

February 5, 2010

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

In October Van Dyke Public Schools implemented a weekly professional learning community program in all four elementary schools. The goal of the program was to provide classroom teachers with time to meet to develop strategies that will increase the achievement of students. While classroom teachers were meeting for a period of seventy-five minutes, certified substitute teachers were in classrooms providing students with enrichment activities designed to support the instruction that students receive on a daily basis.

Due to the decrease in 31A funding from the state, Van Dyke Public Schools will be ending this program on Friday, February 12 which is the last day before mid-winter break. When students return to school on Monday, February 22 they will have a regular schedule Monday through Friday.

Please be aware that there will be **NO SCHOOL on Friday, February 12** so that teachers will be able to complete the work they have been doing in their weekly meetings. This work is related to requirements from the Michigan Department of Education.

For those parents who may have excused their child early on the professional learning community day, this option will no longer be available. Please contact the office if you need additional information.

Thanks you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Principal