The Board of Directors met last Monday at their monthly workshop and asked me to bring to them a resolution for a Capital Facilities Levy at their board meeting on November 17, 2008. The basic information that will be included on the resolution are as follows:

**Election Date:** February 3, 2009

**Purpose:** Instructional Technology, roof at EMS and heating systems upgrades at EMS, Westwood and EHS.

**Amount:** $8.4 million over 4 years of levy collections.

As I explained in an email a couple of weeks ago, a levy is much different than a bond. It is collected each spring (in this case over four years). It requires a 50% +1 vote in order for the measure to pass.

Accurate communication about this is essential. I have asked each building principal for some time to be in your schools to share more details about the resolution as well as answer questions that you might have.

The overarching message is that this election is the result of 18 months of thoughtful and transparent work. Below is a draft of a letter that will be inserted in a school district brochure about the levy.

Dear Friends,

For the past 18 months, our school district has engaged in conversations regarding our facility and technology needs. In the spring of 2007, Tim Madden and I met with every school staff and held community meetings at each of our schools determining facility and technology priorities at each site and across our district.
In the summer of 2007, our district with participation of community members selected Mahlum Architects to complete a Study of Survey of our school district during the 2007-08 school year, using information that we had gathered during school and community meetings. Also, during 2007-08 school year, our technology department participated in an independent, outside audit which included student, staff, parent and community surveys.

The foundational and transparent work, occurring during the past 18 months, has given us the knowledge of collective voices across our staff and community about high need areas. This brochure outlines for you the Capital Facilities Levy that will be voted on by the citizens in the Enumclaw School District on February 3, 2009.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have. Thanks!

Mike Nelson
Superintendent

I look forward to talking with you more about this levy when I visit your buildings.

Until next week, Happy Learning!
Mike

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.
-Mother Teresa