



IUSD Board Briefs

Highlights from the Irvine Unified School District's Oct. 23 Board of Education meeting

IPSF, IUSD reflect on International Walk to School Day

Debbie Rugani, director of Community Initiatives and Programs for the Irvine Public Schools Foundation, shared photos and stories from International Walk to School Day. The event, held Oct. 3, encouraged students to walk or ride their bicycles to school as a means to promote healthy lifestyles. Walk to School Day also kicked off IPSF's annual corporate and community campaign, which will raise funds for district nurses and health clerks.

IUSD encouraged to celebrate Red Ribbon Week

Debra Bianchi, executive director of Irvine Community Drug Prevention, and Nancy Colocino, coordinator of IUSD's Guidance Resources and director of the Irvine Prevention Coalition, invited the Board and audience members to take part in activities associated with Red Ribbon Week, which urges students to steer clear of illegal drugs and avoid the improper use of legal drugs. Joining Bianchi and Colocino at the podium were a handful of prevention coordinators, who promoted this year's theme of "Speak Out!"

Board members applaud the collaborative response to area wildfires

IUSD Board of Education members praised the IUSD staff for its collaborative response to the Santiago fire and expressed gratitude to the firefighters who halted the blaze along Irvine's north-east border.

IUSD applies for grant funding from the City of Irvine

By unanimous vote, the Board approved the submission of a grant proposal through the City of Irvine's Educational Partnership Fund. If approved, the fund will provide as much as \$300,000 for a program that intervenes on behalf of at-risk students. The Board also acknowledged that IPSF has submitted grant proposals to the City for the purpose of funding school nurse services and health clerks.

This marks the third year that IUSD has sought funding through the City of Irvine's Educational Partnership Fund program. Through previous grants, the City has helped pay for certificated counselors and counseling assistants, school nurses, health clerks, a health education program, an after-school enrichment program for at-risk students, strategies designed to reinforce positive behavior and staffing for the Family Resource Center.

Coming Up:

Regular Meetings: *Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007 in the Board Room*
Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2007 in the Board Room

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