

Superintendent's Message - June-July 2011

Dear PTHS 209 Family and Friends,

This last month, it was our great pleasure to congratulate Proviso Township High Schools' class of 2011 on their graduation. We wish them well as they celebrate this milestone in their lives. We are very proud of each of them for their commitment to education and for their commitment to excellence. They are truly *Nihil Nisi Optimum*—"Nothing but the Best."



As we move forward into summer and prepare for the 2011-2012 school year, we are continuing to work toward educational excellence through school improvement and our overall restructuring efforts. We are preparing for common core curriculum writing, and we are also working to build our long-term financial plan. In the meantime, our summer school and acceleration programs are proving to be a great success. Our juniors are preparing for their college tour, and we are developing next year's goals and putting processes in place to make 2011-2012 an even more successful school year for our students.

This month we welcomed new principals to Proviso East, Proviso West, and Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy. We have selected Mr. Tony Valente to serve as principal of Proviso East High School. Dr. Roudell Kirkwood will serve as principal of Proviso West High School. Ms. Kim Waller will serve as principal of Proviso Mathematics Science Academy. These individuals have committed to the work of raising overall achievement in each of our schools. They are adding their skills, talents, and leadership abilities to the fire of Proviso's Rising. We welcome these educational leaders as we continue to raise the bar across our school system.

Next school year, we will embark upon a new theme and mission, "Building Bridges to Success"—as a community, as educators, and as individuals with a strong investment in our students. On Thursday, July 28th, 2011 we will host our 3rd Annual Community Leaders Banquet. We will deliver a full report on the district's progress, goals, accomplishments, challenges, and the work that lies ahead. We will also discuss our charted course for the years to come. At the start of the school year, we will also host a meet and greet with our new principals. They will dialogue with you and outline their vision for Proviso Rising.

We are building bridges while also aspiring to that next level of accountability, professionalism, and student achievement. We are continuing to raise standards, and we are working to support our students in phenomenal ways. Join us as we build bridges in our communities—with our feeder school districts, and with other educational and community leaders who can help support our mission at Proviso Township High Schools.

We thank everyone for their support, their contributions, and their efforts in moving our school system forward. Please be sure to join us at as we hold community and outreach events beginning with our Principal Meet and Greets. We look forward to working with you and for you in the future.

Sincerest Regards,

Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart
PTHS 209 Superintendent