes, over 1000 classes are available through distance learning using the internet, satellite television or video conferencing. The Center can accommodate all needs in these areas.

If you have questions concerning

what is available at the Greensburg Community Learning Center please contact Jim Cummings, Director of the Center, and he will be glad to accommodate your needs. Jim can be reached at 222-0211.



## District Goals for 2006-2007

*The Mission of the Greensburg Community School Corporation is to provide and promote lifelong learning through its commitment to quality educational programs that prepare the students to be effective, successful, and responsible citizens. This is to be accomplished in a financially prudent manner.*

In light of the stated mission of Greensburg Community Schools, the Board of School Trustees sets the following goals for the 2006-2007 school year:

### ◆ Curriculum

Address the age appropriate vocational, technical, and academic needs of our students at all building levels. Explore distance education opportunities with interested post secondary institutions.

### ◆ Extra-Curricular

Enhance and refine current extra-curricular programs to meet the demands and needs of our students.

### ◆ Staff

Continue promoting programs and the practice of employing staff that foster school spirit and encourage active involvement by all students, staff, and the community. Provide on-going training and staff development in needed areas of academic improvement.

### ◆ Facilities

Provide direction to Hoch Architectural firm in implementing a plan to renovate existing space and to provide new space at Greensburg Jr. High School to meet the demands of additional enrollment. Further, provide on-going needed annual maintenance and upgrading of all current facilities.

### ◆ Finance

Maintain a stable cash balance for the corporation through continued use of sound budgetary practices. Exhibit the prudent use of community financial resources in the Greensburg Community School Corporation.

### ◆ Technology

Greensburg Schools will deploy the most ef-

fective infrastructure, hardware, and software, throughout the Corporation. The Corporation will further enhance the collection, archiving, analysis, and application of mission critical data. Continue to develop course web pages that contain course curriculum and the course syllabus for individual subjects and grade levels. Develop, implement, and deploy the technology necessary to maintain a television station at Greensburg High School. Explore the use of paperless technology to disperse Greensburg Community School information to the Board of Education.

### ◆ Policy and Procedures

Monitor and maintain existing policies. Align policies with administrative guidelines and student handbooks at each building.

### ◆ Public Relations

Promote P-16 education in Greensburg Community Schools through the offerings at the Greensburg Community Learning Center. Promote the Learning Center's value as an economic and educational resource within our community.

## Budget Review

by Dr. Dennis Goldberg, Assistant Superintendent

The proposed 2007 budget for the Greensburg Community Schools is \$20,700,902. The district's budget is established annually according to Indiana state statute and consists of seven funds: **the General Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Debt Service Fund, the Transportation Operation Fund, the Bus Replacement Fund, Special Education Preschool Fund, and the Pension Debt Service Fund.**

The largest of these funds is the **General Fund** with a proposed 2007 appropriation of \$13,548,240. This fund is used for the operation of the schools including salaries and fringe benefits of teachers and support staff, the purchase of supplies, and the payment for utilities, facilities maintenance, and facilities insurance. General Fund revenues come from three primary sources: property tax, state support, and other local revenues.

The **Debt Service Fund** is used to pay the outstanding debt of the Greensburg Community Schools. This debt was primarily incurred during the construction of the new elementary building and the renovation to the high school. The proposed 2007 appropriation, which will be funded by local property taxes, will be \$2,026,604.

The **Transportation Operation Fund** is used to purchase supplies, gasoline and oil, and pay the salaries of bus drivers. The proposed 2007 appropriation for this fund will be \$800,000. Nearly all of this is funded through local property taxes.

The **Bus Replacement Fund** is used for the sole purpose of purchasing buses and other student transportation vehicles. The proposed 2007 appropriation for this fund will be \$80,000. All of the Bus Replacement Fund is funded through the collection

of local property taxes.

The **Special Education Preschool Fund** is the smallest fund operated by the Greensburg Community Schools. The proposed 2007 appropriation of \$100,000 will be used to provide programs for preschool children who need special programs. Thirty-two percent of the revenues for this fund are derived from property taxes, sixty-two percent from the state, and the remainder from local revenue.

The **Pension Debt Service Fund** will have an appropriation of \$367,140 to cover the unfunded teacher retirement liability.

The **Capital Projects Fund** will have an appropriation of \$3,778,919 for 2007. This fund is used for capital improvements across the corporation. Building maintenance and general renovation to facilities is paid from this fund. It is need driven.

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**Elementary Field Trips 2006-2007**

**FALL**

**SPRING**

Kindergarten	Stapp Circle S Ranch	Children's Museum, Indianapolis
1st Grade	Newport Aquarium, Cincinnati	Clowes Hall, Indianapolis
2nd Grade	Ruth Lilly Center, Indianapolis	Indianapolis Zoo
3rd Grade	Children's Museum, Indianapolis	Ruth Lilly Center, Indianapolis
4th Grade	Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis	Indianapolis State House
5th Grade	Indianapolis Art Museum	Cave Trip, Southern Indiana

**Bus Drivers for Greensburg Community Schools**

Greensburg Schools is very fortunate to have an outstanding group of bus drivers to transport our students. Mr. Leon Johnson serves in the capacity of Transportation Director and questions concerning bus issues can be directed to his attention.

Our drivers for 2006-2007 are:

Bus #1 Bill Ernstes 663-6250  
 Bus #2 Pat Thornburg 663-7538  
 Bus #3 Doug Hawkins 663-9054  
 Bus #4 Joe Springmeyer 663-6371  
 Bus #5 Ken Milburn 663-4016  
 Bus #6 Leon Johnson 663-7845

Bus #8 Earl Mazingo 663-3080  
 Bus #9 Dale Riedeman 663-7397  
 Bus #10 Rose Hellmich 663-6033  
 Bus #11 Larry Weber 663-6049  
 Bus #12 Sue Meyerrose 663-6851  
 Bus #14 Don Black 663-4399  
 Bus #15 Mike Richards 663-3456  
 Bus #17 Edna Weber 663-3512  
 Bus #18 Ronda Thompson 765-629-2501  
 Bus #20 Bill Fisher 663-8423  
 Bus #23 Maureen Blodgett 663-7803

Bus #26 Missi Jackson 662-6226  
 Bus #28 Larry Lecher 663-3806  
 Bus #30 Bill Pratt 663-3515

If you have questions concerning bus issues please call 663-4774 and ask for Mr. Johnson or Mr. Hunter. Keep in mind that safety is our number one concern in transporting your son or daughter.

