

July 2010

Dear Parents:

The State of Illinois continues to be far behind in payments made to various state agencies (including public school districts). At this time, the state continues to owe High Mount School District 116 over \$200,000. Those payments were due by June 30, 2010, which was the end of the fiscal year. The legislature has now indicated that we may not see those payments until December. In addition, we are also very concerned about projected state revenues for the upcoming fiscal year.

Several letters were sent out back in March detailing the financial issues of the state and how it is impacting High Mount, our programs, and several precautionary cuts that were made in March. Although recent legislation has slightly improved the financial forecast for schools, we are still extremely concerned about decreasing state revenues and continued delayed payments from the state.

Registration enrollment figures for each grade level will help determine what we can offer for the 2010-2011 school year. The district has committed to maintaining the pre-school program for the upcoming school year and, if possible, our co-curricular classes as well. I envision that final programming decisions will be made in early August.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me during registration, by phone (233-1054 x. 509), or by email (mbrink@highmountschool.com).

Sincerely,

Michael Brink
Superintendent