

# OAK GROVE SCHOOL BOARD BRIEFS

January 6, 2009

Special Board of Education Meeting

*This is a summary of events that occurred at the meeting, not official minutes.*

## DECISIONS

### **Race to the Top**

The Board unanimously voted *against* executing a "Memorandum of Understanding" (MOU) with the State of Illinois for the State's application for the federal Race to the Top (RT3) Program. While the Board supports participating in programs that will enhance our children's education, the RT3 program details have not been defined clearly enough to know what the District would be committing to. It is uncertain how much funding would actually be accessible for RT3 initiative implementation and likely that funding would not cover ongoing costs associated with these projects. Additionally, the program suggests changes impacting our OGEA agreement which may not be feasible to implement. The State, in effect, is asking Districts to execute a memorandum of understanding without defining the program requirements and the conditions, if any, for opting out of the program going forward.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennifer Manski  
Board Secretary**