



2007-2008 Highlights

For the sixth consecutive year, Reaching New Heights grants of \$500 per school were awarded to be used at the discretion of the Principal. Total over six years is \$38,000.

For the sixth consecutive year, competitive grant programs funded the creative ideas of District 58 faculty. This year grants totaling \$26,009 were awarded bringing the six year total to \$166,136. 2008 grants included: \$12,000 to El Sierra, Lester, Hillcrest and Belle Aire schools to implement "Read Naturally", --\$5,733 to Pierce Downer School to implement "Everyday Math for Everyone at Anytime", \$5,686.14 to Belle Aire and Hillcrest Schools to implement "Using the Learning A-Z Suite of Online Reading", and \$2,590 to El Sierra School to implement "Navigating the American Educational System."

For the fifth consecutive year, the Select 58 program recognized 58 eighth grade students who have exhibited outstanding service and citizenship to their school and community. Total students recognized since the start of the program is 290.

For the fifth consecutive year, the Distinguished Service Award program recognized District staff who have provided exceptional service. A May 21 reception recognized winner Diane Peterson from Puffer School and nominees Cindy Gates from Indian Trail School, Sharon Landgraf from Kingsley School, Kristin Mellish from Whittier School, Pamela Osika from the District office, Sean Rhoads from O'Neill School and Patti Tully from Lester School. Total staff members recognized over five years is 52.

For the fourth consecutive year, scholarships were awarded to current and former District 58 students bringing the total awarded to \$26,500.

For the second consecutive year, the Foundation paid registration fees and transportation costs for the annual Sneak Preview at both District 58 middle schools. During the program, incoming 7th grade students learn to navigate their new school, make new friends, develop peer relations with current middle school students, and learn about middle school schedules, programs and opportunities.

For the second consecutive year, new district employees were welcomed at a Foundation-sponsored luncheon where they were introduced to the Foundation as well as to other community leaders.