

## South Burlington School District

August 28, 2009

To: School Board Members

From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – September 2, 2009

Policy 2.9 – Communication and Support to the Board

1. Convocation – The official start of the school year was a “Collaborative Convocation.” It consisted of remembering Senator Edward Kennedy, introductions of new staff, service recognition, reviewing student work in light of Dan Pink’s senses for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and support staff and teacher awards.
2. Community linkage meeting – My assignment was to locate a facilitator for a meeting of stakeholders and to draft ideas for the structure of such a meeting. I may have something to report on that assignment at the next meeting.
3. Monitoring Report 2.4 Financial Conditions and Activities – The report is being modified and I expect it will be completed in time for the meeting. At the last meeting, I forgot to show the video on monitoring that was on your schedule for board development. You can find it at <http://www.vtvsba.org/streaming/pg/7/7.html>.
4. H1N1 – The Education Commissioner and the Department of Health have issued advice for the upcoming school year with regard to the H1N1 flu virus. Most of the information repeats what we tell children as a matter of course about staying well and dealing with sickness. We will be communicating that information to families and staff. A sample letter is included in the board packet.
5. Central Office location – The superintendent’s office has taken the first step in relocating to the middle school. Once the movable walls and work spaces arrive, we will be able to get ourselves reorganized. I expect us to be all set up in about three weeks.
6. Students – Students in transition to Grades 6 and 9 and all new students at the high school begin on Tuesday, September 1. All students are expected on September 2.
7. Athletics – This year there will be several athletic events under the lights. I expect they will be delightful events. The first is a girls’ field hockey game against Essex High School on Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00 PM.
8. Gender neutral bathrooms – One of our students is active in an effort to increase the safety and feelings of safety for middle and high school students. His focus is on gender neutral bathrooms for students who do not feel comfortable in multiple-user and same gender bathrooms. South Burlington Schools are well situated in that regard. Gender neutral bathrooms are available in the schools. He is doing excellent work to improve safety in the nation’s schools.

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