

South Burlington School District  
October 14, 2009

To: School Board Members  
From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – October 21, 2009  
Policy 2.9 – Communication and Support to the Board

1. H1N1 – The VT Departments of Education and Health have collaborated to provide free vaccinations for children in schools around the state. Four of our schools will host clinics. Students under ten years old receive two doses and older students one. Some of our preschool partners will join us for the clinics. The schedule is:

Orchard School - October 29 & December 3 ( Also preschool partners)

Rick Marcotte Central School - October 26 & November 30  
(Chamberlin students will be bussed to this site.)

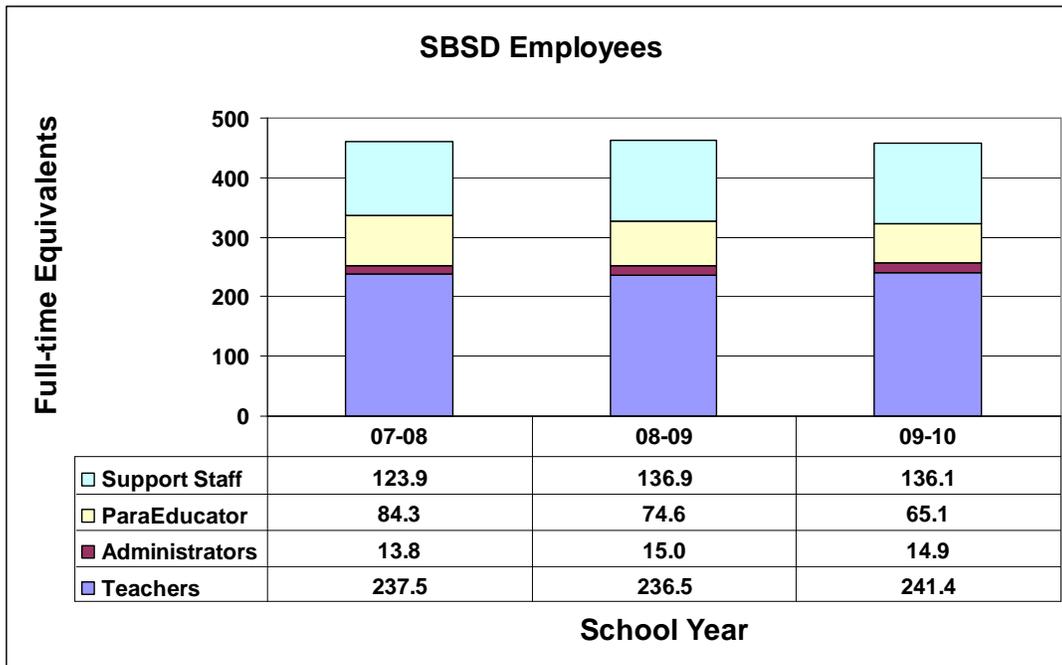
FHT Middle School - November 2

High School - November 13

2. Federal Funds – As discussed at the last meeting, the district has substituted Title I funds for \$250,000 local funds to pay for services for students needing additional academic support. This allows us to make some improvements, not allowed under Title I, but that we believe will benefit children with fewer resources in their homes than many South Burlington students. Since these expenditures were not in the budget and in the aggregate exceed \$25,000, I understand Executive Limitation Policy 2.4.7 to mean that the board has retained responsibility for the decision to use the funds. The attached report, "SBSD Consolidated Federal Grant 2009-2010," details the expenditures. Board action is required for the items in the fourth column, "Not in local budget (paid by local funds)."

While there is no rule from the Department of Education that we must use these funds, I believe that using them to extend school opportunities to less privileged students is the right thing to do. It will increase these students' readiness for their next step and it will match the reasons South Burlington received these federal funds in the first place.

3. Monitoring Reports – In Policy 2.6 Emergency Superintendent Succession, the board was concerned that one of the individuals I designated to meet the requirements of the policy is not licensed as a superintendent and would not be approved by the Commissioner of Education. While I do not see need for Commissioner approval for an emergency situation, I have contacted the Commissioner and requested his view of the need for a licensed interim successor. I will report to the board any response I receive from him.
4. FTE Trends – At a recent board meeting, there was a question about trend data for teacher and staff FTEs. The chart below shows recent data. As we work through the annual cycle of monitoring reports, I will look for a place to incorporate this data. Teacher increases came from planned changes in services from para educator to teacher and others came from use of the special education stimulus funds.



5. Ends Policy – Included in the board packet is a short section from Yong Zaho’s book that describes the way some European countries are thinking about 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. It is simply for your information as you consider changes to the Ends policy.

During the last few days I have attended meetings that have given me insight to the “for whom” part of the board’s decision about what the district is to accomplish, for whom, and at what cost. One session was a multicultural course in the district and the other was a well-attended evening meeting of advocates for improving mental health services in Vermont. Each group understood that many people are advocating for their own priorities. Schools are a common institution for almost every advocacy group you can name. When the board determines “for whom,” it will mean that some of these advocacy points of view will get more attention than others, since the district cannot be all things to all people. “For whom” is a large and complex responsibility.

## 2009 International Science Fair Winners

Stephanie Chang of South Burlington High School has been awarded a Bronze medal at the 2009 ISWEEEP competition in Houston, and is the regional winner of the Stockholm Junior Water Prize, which saw her compete at the [Nationals in Alaska](#).

Caroline Weaver of South Burlington High School has been awarded 4th place at the 2009 ISEF competition in Reno, Nevada.

Congratulations Stephanie and Caroline!

Vermont's only two international winners!

**Please bring your policy manuals to the board meeting.**

**The superintendent will attend the meeting via SKYPE or phone.**