

# District Newsletter

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## High Oversight Committee

Flora High School instituted an Oversight Committee this year to analyze the effect of change at the high school. Some of the changes were closed campus for students failing two or more classes, a tougher cell phone policy, teachers keeping a log of calls made to parents of students receiving an F in their class every week, a schedule change from Block Schedule to a nine period a day schedule, and a discipline points system. The committee is made up of two board members, two parents, school administration, guidance, several teachers, and several students. The teachers and students are selected based on the upcoming agenda for that particular meeting. The meetings occur approximately every two months.

The meetings have been very positive in keeping everyone informed. Ideas have been very welcome from all groups, especially the students. The many changes at the high school have led to half as many students failing classes in 2009-2010 compared to last year. We gave a survey to students and teachers and found that closed campus for students was the main reason for students success. The other changes had an impact as well. The main positive is that students are having more success this year. The next focus will be to analyze the schedule for 2010-2011 and offer more suggestions for improvement. Education is a work in progress. When we are all pulling in the same direction, more can be accomplished for our students.



## Transportation Facility Moving

A new transportation facility located on South Stanford for Flora CUSD #35 should be ready to move into in early January. This facility will provide the district with 28 bays to park all of our buses under roof to protect them from inclement weather. It will also feature two work bays to service buses along with an inside wash bay, driver ready area for drivers and two offices to house staff.

The building that currently serves as our Bus Barn will become the maintenance building that will provide offices and warehousing of supplies for the district. The remaining area will be converted into parking area for the High School. This additional parking should assist our students and extra curricular events with sufficient parking.

The employees of the transportation department are very appreciative and would like to thank the Board of Education, administration, contractors, architects and all of those that have been involved in this monumental project.



## Second Semester

Staff members are scheduled to return for a Teacher Institute Day on Monday, January 4, 2010. (Please see attached agenda.) Students will return on Tuesday, January 5, 2010. The new semester will begin on January 5 and report cards for the first semester will be issued on Friday, January 8th.

## School Improvement Day

We will have a 12:30 p.m. dismissal on January 15th to allow staff members an opportunity to review our local assessment scores. They will use this time to plan activities to prepare our students for the state testing in March and April.

## Bookkeeping Reminder

The Unit Office Payroll Department will have your W-2 Federal and State Withholding allowance forms (2009) completed by the end of January, 2010. If you wish to make any changes on your withholdings for 2010, please call Karen at the Unit Office.

*Happy Holidays . . .*

*The Board of Education and the Unit Office Staff  
join in wishing you a very enjoyable holiday season.*

*Please enjoy the extended vacation time with your  
family and friends.*