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## District 64 Recognizes Staff Milestones for 2009-10

The Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 Board of Education at its May 24 meeting recognized important staff milestones for 25 employees as the 2009-10 school year draws to a close.

Among its newest employees, eight teachers will achieve tenure at the conclusion of the 2009-10 school year. Tenure is an important achievement in a teacher's career and marks the successful completion of four consecutive years as a probationary teacher in District 64. "We congratulate these teachers for reaching this milestone in becoming a professional educator, and wish them continued success and many accomplishments in their careers in District 64," according to Board President John Heyde.

The District also is honoring eight staff members who have attained 25 years of service.

In addition, District 64 is announcing the retirements of nine staff members. As a group, these individuals have contributed 156 years of service to District 64, according to Superintendent Sally Pryor. "We are grateful for all they have done to maintain the highest standards in educating students and for their contributions to the smooth operation of our District. We value the outstanding work they have done, and wish them well in the next chapter of their lives," Dr. Pryor added.

Dr. Pryor herself is among those retiring in June after 18 years of service to District 64, including the past seven as superintendent.

The 25 staff members being recognized this year include:

### **Carpenter School**

Dr. JoAnn Fletcher – retirement, Principal, 2 years in District 64

Karen Hastie – 25 years of service, physical education teacher

Fred Klonsky – 25 years of service, art teacher

### **Educational Service Center**

Pat Maloney – 25 years of service, payroll coordinator

Peggy Morgan – 25 years of service, administrative secretary to Business Manager

Dr. Sally Pryor – retirement, District 64 Superintendent, 18 years in District 64

### **Emerson Middle School**

Patricia Garcia – retirement, language arts/social studies teacher, 20 years in District 64

Cheryl Parmet – retirement, instructional resource teacher, 30 years in District 64

Regina Serio – retirement, language arts teacher, 26 years in District 64

Kelly Van Horn – tenure, physical education teacher

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**Field School**

Sherry Battalini – retirement, STRIVE assistant, 9 years in District 64

John Imber – 25 years of service, head custodian

**Jefferson School**

Georgette Demarinis – tenure, special needs pre-school teacher

Cheryl Niziolek – retirement, Extended Day / After School Program team leader, 12 years in District 64

Larry Sorensen – retirement, District 64 Director of Technology Planning & Assessments, 20 years in District 64

**Lincoln Middle School**

Stan Bertoni – 25 years of service, custodian

Kara Dabe – tenure, literacy teacher

Joshua Hammond – tenure, mathematics / reading

Irene Kappos – 25 years of service, language arts / reading teacher and department chair

Kathleen Pancini – tenure, instructional resource teacher

Christine Thielen – tenure, language arts / mathematics teacher

Joanne Turk – tenure, reading / science / social studies teacher

**Washington School**

Kelly Amelse – 25 years of service, grade 2 teacher

Sandy Blethen – tenure, Channels of Challenge teacher

Judy Donovan – retirement, Learning Resource Center assistant, 19 years in District 64

No staff at Franklin or Roosevelt schools reached milestones this year.

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