



Carterville Unit #5 School District

"Come Learn With Us"
2010-11 Annual Report



Carterville Unit #5 is proud of its tradition of excellence. We continue to work hard each day to provide the very best educational opportunities for our students. We, as a District, find it important to keep our community informed of our demographics, curriculum, finances, and assessment data. Therefore, it is our hope that you will find this report informational and help you better understand and evaluate our school system. As you read this report, please let us remind you that many of the important qualities of a school district are not totally measured in tests, graphs, and numbers. The quality of our school is primarily developed in the daily interaction between our dedicated staff and students. Please come see

for yourself. We invite you to visit our schools, volunteer to help, attend our school activities, or visit our website at www.cartervillelions.com.

You are always welcome. As you become more familiar with our school, we think you will agree with the quality of our school system. However, as always, we are continuously working to improve. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact any of us. We are always willing to listen and work to do better. This report was prepared by representatives from each of our schools. Questions or comments may be directed to the superintendent, Mr. Tim Bleyer. Call 618-985-4826 or send an email to tbleyer@cartervillelions.com.

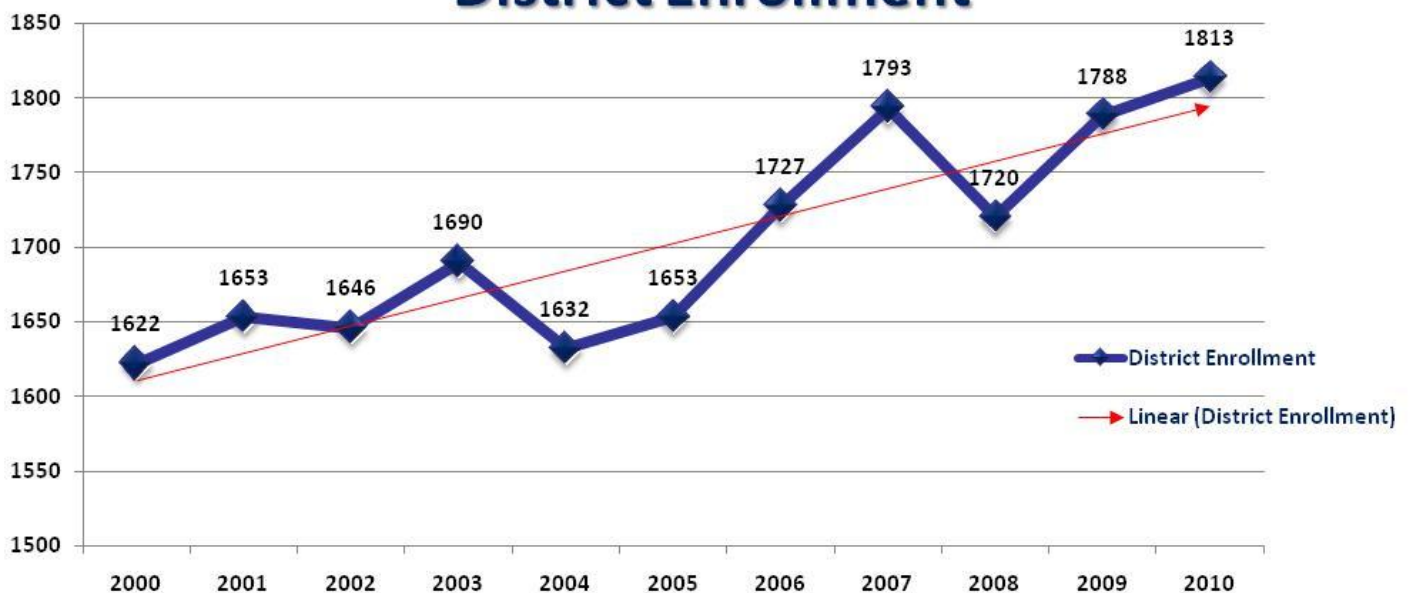
The District has a well-established reputation for high academic performance. Within the past year we have achieved the following recognitions:

- School Search "Bright Star" Award of Excellence based upon high student achievement on the ACT with low cost per pupil.
- School district made annual yearly progress (AYP) in all areas. We are 1 of 114 unit districts in the state to make AYP in 2010.
- Carterville High School is 1 of 29 "true" high schools to make AYP in 2010.
- Sixteen Illinois State Scholars and 30 Prairie State Scholars in the class of 2011.

In Sports:

- Jr. High Softball and Girls Cross Country teams won the State Championship and the Jr. High Girls Basketball team got 3rd at State.

Carterville Unit # 5 Schools District Enrollment





District Information

Facilities

Tri-C Elementary (K-4)

1405 West Grand Avenue

Carterville, IL 62918

618-985-8742 (phone) • 618-985-4907 (fax)

Carterville Intermediate School (5-8)

300 School Street

Carterville, IL 62918

618-985-6411 (phone) • 618-985-2492 (fax)

Carterville High School (9-12)

816 South Division Street

Carterville, IL 62918

618-985-2940 (phone) • 618-985-2741 (fax)

Staff

1 Superintendent, 1 Assistant Superintendent, 1 Chief School Business Official, 3 Principals, 3 Assistant Principals, 99 Teachers, 67 Support Personnel.

Teacher Information

Average Teaching Experience	10.4 years
Teachers with Bachelor’s Degrees	58.2%
Teachers with Master’s Degrees & above	41.8%
Student-to-Teacher Ratio – Elementary	15.1
Student-to-Teacher Ratio – Secondary	21.6

Transportation

Our District owns our busses. We have a transportation director who oversees 17 busses, 13 bus routes, drivers, and bus monitors.

Financial Data

Assessed Valuation	\$ 161,378,119
Bonds Outstanding	\$ 36,819,315
Total Budget 2010-2011	\$ 32,325,743

Per Pupil Expenditures

	<i>District</i>	<i>State</i>
Instructional Expenditures	\$4,336	\$6,483
Operating Expenditures	\$7,169	\$11,197

Tax Rates

Education	1.76429
Operations & Maintenance	0.40634
Transportation	0.16695
Working Cash	0.01685
I.M.R.F.	0.11036
Tort Liability	0.27932
Bond & Interest.....	0.39504
Social Security	0.10497
Special Education	0.03662
Fire Protection	0.04715
Life Safety	0.04715
TOTAL	3.37504

Enrollment Demographics

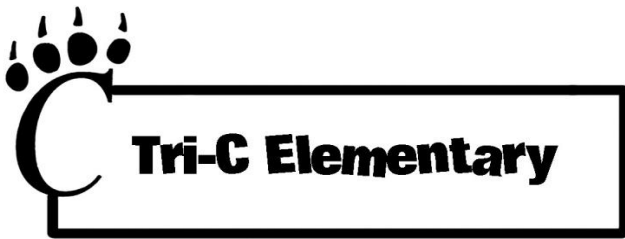
<i>Race/Ethnicity</i>	<i>2010-11 Percentage</i>
White.....	90.3
Black.....	2.2
Hispanic.....	1.7
Asian/Pacific Islander.....	1.5
Native American.....	0.4
Multi-Racial/Ethnic	4.0

Curriculum

Carterville Community Unit School District No. 5 is known as the “education community.” In addition to the high value placed upon education and strong academic achievement, the district thrives in the broader educational environment of John A. Logan Community College and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Carterville CUSD No. 5 provides a comprehensive K-12 core curriculum that is aligned with Illinois Learning Standards. In addition to core subjects, students in kindergarten through grade 12 receive music and physical education by instructional specialists. Educational support programs such as Title I, Reading Recovery, Tutoring, Fine Arts Education, and Gifted programs are present at various levels throughout the district. All students have access to age appropriate technology learning opportunities that have recently been augmented by two Enhancing Education Through Technology awards.

The district is a member of the Williamson County Vocational Cooperative, the Williamson County Early Childhood Cooperative, and the Williamson County Special Education Cooperative.



School Description

The Tri-C Elementary School opened in January of 2002 with an enrollment of 670 students. As of 2011, 820 students were enrolled at Tri-C Elementary School. A four classroom addition was added to our school in August of 2009 to accommodate the increased enrollment. The school population consists of students living in Carterville, Crainville, and Cambria, thus the creation of our school name, Tri-C Elementary.

Currently, we have nine sections of Kindergarten, seven sections of 1st Grade, eight sections of 2nd Grade, seven sections 3rd Grade, and six sections of 4th Grade. Each classroom is fully equipped with an LCD projector and E-Chalkboard to maximize instruction. Document cameras are also used at each grade level to visually enhance interactive learning. The elementary building has three computer labs and a media center. The students participate in Physical Education daily and music twice a week. Enrichment activities are offered within the classroom to challenge all learners. Title Reading and Reading Recovery support services are available, as well as a gifted program (ACES) for our 3rd and 4th Grade students.

Tri-C has plans to offer a new Strings program after school during the 2011-12 school year. In addition, we offer a latchkey program until 5:30 p.m. each evening.

A staff of caring administrators, classroom teachers, on-site nurse, guidance counselor, resource teachers, reading specialists, library aide, secretarial staff, and paraprofessionals provide the very best for each and every child.



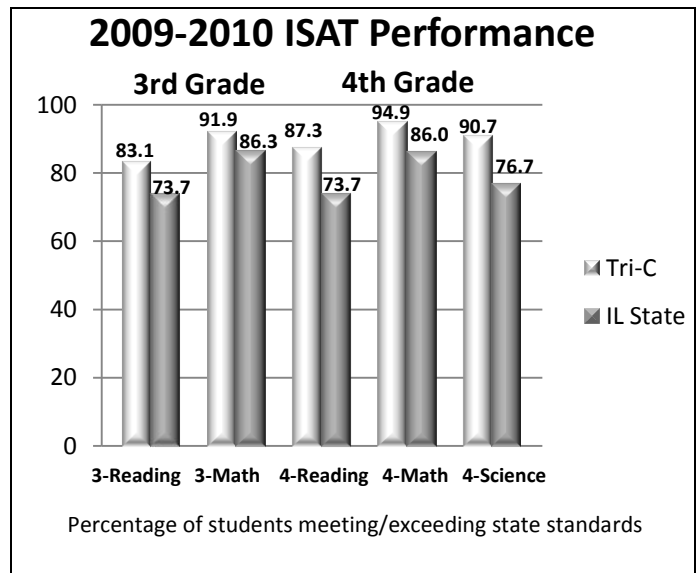
Students use "clickers" during an interactive class activity.

Community Involvement

- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- St. Jude's Math-A-Thon
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Relay for Life
- Recycling Program
- Support Armed Services (letters, cards, care packages)
- Paws for a Cause (donated gifts to area families)
- Community Volunteer/Student Mentoring Program
- Gum Drops (student food care packages)

Academic Achievement

- Each year we have 100% parental contact
- Average class size is between 20-24 students
- 190 minutes/day focuses on Language Arts
- 60 minutes/day focuses on Math
- 50 minutes/day focuses on Science/Social Studies
- Tri-C scores higher than the state in all subjects
- District continually receives the "Bright Star Award" for high student performance at low cost



Parent Involvement

Parental involvement is encouraged. Research indicates that the likelihood of a students' educational success increases with a strong home/school partnership. The Tri-C PTO hosts a variety of family based activities to foster parental involvement. In addition to these activities, parent volunteers provide countless hours of classroom assistance and support. School and home communication continues with weekly newsletters, emails, parent/teacher conferences, and the district website (www.cartervillelions.com).



School Description

Currently, Carterville Intermediate School (CIS) houses grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 and has an enrollment of 521 students. Plans are being made to make this building a 4, 5, 6 center in the near future with 7 & 8 moving into a separate facility. Since there is a wide range of ages and maturity levels, the building is set up so that fifth and sixth graders are in a hallway apart from seventh and eighth graders. Fifth and sixth graders are taught in a team. One teacher is in charge of instructing the language arts classes while the other teacher instructs math, science, and social studies. Students switch teachers at lunch time and are instructed in physical education throughout the day. In addition, CIS is fully staffed with support personnel for all those extras that our kids need. We have a guidance counselor, special education teachers, Title 1 reading teacher, and a school nurse to help meet their needs. Each classroom is outfitted with a full range of technology to enhance student learning. The students have access to 3 computer labs for student projects and instruction. There are document cameras, projectors, E-Chalkboards, and student response (clicker) systems used by all teachers. The clickers provide each student with a voice in the classroom and teachers get automatic feedback.

There are many extra-curricular opportunities for students to become involved with outside of academics. Students are encouraged to take part in clubs and athletic teams. Some of the extra-curricular opportunities available include Band, Chorus, Art Club, Student Council, Scholar Bowl, Yearbook, Media Club, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Track, and Cross Country.



The band entertains veterans and guests during the Third Annual Veteran's Day Luncheon in November of 2010.

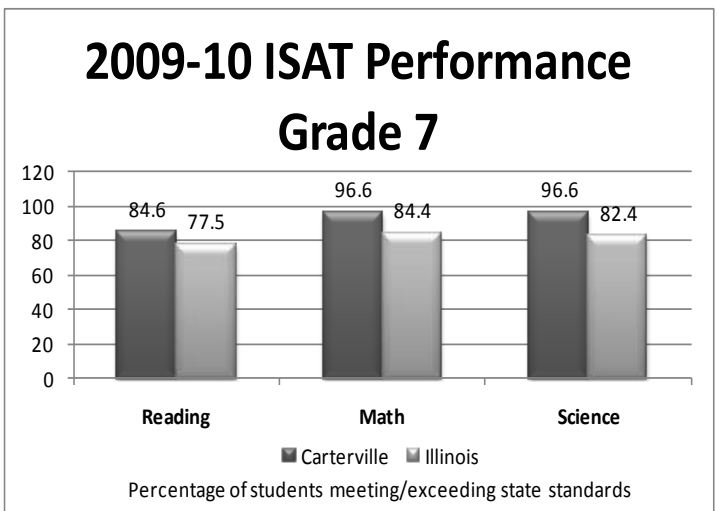
Community Involvement

CIS takes pride in its community and encourages its students to give back. Some service projects include:

- PAWS for a Cause—Students & faculty support needy families in the district by buying Christmas presents.
- Community Service Day—Students in 7th & 8th grade help local businesses and individuals with picking up trash and local clean-up services.
- Gum Drops—Counselors target students who are in need of food on the weekends and put “Gum Drop” bags in those students’ lockers on Fridays.
- Recycling—CIS partners with Progress Port, a local business employing developmentally disabled, to provide paper recycling for the building.

Student Achievement Tests

The Illinois Standard Achievement test is administered to students in grades 5 through 8 each spring. Students are tested in math, reading, writing, and science. Carterville students consistently perform above both the state and national averages on standardized achievement measures.



Communication

Teachers strive to keep the lines of communication open between home and school using a variety of methods. Each student carries a planner containing homework assignments along with notes to and from home. The CIS website, which is maintained and updated by teachers and staff, provides parents with pertinent classroom and building information. The ALERT NOW service provides parents with emergency information via automated phone calls as well as periodic reminders of what's happening in the school and in the Carterville Community.



School Description

Carterville High School is a public high school with an enrollment of approximately 480-510 students in grades 9-12. The current school building has more than 25 classrooms, a library equipped with 25 computers, two additional computer labs, and an auditorium. It has been expanded with two separate additions, one in 1986 and one in 2008. In 2009, construction of a new state of the art high school began on Grand Avenue, which should be open at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

In an effort to challenge each student to the fullest, the school offers a wide range of college prep, general studies, and career and technical education courses. Currently, CHS follows a traditional schedule with a seven period day. A new addition to the schedule this school year was an Enrichment Period. This addition met the federally-mandated RTI instruction as well as provided additional time for PSAE prep and a new freshman orientation program called "Freshman Focus." Currently, students can choose to participate in a variety of activities. CHS offers Cross Country, Football, Golf, Volleyball, Basketball, Wrestling, Bowling, Cheerleading, Dance, Scholar Bowl, Baseball, Softball, and Track. In addition, many clubs and organizations are also available including Student Council, Beta Club, National Honor Society, LifeSavers, and Art Club to name just a few.

A dedicated and experienced faculty which maintains high expectations is the basis for the fine educational program at CHS. A staff of 30 teachers, two administrators, two guidance counselors, a school nurse, a librarian, and numerous educational support personnel are the keys to establishing the tradition of excellence that has been evident at CHS for the past several years.

Community Involvement

Students are encouraged to support our community and give back whenever they can. Multiple opportunities exist for students to serve the local community including:

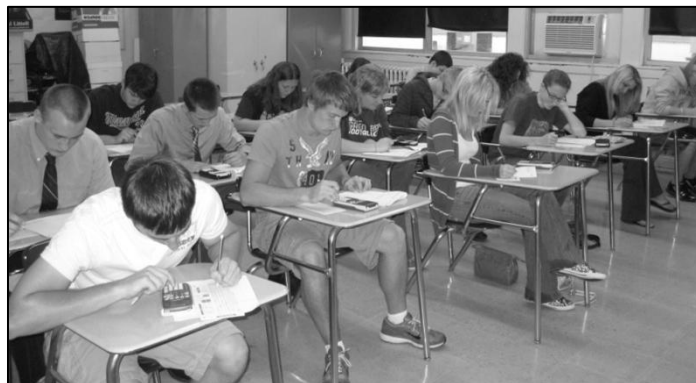
- Beta sponsored blood drive and highway cleanup
- CHS Cares and Paws for a Cause
- Interact Recycling
- Gum Drops

Graduation Information

The 2010 graduation rate was 100%. A minimum of 24 credits is required for graduation. Typically, approximately 25% of graduates attend 4-year universities and 70% of graduates attend community college.

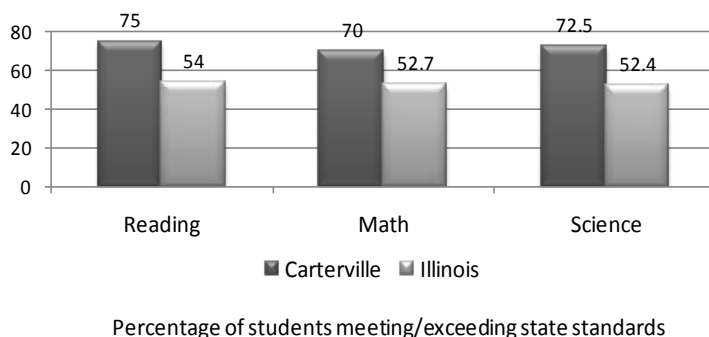
ACT Results for Class of 2010

	CHS	Illinois
English	23.0	19.9
Mathematics	23.0	20.5
Reading	23.7	20.6
Science	22.3	20.3
Composite	23.1	20.5



Students are working hard while attending an additional PSAE prep session before school.

2009-10 PSAE Performance Grade 11

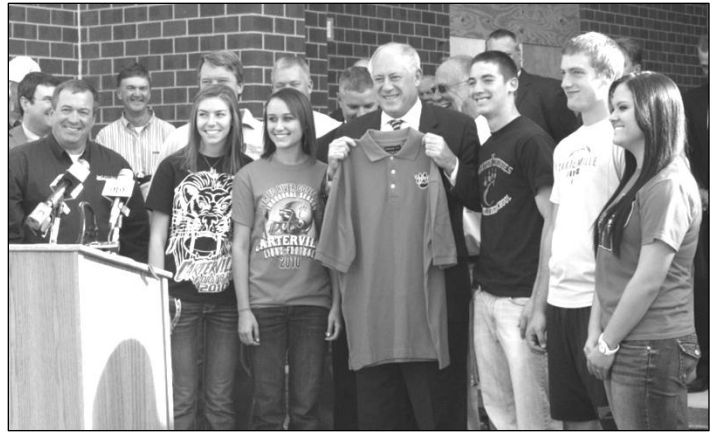


Highlights of 2010 – 2011

- 1 of 29 high schools in Illinois to meet AYP State Testing Standards.
- Inaugural season into the River to River Athletic Conference for all IHSA sports.
- 10th Annual Sr. Citizens' Valentine Banquet.
- Flag Team was awarded 1st Place at IDTA State Competition.

Governor Pat Quinn Visits Site of New High School

In the fall of 2010, the Carterville community was the host to Illinois Governor Pat Quinn. He visited the construction site of the new high school during his election campaign. During his visit, he discussed the much anticipated award of capital funding for our new high school. In a press release issued by his office on October 20, 2010, Carterville CUSD #5 would receive more than \$22 million to use toward the construction of a new high school. Once these capital funds were received, the district moved forward with the second phase of construction including a competition gymnasium and a state-of-the-art addition to the fine arts department.



Students of CHS proudly present Governor Quinn with a Carterville Lions shirt during his visit.



Above is an aerial view of the high school construction site on April 11, 2011.



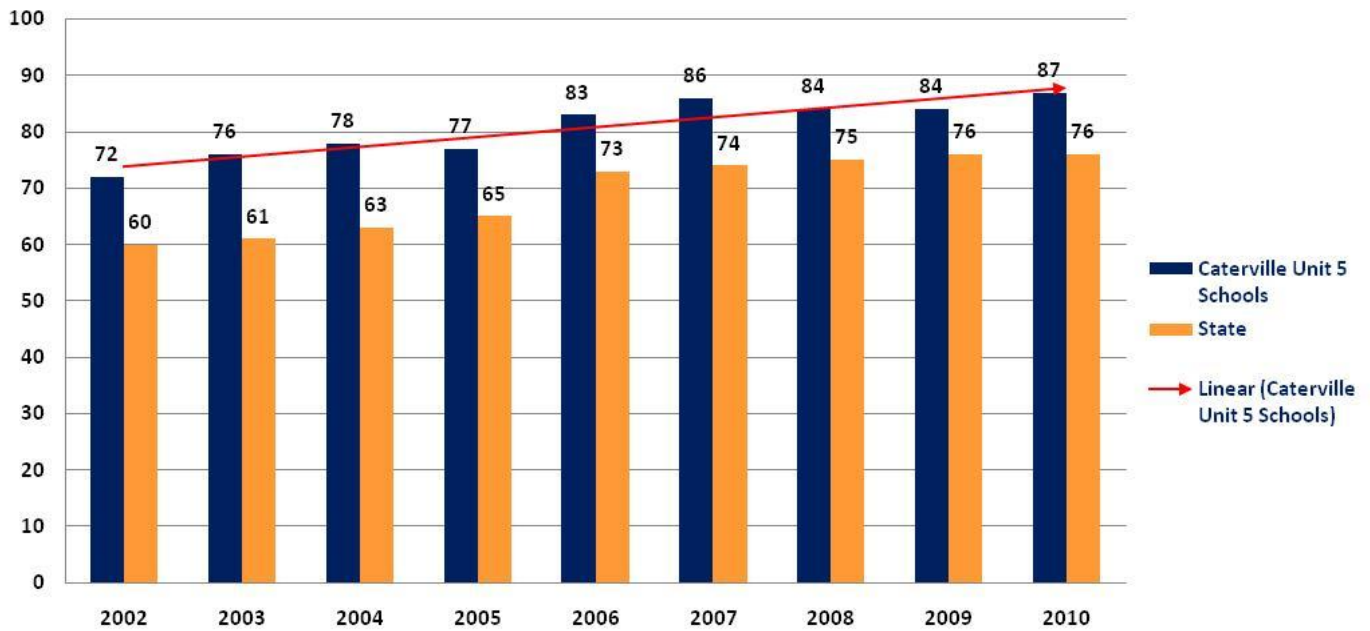
Governor Pat Quinn, along with area representatives to the Illinois State General Assembly, speaks during a press conference held in front of what will be the new CHS.



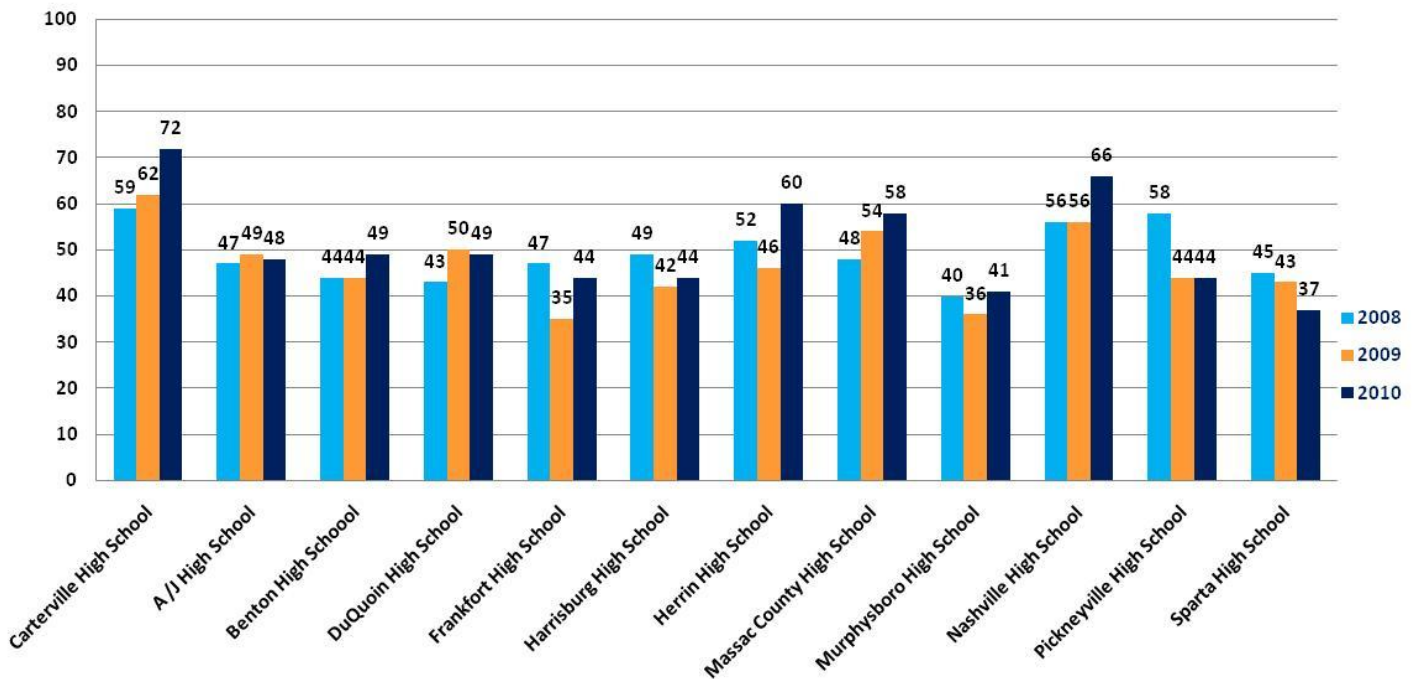
Looking virtually complete, this is a view of the front of the new high school on April 28, 2011.

Composite Percent Meets and Exceeds- All Tests

All grade levels and assessments are averaged into one score—This is a global picture of our district’s performance.



Comparison of River to River Conference High Schools PSAE Meets & Exceeds



Administration

Mr. Tim Bleyer
Superintendent

Mr. Dale Heidbreder
Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Keith Liddell
High School Principal

Mr. Todd Rogers
High School Assistant Principal
High School Athletic Director

Mr. Jeff Hartford
Intermediate School Principal

Mr. Tom Webb
Intermediate Assistant Principal
Intermediate Athletic Director

Mrs. Sarah Barnstable
Tri-C Principal

Mrs. Karri Forby
Tri-C Assistant Principal

Board of Education
Kevin Bonifield, President
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Greg Sprehe
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Donald Yewell
Kim Monje



From the Future Superintendent

Dear Carterville CUSD #5 Community:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide a brief introduction of myself and family to you in this newsletter. I'm extremely excited about serving the Carterville School District as superintendent. My wife Susan and I are also equally excited about moving to the district and becoming part of the community. In regard to background, I'm currently in my ninth year as the superintendent of Meridian CUSD #223 in Stillman Valley, IL. The Meridian

223 District is located on the periphery of Rockford, IL and has a Pre-K through 12 enrollment of just over 1,900 students. The district is composed of three communities including Stillman Valley, Davis Junction and Monroe Center. Like Carterville, the Meridian School District is the focus of the community and is also considered to be one of the best school districts in the region. Prior to being superintendent, I served as the Stillman Valley High School principal for nine years. Consequently, we've lived in Stillman Valley for the past eighteen years and have essentially raised our two children there. Ryan, our oldest, is currently a freshman at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN while Katherine is a sophomore at Stillman Valley High School and set to attend Carterville High School in the fall. Prior to moving to Stillman Valley, Susan taught biology, chemistry and physics at Hall High School in Spring Valley, IL. While living in Stillman Valley, she's focused her energies on raising our children and being active in the community. Prior to Meridian CUSD #223, I served for five years as a K-12 principal at the Manlius School District (now part of the Bureau Valley School District). I began my teaching career as a 6-12 social studies teacher in the Chadwick School District in Chadwick, IL after having graduated from Knox College in Galesburg, IL with a B.A. in history. Working in education is also pervasive throughout the rest of my family. My two younger brothers are also school district superintendents; Todd at the Rochelle Elementary School District in Rochelle, IL and Jeff at Mendota High School District in Mendota, IL. Both of their wives are teachers. Finally, my Dad is a retired superintendent and my Mom is a retired school nurse. As you can imagine, there's no shortage of school related discussions at family gatherings.

Again, I appreciate the opportunity to provide a brief introduction and I hope to meet many of you during the next year. We look forward to becoming part of an exceptional school district and living in a great community. Have a great rest of the school year.

Sincerely,

Bob Prusator



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