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Date: February 27, 2009
To: Staff
From: Dale Hansen, Superintendent
Re: Information Update

Dear Staff,

As we all struggle through some very difficult economic times, it is important that the information we receive is accurate and factual. Unfortunately, the recent article in the Tracy Press was very misleading and inaccurate. The headlines “Lammersville School to lay off 16 teachers” did not emphasize the fact that the only reason the district was required to issue 16 notices was due to multiple duplicate seniority dates. The correct quote would have been “without a budget at this time, our worst scenario would be that we may have to reduce teaching staff by 3 or 4 teachers”. The Tracy Press reporter attended the Board meeting and I personally gave him this information along with other possible cuts.

Alvina and I are reviewing the new budget information to prepare for solid recommendation to the Governing Board at our regular March 25th meeting. I continue to receive e-mails from staff and community members with their priorities and suggestion on how to get through this complicated time in education. I will continue to encourage the Tracy Press to print articles we have provided to them on Science Night, Top API Scores in the County, or the Whiz Kids Competition.

We have received a few questions in regards to Personal Necessity Leave. Article VI 6.1, LEAVES, in the contract clearly states that each unit member is entitled to use seven (7) days of his/her accumulated sick leave during each school year for personal reasons. If an employee uses more than seven (7) days, the cost of the substitute teacher is subtracted from their daily pay. Hopefully this will clear up any questions about PN Leave. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the district office.