



May 1, 2008

Dear Fairview Families,

It is an exciting time to be a member of the Fairview community. Our spring semester has been filled with activity as we begin the bond reconstruction project.

### **Physical Changes**

We break ground on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and with this construction will come many positive changes to the structure of our building. The first stage of construction focuses on the center of the building. Our counseling center will be reconstructed to include a new post-graduate center. The upper balcony will be reconstructed into office spaces and a student lounge. Improvements will be made to the administrative offices and to the school's entryway. In addition, permanent walls will be installed throughout the 600 and 800 hallways. In early fall, a new wing will be added to the building which will include five brand new classrooms. These new classrooms will include ceiling-mounted data projectors and voice-amplification systems. Research suggests that this technology helps increase student test scores and overall achievement and decreases disciplinary referrals. In fact, the research about these systems is so compelling that we plan to make the same improvements to all of the instructional spaces in the building. We are grateful to have the Fairview Parent Organization (FPO) assisting us with this goal through the Knight Quest donation drive.

### **Educational Changes**

In addition to the physical changes at Fairview, the school faculty has been conducting professional development projects that are changing the way we are educating your children. Over the past two years, the faculty and staff have identified five core values, which have guided us through an introspective look at our school-wide interventions and programs. Faculty and staff have participated in yearlong study groups and delivered findings. Through this process, we have identified important needs within the school and are focusing our resources on a new intervention program. One trial intervention we implemented during the 2007-2008 school year was "study table" during Freshman Seminar. Freshmen with missing assignments attended a 30-minute study table directly following Freshman Seminar, and this simple intervention cut our first semester failure rate by 50 percent. We are dedicated to continuing this work to create the best possible educational community for all students and staff, and will keep you posted on our findings.

### **Bright Future**

Our new classrooms and spaces, coupled with the faculty's accomplishments have me extremely optimistic about the years to come. I consider it a privilege to work at such an outstanding institution, with its exceptional students and parents. The new face of Fairview is just the beginning of our bright future.

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is just around the corner, and you will find registration forms and materials enclosed in this packet. Due to the construction, we will be unable to conduct a make-up registration in August, so I look forward to seeing all of you between May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sincerely,



Don Stensrud  
Principal

- **Fairview Core Values: Community, Integrity, Love of Learning, Realize Potential, Whole Person**