

### ***Board Honors “88’s Best” Students***

The Board of Education recognizes students who excel at Addison Trail and Willowbrook High Schools through **88’s Best**. They were pleased to honor November recipient Renate Willer, Willowbrook student, for her academic accomplishments and December recipients Roberto Lopez and Zhanina Avramova for their improved performance:

**Renate Willer** has excelled in academics at **Willowbrook** High School. Currently, Renate is in the 98% in the senior class, has completed four Advanced Placement courses, and is enrolled in three Advanced Placement courses. She is an inductee of Mu Alpha Theta, Civitas, National Honor Society, the Science honor society and is a member of New Beginnings and the Principal’s Leadership Team.

Renate has been a member of the tennis team and was co-captain for the varsity soccer team. Beyond the classroom, Renate is an active member Feed My Starving Children, PADS, Teens Against Genocide and The Green Team, an environmental club.

Renate has applied to six colleges in the Midwest, including such schools as Gustavus Adolphus College, Luther College and St. Olaf College. She would like to pursue a degree focusing on the economics of developing countries or economic justice.



**Roberto Lopez**, a senior at **Addison Trail**, is recognized for his commitment to academic and personal improvement. After struggling in his classes during his freshman year at Addison Trail, Roberto decided it was time to focus on his education. He discovered his passion for math and challenged himself to a more rigorous class schedule. Roberto developed personal goals to pursue his career aspirations.

In addition to academic improvement, he has participated in the Hispanic Leadership Conference and the National Italian Test. Roberto is a member of the National Honor Society, Interact Club, Art Club, Science Club and Key Club.

After graduating from Addison Trail, Roberto plans to attend college and major in mathematics. He is considering attending College of DuPage, Northwestern or the University of Illinois. He hopes to someday return to Addison Trail to teach math.

**Zhanina Avramova** began her high school career at **Willowbrook** in the ESL program after arriving from Bulgaria without any background in English. In addition to learning the English language, Zhanina has proven to be an extremely hard worker and is currently enrolled in four AP classes and two honors sections. She is an inductee of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society) and Civitas (Social Studies Honor Society).

Beyond the classroom, Zhanina has been a member of the varsity soccer team, the Science Olympiad team and has a Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. She is also a lifeguard for the Villa Park Park District.

Zhanina plans to apply to the University of Chicago, Loyola and Boston College. She anticipates majoring in medicine with hopes of becoming a doctor.





#### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**

**Mr. Mark Johnson**, President of the Board of Education, and **Dr. Steve Humphrey**, Superintendent of Schools, honored **Kim Chao** for her Distinguished Service to District 88. Pictured at left, Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton congratulates Ms. Chao on her accomplishments.

Ms. Chao, an AT Special Education teacher, was recognized for her undeniable commitment and dedication to students in the classroom as well as her involvement in extracurricular activities and programs. Students and staff alike acknowledge how she goes above and beyond every day.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING NO ACTION:**

- Review of **revised and amended Board Policies 8:10, 8:20, 8:25, 8:30, 8:40, 8:70, 8:80, 8:90, 8:95, 8:100 and 8:110.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- Resolution of the Board of Education of Community High School District 88 to **accept the bid results of the public offering of bonds.**
- Resolution authorizing the **Issuance of \$10,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds**, Series 2008.
- The **list of bills, treasurer's report, and budget status report** from Nov. 2008.
- BTF contractor payment request **Construction Trade Billing #5.**
- **Phase 3 Recommendations from Bid Release #3 – BTF Projects #5**, with the exception of Package 7.5A Fireproofing at AT only.
- **Resolution Adopting Restatement and Amendment of DuPage High School District 88 403(b) Retirement Plan.**
- **Fundraiser contracts** with anticipated revenue of \$1,000 or more.
- **Purchase** of Athletic Equipment/Supplies for Addison Trail and Willowbrook.
- Recommendation to **approve the Late Start Monday ISBE Waiver** for 2009-2014 school years.
- Recommendation to **approve the District Improvement Plan/School Improvement Plan.**
- **Adoption of 2009-2010 school calendar.**
- **Meeting minutes** from the November 17, 2008 Regular Business Board Meeting, November 17, 2008 Closed Session Meeting and November 24, 2008 Educational Focus Board Meeting.

**IN PERSONNEL ACTIONS:** the following items were approved by the Board:

Classified Staff Retirement effective the end of the 2008-2009 school year for **Margaret Nolan**, AT 10-month Secretary.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2008 TAX LEVY**

The **proposed tax levy for 2008** was reviewed at the November 17, 2008 Regular Business Board meeting. At that time, the Board adopted a resolution to establish the aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for the year 2008 in the amount of **\$45,430,000**. No changes or updates were made since the proposed tax levy was reviewed. In compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act, the public hearing was opened for Board members and audience members to ask questions and discuss the 2008 proposed tax levy.

**SEPARATE ACTION ITEM**, which included the following, were approved by the Board:

- **Adoption of the 2008 Tax Levy.**

**INFORMATION ITEM**, which included the following, were presented to the Board:

- **Freedom of Information Act request has been received from and information forwarded to:** Mr. Reese Peck of Rathje & Woodward, LLC requesting copies of payment and performance bonds, and any other general surety bonds related to construction services at Willowbrook and Mr. Dennis Chmielewski of Malka Tech Services requesting a copy of bid documents submitted on November 5, 2008 by Rex Electric & Tehnologies, Inc.
- **Freedom of Information Act request has been received from:** Mr. Reese Peck of Rathje & Woodward, LLC requesting copies of contracts, surety bonds, pay applications, lien waivers, or contractor affidavits with Quality Blacktop, Inc. a/k/a Quality Blacktop, LLS relating to construction services at Willowbrook. A letter was sent indicating that we do not have any of the requested materials.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION:**

**Addison Trail Principal Dr. Scott Helton** highlighted recent events and recognition:

- A thank you note was received from Mike Nickeas, class of 2007, and his fellow Marines for the care packages sent to him in Iraq last month. The items were greatly appreciated by all!
- Addison Trail hosted guests from Sycamore High School to observe and train in the principles of C.R.I.S.S teaching.
- Upcoming events include: Jazz Concert, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Young Alum event, Principal’s Cup of Cheer and winter break.

**Willowbrook Principal Mr. Dan Krause** also highlighted recent events and recognition:

- The Speech team placed first out of 28 teams at their home tournament.
- The Art Department hosted their 19<sup>th</sup> annual Alumni Homecoming designed to connect current students and alumni.
- Upcoming events include: the culmination of holiday music concerts, staff holiday luncheon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Young Alum event and winter break.

**SEPARATE ACTION ITEM:** Following closed session, the Board approved:

- Resolution releasing minutes from closed session meetings.

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***Mark Your Calendars:***

January 12, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Regular Business Meeting	District Boardroom
January 26, 2009	7:30 p.m.	Board of Education, Educational Focus Meeting	District Boardroom