



November 24, 2008

Dear Membership,

It is hard to imagine, but we are already to our Thanksgiving break! This year is flying by. Whatever you do during the break, we hope you enjoy your time with family and friends.

As we look back on the existence of Metro Deaf School and Minnesota North Star Academy, we realize we have much to be thankful for in regards to the impact we have had on Deaf Education in the Twin Cities area. As we look to the future, and the beginning of 2009, we wonder what this new year will bring. We are very excited for the possibilities and benefits that await both schools as we look to merge. Both of our boards have been investigating the idea of merging since October of 2007. We are proud to inform you that finally we are beginning to see the fruits of these discussions.

On Tuesday, December 16, we are asking you as a member of one of these schools to join us at 7:00 PM in Metro Deaf School's gym to offer your support for this merger. There will be a final presentation of the details of this merger followed by a ballot vote from both schools' memberships. This is our next step as we push forward with the goal of opening as one school in September of 2009. We cannot do this without you. We are excited for your involvement in discussion and, hopefully, your full confidence in supporting the plans to merge.

More information will be coming from our boards in the weeks ahead. We will be mailing out more information in hopes of keeping you well informed of details relating to this merger. In addition to the mailings, you can visit www.metrodeafschool.org or www.mnnorthstaracademy.org where you will find additional information.

So save the date of Tuesday, December 16 on your calendars and we look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Tom Anderson, Metro Deaf School Board Chair
Roberta Cordano, Minnesota North Star Academy Board Chair