SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

FOR INFORMATION

1. Congratulations to BHS South senior Ashley Larason who was named a scholarship winner under the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County’s 2008 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars program. She will receive full tuition to the accredited Indiana college of her choice and an $800 yearly stipend. Ashley is president of Students Against Destructive Decisions, trumpet section leader of the South Panther Regiment and a member of National Honor Society, the French Exchange and the Monroe County Youth Summit. She plans to study obstetric and pediatric nursing.

2. Erika Anderson, BHS North senior, has been selected as a 2008 Indiana Academic All-Star. The purpose of the program is to recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements. On April 9th The Indianapolis Star honored the 2008 Academic All-Stars, their parents, their high school principals and the educators having most influenced their academic careers. The Star will also feature an article about the All-Stars in a future edition of the newspaper. Erika designated Donna Kinkead, University Elementary teacher, as the educator having most influenced her academic career.

3. The BHS North Science Olympiad Team won first place at the State Science Olympiad contest at Indiana University on March 29. In their seventh State Championship, the team brought home nine first place medals out of the 23 events. Team members expressed appreciation to Bill Brand, John Portle, Jean Schick and their parents for the many hours they volunteered helping the team. Josh Radicke, advisor, will be sending information for their travel to the National Tournament at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. on May 30-31, 2008. Team members include: Aaron Anderson, Erika Anderson, Weronika Balewski, Zuzanna Balewski, Hannah Bleecker, Mailyn Fidler, Maya Fraser, Harry Gaebler, Kaela Hawkins, Katherine McDaniel, Alex Mitchell, Adam Nichols, Jessica Richardson, Sung-Hyun Seo, and Dennis Wilson.

4. Middle School Task Force Update – The Middle School Task Force has asked for more time to complete their work and is now planning to have recommendations to the Board by the end of the first semester of the 2008-2009 school year. This will move those aspects of the Binford renovation dealing with middle school (additional classrooms, gym and locker room improvements) to 2010. It would move the entire timeline for implementation of a different grade configuration back to 2011 if that is ultimately recommended by the Task Force and approved by the Board.