



**Ann Arbor Parent Advisory Committee
Board of Education Meeting
January 20, 2010**

Good evening, my name is Karen Kozacki-Snell. I am the PAC Representative for Wines Elementary.

The AAPAC would like to announce that our next workshop covering the reading programs, "System 44" and "Read 180," will be taking place tomorrow, January, 21, from 7pm-9pm at Clague Middle School Media Center. Chuck Hatt, AAPS Coordinator for Literacy and Social Studies Instruction, will present an overview of these programs followed by a hands-on opportunity to experience the software portions of the programs at computer workstations. This workshop is free to the public and all are welcome to come.

Disability Awareness Workshops will be starting up again in March. There are a number of schools slated to do the all day Workshop in March. Wines Elementary School will be first location to run this workshop on March 5. We invite the trustees to attend and experience first hand what the 4th grade students are learning about different abilities of persons in the community.

AAPAC representatives that have attended the Budget Forums are: Barb Byers, Ann O'Connell, Amy Shepard, Kathy Grijalva, Melany Raubolt, and Jennifer Kleber. AAPAC members were pleased to be able to be a part of the budget discussion. It is important to note that all ideas from the public be brought to those in the district that are making the final decisions. AAPAC appreciates the opportunities we have meeting regularly with SISS's Larry Simpson and bi-monthly with Todd Roberts. Open and proactive communication between parent organizations and department administrators is key in helping to deal with cost containment, as well as opening the door to innovative ways to educate all children. We look forward to learning about the ideas that come out of the Budget Forums from the Superintendent, the Board, and others who are working closely on the budget challenge.

As always, we invite the public to attend a monthly PAC meeting; the first Monday of every month at 7pm in room B329 of Skyline High School. The next meeting is February 1, 2010. Yolanda Bell, the SISS Transition Coordinator will be speaking at this meeting about the process of transitioning students from school to life after school. This process starts for children with IEP's and 504's when they turn 14 years of age. Yolanda will be giving parents an opportunity to learn more about this process and to ask questions related to the Big "T"ransition. All parents of students from the AAPS are welcome to come. Join us and experience the difference you can make in the lives of special education students and their families.

Thank you for your time this evening.
