

actions of the administration.

A priority of Borman's is to continue to emphasize that the school district is an integral part of the community. He has reached out to many community groups in an effort to let them know what is going on in the district and how it is coping with significantly reduced funding while maintaining high achievement.

During the spring, Borman formed a community advisory group with representatives from several groups. He wished to determine how the school district is perceived by the public. This group became a feasibility committee to determine the likelihood of success of a ballot measure for a mill levy override in 2012 or 2013. The committee created a timeline to inform the community about the district's actions and needs leading up to a ballot measure in November 2013. Progress on this timeline will be monitored on a monthly basis.

The district made great

strides in curriculum mapping during the past year, Borman said. Mapping allows teachers at all levels to be familiar with what is being taught at all locations. In this way, duplication can be avoided.

Borman said that he and Director of Assessment, Gifted Education and Technology Lori Benton will look at trends based on scores of tests administered in the spring and continue to try to offer all available options to all students. Increased attention will be given to growth and growth gaps while maintaining high achievement.

In response to the newly passed Senate Bill 191 regarding teacher assessment, Borman said that half of a teacher's assessment will be based on student achievement. With this in mind, the district will determine how it can help teachers to help students achieve.


Finance continues to be a major concern, he said. Last year

was the first in six years that the district did not decline in enrollment. The 2012-13 budget was based on enrollment increases of 60 students. At this time, enrollment had increased by 45. The official student count was scheduled for Oct. 1. The Homeschool Academy, founded with a goal of 20 students, now has an enrollment of 50. This is a positive sign that the academy is filling a need in the community.

The administration of bus fees is going smoothly, Borman said. People were well informed ahead of time, avoiding the resistance expected. Many of those who initially resisted the fee have now returned to using buses.

#### Committee administration

Amenson presented the proposed charge for the committee, which must be approved by the Board of Education each year. See the board article on page 15. The committee is respon-



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