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GOOD NEWS REPORT

To: Dr. Alan Chapman and Members of the Board of Education
From: Tom Eder, Principal, Normal Community West High School
Date: March 10, 2006

It is my great pleasure to share with you the news that four Normal West High School faculty members will be making a professional presentation in June, 2006, at the annual conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in Salamanca, Spain. The four faculty members are David Hirst, building chair of Foreign Languages and Spanish teacher, Jama Lindahl, Spanish teacher, Kate Pavlou, English teacher, and Beth Smith, Art teacher.

Presenters for this conference will come from all over the United States and its territories. Salamanca is the home of Spain's oldest university, founded in 1218, and home to many of the greatest Spanish writers.

Their presentation will focus on a multidisciplinary approach to teaching about "Dia de los Difuntos". These four teacher have collaborated on this project for several years at West. Each has a specific area relative to their academic expertise in which they engage students in this project.

These four faculty members are truly outstanding educators and I am proud to work with each of them at Normal West. Through their own particular brilliance and passion, and their dedication to an interdisciplinary approach to teaching, they enrich the lives of Normal West students every day. Jama, Beth, Kate, and Dave are highly respected by their colleagues, our parents and our students. Congratulations on this wonderful opportunity and recognition of your superior teaching!