

Nov. 6, 2008

Dear Community Members, Parents and Staff,

Adams 12 Five Star Schools is grateful to our community for approving the \$9.9 million mill levy override proposal on November 4 with 50.99 percent of the vote. Our community chose to be proactive rather than reactive in its approach to preserving our high quality programs and staff. We recognize voters had some very difficult decisions to make this year considering the current economic situation. Having said that, the community showed how it values investing in its neighborhoods and strengthening its schools which in turn strengthens our collective quality of life. As we put these valuable community resources to work in your school district, we'll continue to conduct our business in an open and transparent manner.

The other issue on the ballot, the \$80 million bond proposal, was not approved. Given the current environment, voters determined our existing facilities are adequate. As part of our ongoing conversation with our community members, we'll have additional discussion with them to find out why they voted for the mill and not as much for the bond. We'll identify their values and priorities for our school facilities as we move forward.

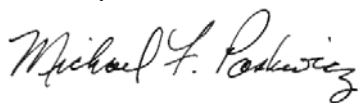
I would especially like to thank the hundreds of volunteers who assisted in spreading a very clear message of need to the community at large. This was truly a team effort between community members, business leaders, parents, staff and elected officials. This dedicated team included representatives from all political parties, ages, genders, religious affiliations and length of time in our community. Special thanks go out to Deborah Capra for chairing the citizens' campaign and to Deb Binder-Lavender for energizing the community on behalf of our kids.

We will build on our progress in accelerating the academic growth of our students and we will constantly review and evaluate programs and practices to determine their effectiveness in meeting student needs.

Given current projections, the Five Star District will continue to be one of the fastest growing school districts in the state for student enrollment. This will result in our current facilities being more crowded. Very shortly we will form a team to study how we will accommodate this growth with limited space. We will continue to maintain the older schools as well as possible with the resources allocated by the community. Please know that our priorities for building improvements will be to address the health and life/safety needs first.

We will continue to equally share challenges and successes with our community. I am very proud to be part of a great community that is committed to providing great schools for its students. Everyone will benefit from your decision to be proactive regarding our program needs.

Sincerely,



Mike Paskewicz  
Superintendent