

Mark Your Calendar

The next School Board meeting is January 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Edina Community Center in room 349.

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RECOGNITIONS

Ric Dressen congratulated the Edina High School **Girls Swimming and Diving team** (pictured) on their 11th State Championship. They are the only team in state history to win all 3 relays and score over 300 points. Congratulations as well to Coaches Jeff Mace (swimming) and John Dailey (diving), Minnesota State High School League "Coaches of the Year."

Dr. Dressen also recognized Valley View Middle School 9th grade Mathematics teacher **Mark Carlson**, recently named a **TIES** Exceptional Teacher for using technology in the classroom. Carlson currently embeds three levels of differentiated, standards-based instruction into his daily teaching, maximizing the potential of screencasting and Moodle quizzes. Concord Elementary Gifted Education Services teacher, Erin Plasch also received the TIES award. Read more [here](#).

PRESENTATIONS

Kathryn Hagen, Coordinator of Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Kate Strand, ECSE Teacher, Catherine Fenlason, Speech/Language Pathologist, and Amy Fairweather, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, presented an overview of Edina's **ECSE program** for children ages **Birth-Age 3**. After a formal evaluation to identify specific and unique needs, Edina's ECSE teachers and

specialists work with parents to develop a child to his/her greatest potential. The process ensures parental support, involvement and priorities every step of the way. From birth to age three, these services are delivered to the child in the most natural environment, usually their home. Beginning at three, children receive services at the ECSE, located in the Edina Community Center.

REPORTS

Student Assessment Update

Dr. Chad Schmidt, Director of Research and Evaluation, presented a mid-year analysis of student achievement as measured by MAP tests. Data and analysis will be shared with teachers as they work to ensure that all students are growing and achieving. [View Report.](#)

2012-13 Capital Projects Request

Margo Nash, Director of Business Services, presented an overview of the Capital Projects budget process, and highlighted a few crucial budget items that would benefit from early budget action. The request will come before the Board for a vote at its next meeting ; if approved, the District may benefit from more competitive bids, greater flexibility, and better use of summer time. [View Report.](#)

2012-13 District Planning Calendar

Dr. Ric Dressen shared an overview of priorities and a refined vision that will guide planning for the coming school year, as well as timelines to ensure that the planning process runs efficiently and effectively. [View Report.](#)

A dozen students in the audience were members of Valley View teacher Erik Anderson's 9th Grade Government Class, studying how citizens inform public policy.