

South Burlington School District  
September 11, 2009

To: School Board Members  
From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – September 16, 2009  
Policy 2.9 – Communication and Support to the Board

1. Concession Stand – The next step in the “Field of Dreams” project is the concession stand. Currently we are in the permitting process and almost ready to send out RFPs. As you can see in the Foundation minutes, there is a naming request for both the concession stand and the press box.

The cost of the project is estimated at just under \$200,000. The district is contributing \$50,000 and the Foundation \$150,000. We are all working to get donations of professional time and other resources to ensure the finances of the project are in order prior to the financial commitments. The detailed costs estimates are:

Engineering	\$ 5,000
Pavilion	97,000
Construction	31,040
Concrete Slab for restrooms	12,000
Water/Sewer Trenching	8,000
Architectural Work	5,000
Landscaping	2,000
Concession/Ticket Bldgs	34,000
Paths & Ramps	2,500
State Permit	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$199,740</b>

2. VSBA Conference – The VSBA and VSA Conference will feature Yong Zhao as a keynote speaker. Individuals may attend the full conference or a single day to hear Zhao. (See description below.)
3. Vermont Education Finance – The Vermont Education Fund will be sufficient to meet expenses without an increase in the statewide property tax rates if total education spending remains constant. During my report, I will explore some of the financial factors that will affect our next budget.

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

## 2009 VSBA Conference Keynote Speaker



*kill creativity, the United States' real competitive edge." "Are we Fixing the Wrong Things?" Zhao, 2006*

Yong Zhao is University Distinguished Professor at the College of Education, Michigan State University, where he also serves as the founding director of the Center for Teaching and Technology, executive director of the Confucius Institute, as well as the US-China Center for Research on Educational Excellence. He is a fellow of the International Academy for Education.

***"Creativity - and not standardization - may be the driving force behind an effective education system."***

*"Creativity cannot be taught, but it can be killed. What fosters creativity in the United States is the whole multifaceted experience of growing up: the soccer games, the orchestra performances, the opportunities to pick and choose courses... The current or proposed reform initiatives - centralized curriculum, standardized testing, accountability, required course of study - could*

His research interests include computer gaming and education, diffusion of innovations, teacher adoption of technology, computer-assisted language learning, and globalization and education.

Zhao has extensive international experiences. He has consulted with government and educational agencies and spoken on educational issues in many countries on six continents. His current work focuses on designing 21st Century Schools in the context of globalization and the digital revolution. 🚌