



**From the Superintendent's Desk**  
**Proctor Public Schools, ISD 704**  
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This is my weekly update on the state of the district which focuses on a variety of issues relating to facilities, curriculum, activities, and programs occurring throughout our district. There may be weeks in which I only focus on one or two topics, but I do want to keep you informed. I welcome comments and feedback regarding this update or any of your concerns regarding our district.

**Congratulations Caribou Lake and Pike Lake Elementary Schools:**

This is truly an exciting time for our students, staff, administrators and community members as we end a 72 year-long tradition of educating children at Caribou Lake Elementary School. Our Caribou Lake faculty has done an amazing job teaching and caring for our students in this unique and charming setting. I know today will be a sad day for our students and staff at Caribou; it is for me as well. On the upside, we are on the verge of a new era at Pike Lake Elementary. As we transition to an E-5 school (early childhood – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) at Pike Lake, we have a new expanded campus being built and the opportunity to form new educational partnerships which set the stage for an exciting year in 2010-2011.

In addition, this is the last day for students at Caribou and Pike Lake Elementary Schools. These few extra days off without students should help make our move to Pike Lake run smoothly. I was walking around our elementary classrooms at Caribou Lake the other day and thought, oh my, there is a lot of classroom supplies and materials here! Hopefully we'll be able to part with some of our treasures that have been piling up over the years. I want to congratulate our staff at both Pike and Caribou for helping to make this a memorable year for our students and our community.

Thanks to Angie Edwards, I am including a few pictures of the Caribou Lake and Pike Lake Fun Run held last Saturday. We estimate that around 200 people attended our Open House at Caribou Lake and 135 runners, walkers and bikers crossed the finish line at Pike Lake.



Fun Run registration at Caribou Lake Elementary



Runners starting the Fun Run at Caribou Lake



Hmm, what can I say?

### **QComp and Beyond:**

As we all know by now, QComp and our ATPPS program at Proctor Public Schools received enough votes from our faculty to be approved for the 2010-2011 school year. Although the vote wasn't unanimous, I think that most of us understand that when teachers collaborate and engage in staff development activities that promote better teaching, then learning improves. I have stated before that your adoption of QComp has set the stage for our faculty to engage in professional learning communities, instructional teams, and grade level meetings that make a difference. Whatever your feelings are about our ATPPS program, we all need to be a team in the educational process. I think we can do amazing things for our students in the future. With or without a QComp format, your collaborative work together is a model for the entire region. Be proud of the work you've accomplished and the learning environment you have created at Proctor Public Schools. I look forward to being part of the environment now and into the future.

### **Closing Comments:**

I hope you have a terrific Memorial Day Weekend. Although it is a long weekend for all of us, try to take some time to remember the importance of the day as our nation remembers the sacrifices of our military and as we all remember our personal losses this Memorial Day. I look forward to your replies and your feedback. Thank you to everyone who has taken time to email me back.