

Superintendent Headlines

Oh the Time's Are a Changing!

With the turmoil surrounding the State of Illinois and the state budget times for the people of Illinois will remain to be rough. Further the impact on Public Schools will be significant. The talk in Springfield is that the State of Illinois is going back to foundation levels of \$5,500.00 per student. This year the funding level was at \$6,189.00 per student. When you figure out the significance of this cut the ability to financially run a school district and continue to educate students becomes increasingly difficult. PCHS will stand to lose \$330,000 in funding for the school year. Most people do not understand how school funding works. We receive tax dollars, but since we are a small district with high poverty levels we receive significant amounts of funding from the State of Illinois. A typical school budget finds that personnel make up roughly 80% of the necessary funding in a school budget. However, when you cut staff you increase class sizes, give students less options for classes, and other significant issues arise. Maybe the State will continue to get creative and figure out a way to fund education and other parts of the state government, but realistically we have to plan as if they will not. We are currently lacking almost \$200,000.00 in funding for the current year. We do not plan on seeing that funding being delivered as the State has no money to pay its bills. I encourage you as a public to become vocal with your legislators and insist that they do something about the current shortfall in all areas. It is only through the publics voice can this be resolved.

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Caring Students of PCHS

PCHS held their rally for St. Jude's the week of February 5-12. Last year the students and public of PCHS did a tremendous job of raising money to this great cause. Once again the students stepped up their efforts and hope to raise \$16,000.00 this year to help children who are combating cancer and other childhood ailments. Thank you to all who have supported this great cause.

Quote of the Month!

[PCHS Education Foundation](#)

The Education Foundation held its Hog/Gun Raffle and raised in the neighborhood of \$1,500.00. Thank you to those who purchased raffle tickets. The next event for the Foundation will be the 2nd Annual Golf Outing at Red Hawk Golf Course on Sunday May 23, 2010 at 1:00pm. Flyers will be released in early March to sign-up for this event. We hope to see you at the Hawk.

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

William Butler Yeats