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To: Faculty and Staff

From: John Plante

Re: School Improvement Update

On Tuesday, May 9, 2006, there was a School Improvement Team workshop conducted by Ruth Haynsworth and Andre Audette of RIDE. The workshop itself focused on the Self Study phase of School Improvement planning. As a team, we will be focusing on the areas of reading/writing, math/problem solving, communication and parental involvement.

During the next two weeks team members will be developing and submitting questions to Bruce Bucci to aid in the Self Study process. Bruce Bucci has volunteered to serve as RISDs School Improvement Team Leader. At our next meeting, in June, we will identify those questions which will be most useful in the Self Study. The questions will be used as we review student work, IEPs and SALT data and test scores. The goal of the SIT is identify what we are doing well and to identify areas we need to address with hopes of improving student learning.

All of the work done at the SIT level will be shared on a regular basis as part of the weekly team meetings throughout the school. Staff involvement at the departmental levels of the school is crucial.

Attached you will find copies of the two power point presentations given by the RIDE staff.