

# St. Anthony New Brighton

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 282

February 24, 2011

Greetings parents and community members,

Second semester is underway and our schools are buzzing with activity. As your school board members, we would like to update you on the latest news and invite you to upcoming events in our school district.

### **Audit Confirms Accountable Use of Referendum Funds**

At our School Board meeting on January 18, representatives from Minnesota's Office of the State Auditor reported positive results of a recent audit which concluded that the school district used referendum funds in a responsible and accountable manner. During the past 20 months, our community invested \$21 million into our school facilities for the purpose of renovating learning environments and improving indoor air quality. Our school district is grateful for our community's continued support and is committed to utilizing public dollars accountably and responsibly to provide the best education for our students. St. Anthony-New Brighton School District is one of only 10 districts in the seven-county metro area to receive the Minnesota Department of Education's School Finance Award in 2008, 2009 and 2010.

### **Tours of Middle/High School Building Scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Parents and community members are invited to tour the renovated secondary building on Thursday, April 14. Tours are scheduled from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m. Participants will meet in the middle school/high school media center and learn about what is happening in our school district before each tour. Call Community Services at 612-706-1166 to make a reservation.

### **Capital Projects Scheduled for Summer 2011**

As part of our regular summer maintenance schedule, a few projects will occur at the Middle/High School building and Wilshire Park. At the secondary building, flooring, paint, and new instrument storage lockers will be installed in the music area and new paint and lights will be installed in the physical education locker rooms. In addition, both buildings are scheduled to have work finalized in the bathrooms.

### **Visit with Board Members**

We invite you to meet with your School Board members at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month, before our 7:00 p.m. meeting. These conversations provide an opportunity for anyone with an interest in our schools to come ask questions, share ideas, or just get to know board members and district leaders in an informal setting. Please join us on Tuesday, March 1; Tuesday, April 5; and Tuesday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the St. Anthony Community Center.

As your school board members, we welcome your questions, concerns, and comments. While not everyone will agree with every policy or decision we make, rest assured that we, as your neighbors and friends, give our best efforts to make our school district and community better.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District!

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