



AUGUST 2008

Welcome to the **2008-2009 School Year**: What a wonderful initial day our school district had on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 for our staff members. Our morning program included a power point showing the many improvements to our buildings. Thanks again to our communities for their support with the 2003 and 2006 bond votes. By the end of the projects in spring 2009, we once again will have been successful with our promise to do all that we envisioned with our proposal to the state department. In 2003, we used the phrase "Promises Made, Promises Kept". With the 2006 bond issue, that phrase is once again correct.

Another power point showed the many technologies that our school district is using and other technologies that we will be piloting. The afternoon sessions allowed a great deal of discussion and collaboration on academic issues. Clearly, our prime directive is to serve all students. We want every child to graduate and will continue to partner with families and community to make that happen to the best of our ability. The Holly School District is committed to continuous improvement for all of our students.

Just as a reminder, the Holly Area School District begins its classes on Tuesday, September 2, 2008. As you drive to work or to one of our schools, please use a bit more caution as students will be walking to their respective schools as well as busses traveling their individual routes.

Several Holly High School athletic teams are already underway: soccer, tennis, cross country, volleyball, football, with other teams to follow. If you have questions about our sports programs, please call our athletic office at 248-328-3242.

Please note the Holly Area Youth Assistance Program is now located at the Karl Richter Campus at 920 Baird Street. The phone number is 248-328-3181.

If anyone wishes to file as a write-in candidate for the Board of Education seats, please call the Oakland County Clerk's office for more information: 248-858-0561. Individuals have until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2008. One cannot simply write in a name on election day, November 4th.

I look forward to the best year ever for our school district. While the buildings' physical changes that have occurred this summer are important, the continued efforts to provide appropriate instructional and curricular materials for our teachers and students are part of the prime directive for our district.

I look forward to meeting as many of our students and parents as possible throughout the school year. If ever one has a question about our school district, always contact me via e-mail [kent.barnes@has-k12.org], via phone [248-328-3140], or via mail [920 Baird Street, Holly, Michigan 48442]. Thank you, and have a great Labor Day weekend.