

## **BIG HOLLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT #38**

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Beginning in the mid-1990's, the Big Hollow School District's enrollment has steadily increased to a current student population of almost 1,700. As you know, the school district boundaries include portions of Fox Lake, Lakemoor, Round Lake, Volo and unincorporated Lake County. Cooperatively, school district shareholders, who reside in these respective locations, have addressed the challenges which impact a growing school district---implementing effective academic programs; constructing new school buildings; expanding student transportation; hiring high quality staffs; and meeting the requirements of federal, state and court ordered mandates. Now is an appropriate time to gather our community members to assess the school district's current status and identify potentially important future issues and goals. This process of gathering community input is called STRATEGIC PLANNING and will be conducted on September 10 and 17. These two sessions will be facilitated by an Illinois Association of School Board's representative and held at the middle school from 5:30 – 9 p.m. A copy of the tentative two-day agenda is posted on the website (click on the strategic planning link).

We look forward to the constructive exchange of comments and suggestions. If you can join us in this important project, please contact Mrs. Donna Putzell at 847-740-1490 X5401.

The new lunch program begins on Tuesday. A copy of the LUNCH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS is included in today's Friday Folders and on the school district's website Lunch Program link.

President Obama is scheduled to make a webcast "back to school" presentation on Tuesday. Teachers can present the broadcast on a voluntary teacher-by-teacher basis. Teachers who choose to participate have been informed to contact their students' parents and make alternate arrangements for specific students if requested by their parents.

Ron Pazanin  
Superintendent