

January 7, 2008

Dear Big Hollow Parents,

A happy new year to all. I hope winter break offered everyone memorable holiday moments and good times with family and friends.

If you've been following the 2008 presidential race at all, you know that "hope" and "change" are two themes getting a lot of attention on the campaign trail. I would like to think that locally, within the Big Hollow community, hope prevails that we can support the high-quality educational experience our schools have long provided. The opportunity for change is here.

Much of the excitement surrounding February 5, 2008, relates to the presidential primaries. However, other offices and issues will be on the ballot. Of great interest and highest importance to Big Hollow is a referendum related to the schools. A fact sheet pertaining to the referendum is available online at www.bighollow.us/District/feb-07-Ref.htm. The community will have the opportunity to vote on this \$10-million working cash bond request. **The deadline to register to vote, and therefore participate in the February 5th election, is TOMORROW—Tuesday, January 8.** Registrars are available at all Big Hollow buildings during regular school hours to register voters.

Beyond that, early voting is available January 14-31. If getting to the polls on February 5 might be difficult, or you know you will be busy or out of town, this is an option worth considering. As far as election day itself—Tuesday, February 5—polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Welcome back and best wishes for the year ahead!

Sincerely,

Ron Pazanin