



Board to Hold School Facilities Forum

The school facilities of Community Unit School District 95 will be the subject of the Community Unit School District 95 Board of Education Community Forum on Thursday, September 21, beginning at 7 p.m., in the West Gymnasium of Lake Zurich Middle School South, 435 W. Cuba Road, Lake Zurich.

At the forum, board members and district staff will highlight the current status of school facilities, enrollment trends and other information. Much of the forum will focus on answering questions and gathering input from the community.

Board Vice President **Kathy Brown**, Board member **John Kropf**, and Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson** will welcome the community and share a brief presentation about the current status of the district's schools before taking questions and feedback from the community. There will be no formal facilities plan presented. The forum is being held to inform the community about its public school facilities and seek community feedback.

The forum on school facilities is one of a number of school board forums on various topics that have been held to both inform the community and gather community input on schools and learning related issues.

"Two-way communication is vital to the public's understanding and support of our public schools," said Superintendent **Dr. Brian Knutson**.

"Forums, such as this, allow us to both provide and receive information about our school facilities and district operations. It is through such open communication that we will make our schools even better environments for learning."

Community members should note that parking may be limited due to other school related activities at Middle School South and Isaac Fox Elementary School.

For more information, contact the Office of Communications, (847) 540-5489.



The mission of Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 is to inspire all students to be passionate, continuous learners and to prepare them with the skills to achieve their goals and flourish as responsible, caring citizens in a global community.

Get Strategic - Join an Action Team!

CUSD 95 is currently seeking staff, parents and other community member volunteers to serve on action teams who will develop the necessary steps for successfully implementing the five strategies of the district's strategic plan which was renewed last spring and approved by the Board of Education on May 25. The five action teams include:

- " **Staff Commitment**
- " **Community Commitment**
- " **Trust & Collaboration**
- " **Recruitment/Retention**
- " **Curriculum & Learning Opportunities**

Action teams will begin meeting in October, with their final product expected by early January.

The finished action plans will then be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee before being submitted to the school district and its Board of Education.

If you are willing to participate on an Action Team, simply call the district's Office of Communications, (847) 540-5489.

Ford's Got the Beat!



Hannah Ford and Louise Bellson

Outperforming two other senior division contestants in the finals of a drumming contest that was judged by the master drummer, himself, 16-year-old Lake Zurich High School student **Hannah Ford** was recently selected as the 2006 winner of Rock Falls, Illinois' Louis Bellson Heritage Days Drum Competition. Not only was the Chicago-area resident and Lake Zurich High School student the first and only female drummer to ever win the competition, she was also first and only female drummer to ever enter the event. For her winning performance, Hannah received an autographed Louis Bellson snare drum and an assortment of drumheads from competition co-sponsor, Remo, Inc.

The 2006 Louis Bellson Heritage Days drum competition was open to drummers in three age divisions (8-10, 11-13 and 14-17) with entrants required to submit audition tapes or CDs showing their ability and versatility by demonstrating a variety of styles with sticks and brushes as well as a solo. Applications were received from throughout northern Illinois and Iowa and, after being previewed by a panel of judges, three finalists were chosen in each age group and invited to perform during the town's Heritage Days celebration.

Show the Spirit of 95



Students, their families and district staff are showing their school spirit on the new Spirit of 95 web page. The pictures were received last spring after the Office of Communications & Community Relations asked staff, students and their families to send end vacation and other photos of them and/or their families wearing their school spirit wear. The idea came from a similar wall of fame website at a website for Eskimo Joe's, a popular collegiate hangout in Stillwater, OK.

You can view the Spirit of 95 web page by clicking on "Publications" menu on the district's main web page (www.lz95.org), or go directly to it at www.lz95.org/spiritwall.

To submit a photo for the Spirit of 95 spirit wall, email your photo(s) to jim.jennings@lz95.org. Please note that by emailing your photo, you are giving the school district permission to post it on the Internet and to potentially utilize it in district publications such as *THRIVE in 95*.

SIGN of the Times



www.lz95.org/sp/.

SIGN (School Information Gathering Network) is a District 95 web-based initiative that allows parents to access the many flyers and other important information that outside organizations such as the YMCA distribute through the schools. SIGN was developed as a way to address the parent and staff complaints about the hundreds of flyers and brochures that are sent home through student backpacks. Often, there are so many flyers that it makes it hard for parents to actually find the important school information.

According to **Jim Jennings**, Communications Director, SIGN allows parents to access the flyers and other information from any computer or web-based device that has Internet access. From a standpoint of environmental stewardship, it is expected that SIGN will cut down on the amount of paper, ink and toner.

Parents, students, staff and interested community members can access the SIGN website at www.lz95.org/sign/. It is important to note that only those flyers that have been approved for distribution will be posted on the SIGN website.

THRIVE in 95 is produced by the Community Unit School District 95 Office of Communications & Community Relations for staff and interested community members. Story submissions are greatly encouraged.

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