

## **School is Back in Session**

Another school year has kicked off and Northside has opened 5 new schools. Brandeis High School, Vale Middle School and Carnahan, Forester and Scarborough Elementary Schools were all finished on time and either at or under budget. This is a tremendous accomplishment and is another example that reflects on the excellent operation of the Northside School District.

However, the most important function of our District is how our students are learning and how the District and individual schools are rated are a reflection of that. The top ratings are very difficult to achieve for a large, very diverse and growing district. We continue to receive more students from foreign countries and those students do not speak English. However, within one year they are in our accountability system. We are very pleased that we have NO low performing schools and our District was rated as Recognized. Many of our schools also received this rating.

Our teachers are doing a great job with our students and we are finally able to pay them a little better. A new teacher in Northside now has a starting salary of \$45,250. We also gave a small stipend for returning teachers so that our teaching staff is more experienced than some districts. We also do a lot of mentoring with our new teachers and the results are obvious.

Our schools are always available to visit and we welcome mentors. Go by your local school if you really want to see our schools in action.

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