



# North Shore Schools

*Discovering Your Dreams*

## **NEW BUS FACILITY & ENERGY MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WILL SAVE RESIDENTS \$700,000 IN THE FIRST YEAR!**

February 25, 2008

Dear Community Resident,

**In May 2006, North Shore voters approved the 2006-07 Bond Referendum allowing for the development of a new transportation facility.** The new bus facility will reduce our dependence on outsourced transportation and bus maintenance and will allow us to maintain direct control over bus safety, including the hiring of drivers, monitoring of bus repairs and handling of emergencies. Additionally, it will give us greater control over future routing and provide increased flexibility in transportation for exam days, field trips, athletic competitions, and arts events.

**In its first year, the new bus depot will result in hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings**



for district residents as the cost for contracted transportation in the 2008-09 Budget Proposal is estimated at \$440,679 less than the allocated amount in the 2007-08 school budget.

**This is just the beginning! The new bus facility will save residents over \$30 million in school property taxes during the next 25 years thanks to the community's support of this project.** Currently, construction is well underway (see photo at right) and is estimated to be completed in June 2008.



**Additionally, the estimated amount for gas and electric in the 2008-09 Budget Proposal is \$225,000 less than the same line item in the 2007-08 budget.** After careful research, Trustees entered into an Energy Management Contract with Honeywell which will yield an additional savings of \$5-10 million in taxes for residents over the next 18 years while making our buildings more energy efficient. The contract also guarantees that savings in utility costs will more than pay for some of the major energy related projects. They include replacement of the original boilers at the high school that have been in service for 35-45 years.

**Maintaining the health and safety of our children and the welfare of our community** remain the Board's primary goals. We greatly appreciate your help and support in both of these important projects. Please feel free to contact me at [melnicke@northshoreschools.org](mailto:melnicke@northshoreschools.org), or call my office at (516) 277-7801 should you have any questions about the information contained in this letter.

Sincerely yours,  
Dr. Edward Melnick  
*Superintendent of Schools*