



## Board selects a new superintendent to lead the district

Daniel O'Donnell, Ed.D. is known as someone continually focused on high academic achievement and maintaining fiscal responsibility during times of change. However, on July 1, he will best be known throughout District 308 as the Superintendent of Schools.

The District 308 Board of Education officially appointed Dr. O'Donnell to his new post at the April 6 Board meeting.

Dr. O'Donnell comes to District 308 after recently retiring as superintendent of Francis Howell School District in Missouri. Prior to his seven years at Francis Howell, he was superintendent of Scotland County and Lesterville School Districts.

With vast experience leading his previous district of 18,000 students through its growing pains and financial challenges, the Board determined that Dr. O'Donnell would be a perfect fit for Oswego Schools. However, it was his dedication to his students that sealed the deal. "Improving learning

for kids is what matters most to me," he said. "I hold high expectations for all staff, parents and students in the district. I also have enough experience to know that you must communicate effectively to bring

the school/community partnership forward together to accomplish positive results for all students."

Dr. O'Donnell has previous experience as a teacher (vocal and instrumental music), coach (football, basketball, and tennis), principal, and associate superintendent of human resources. He received his doctorate in administration

from the University of Missouri-Columbia and his master's and bachelor's degrees from Truman State University.

Further information regarding Dr. O'Donnell's appointment will be posted on the district's Web site. Also, a May event is being planned so District 308 residents can meet the new superintendent prior to him taking office on July 1.



## Board of Education welcomes four members to the table

On May 4, four individuals will take the oath of office and officially claim their spots as members of the District 308 Board of Education. Of these four, two are incumbents and two are new to the Board.

Both **Dave Behrens**, an 11-year Board veteran, and **Lynn Cullick**, who is currently completing her first

term, won re-election. They will be joined on the Board by **Laurie Pasteris** and **Michael Scaramuzzi** who were elected to fill the positions of interim Board members Joe Guinnane and Joe Kluessendorf.

School Board members are elected to four-year terms.

# Get district & school news fast through e-mail

Along with the launch of the updated Web site, District 308 launched its new broadcast e-mail system—Communicate 308. Through Communicate 308, news updates are e-mailed to subscribers from the district and/or specific schools. For many, this is the easiest, and quickest way to stay informed about what is happening in the district and schools.

## Individuals interested in receiving e-mail updates from the district and/or individual schools are urged to subscribe to this service.

To register, simply enter an e-mail address in the space provided under the Communicate 308 logo (located in the upper right-hand corner of all District 308 Web pages) and click 'send.' You will be directed to the sign-up page where you enter your name, e-mail format preference, and choose the

district and/or specific schools from which you would like to receive information. Once you click 'send' you will receive a message that your subscription was successful.

E-mail preferences may be updated at any time through the Web site by using your e-mail address. Subscribers to the system may also instantly unsubscribe by clicking the appropriate link at the bottom of every Communicate 308 message.

The former system, Parent Connect, will no longer be used by the district. Individuals who subscribed to Parent Connect, and still wish to receive District 308/ school updates, must re-register under the new system.

### *During its March meeting, the District 308 Board of Education:*

- Authorized the district to abate Bond and Interest taxes to meet the 5.06 tax rate that was promised by the district to taxpayers for the passage of the November 2006 referendum.
- Approved Edulog as the provider of an enrollment and boundary projection software program at a cost of \$16,400, plus \$3,000 for annual maintenance and licensing.
- Approved the purchase of playground equipment for Hunt Club from the low bidder, Parkreation, Inc., for \$96,211.76.
- Approved the purchase of library furniture for Hunt Club from the low bidder, Lowery McDonnell Co., for \$50,500.
- Approved Timco Technology Contractors for the cable installation at Lakewood Creek, Homestead, Fox Chase and Long Beach for \$289,097.

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### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Apr. 06 Curriculum Committee  
5:45 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.  
  
Finance Committee  
5:45 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.  
  
Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.
- Apr. 07 Policy Committee  
6:00 a.m. / Superintendent's Office  
  
Personnel Committee  
6:30 a.m. / Administration Center
- Apr. 20 Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.
- Apr. 27 Growth Committee Meeting  
6:00 a.m. / Superintendent's Office

