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District 64 Recognizes Staff Milestones

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education at its May 29 meeting recognized 11 teachers who will achieve tenure at the conclusion of the 2006-07 school year. Tenure is an important milestone in a teacher's career and marks the successful completion of four consecutive years as a probationary teacher in District 64. "We congratulate these teachers on their accomplishments, and welcome them to the ranks of professional educators," according to Board President Sue Runyon.

District 64 also is announcing the retirement of nine staff members and recognizing 25 years of service for one staff member. As a group, these individuals have contributed 259 years of service to District 64, according to Superintendent Sally Pryor. "We are grateful for their dedication and the great enthusiasm for education and our students they brought to our District each day. Their experience will be difficult to replace, but we wish them well for their future endeavors," Dr. Pryor added.

In addition, the District is announcing that one staff member from Field School has received National Board Certification during the 2006-07 school year. National Board Certification is a voluntary credential teachers may obtain that sets high and rigorous advanced standards for experienced teachers to demonstrate accomplished practice, according to Field School Principal Kathy Creely.

The 22 staff members being recognized include:

Carpenter School

Louise Farrell – tenure, 1st grade teacher
Vanessa Taglia – tenure, 4th grade teacher

Field School

Richard Czyz – retirement, physical education teacher, 33 years
David Govertsen – tenure, general music teacher and District 64 Music Curriculum Specialist
Benjamin Jones – tenure, Early Intervention and Instructional Resource teacher
Madolyn Machon – tenure, 1st grade teacher
Carol Mollenkamp – retirement, 3rd grade teacher, 33 years
Michael O'Malley – National Board Certification, 2nd grade teacher

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Roosevelt School

Christine Ferraro – tenure, 2nd grade teacher
Woody Hibbeler – retirement, secretary, 20 years
Cheryl Williams – tenure, 2nd grade teacher

Washington School

Susan Kleckner – retirement, 5th grade teacher, 34 years
Robert Nowinski – physical education teacher, 28 years
Luan Zoellner – retirement, 3rd grade teacher, 16 years

Emerson Middle School

Tricia Len – tenure, Instructional Resource teacher
Elaine Vlahakis – tenure, social studies teacher

Lincoln Middle School

Pam Antonucci – tenure, foreign language French teacher and Transitional Program of Instruction teacher
Deborah Brandt – retirement, art teacher, 33 years
Robert Hoerner – retirement, assistant principal, 17 years
Kerry Venn – tenure, Family & Consumer Science teacher and Health teacher
Patti Wlodek – 25 years of service, Instrumental Music secretary

Educational Service Center

Nancy Borck – retirement, Curriculum Department program assistant, 20 years

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