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**EDUCATION FOUNDATION'S GOLF OUTING AND  
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ RAISE NEARLY \$15,000**

**FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW LONG-TERM GOAL OF  
BRINGING SMART BOARD® TECHNOLOGY TO ALL DISTRICT 57 CLASSROOMS**

MT. PROSPECT, ILL. – The District 57 Education Foundation's annual Golf Outing and Back-to-School Barbecue, held Sept. 20 at the Mt. Prospect Golf Club, raised nearly \$15,000 that will benefit the students of Westbrook, Fairview and Lions Park Schools and Lincoln Middle School. Seventy-three adults and 17 District 57 students participated in the golf outing, and 110 people attended the barbecue.

The events included the popular Dr. Brown Putting Challenge, several golf awards, dinner and music under the tent at the golf course, a silent auction and raffle prizes.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of a new long-term goal that will build on the tremendous success of last year's 10-year anniversary campaign. Through its first 10 years, the Foundation raised more than \$500,000. Last school year, the Foundation helped equip a dozen classrooms with Smart Boards®, interactive white boards that combine the traditional idea of a blackboard with a computer and offer many interactive learning opportunities. Now the Foundation has announced it will work with the District 57 administration to help bring these innovative learning tools to the remaining classrooms in the district.

“The success of our golf outing and barbecue will help us make this goal a reality, as well as enable us to fund other faculty grant requests,” says Mike Berry, Education Foundation chairman. “We thank the generous businesses and families that sponsored the events. We are especially thankful to Bosch Tools, which has agreed to be a Foundation Partner. This signifies a donation of at least \$5,000 for the 2008/2009 school year.”

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This support will go a long way toward funding the Smart Board® project, which will touch all students and provide them with 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology, according to Berry.

Many schools in the area have made the transition to these useful tools that have been shown to improve learning speed, retention and overall student performance. The boards allow teachers to illustrate curriculum information using a variety of visual media. Lessons become more interactive, as teachers access and display web sites; run educational software; record, highlight and review notes from classroom discussions; deliver PowerPoint presentations and more.

To help fund this ambitious goal, the Foundation is launching a raffle that is sure to generate a lot of buzz. The Foundation will raffle off the new, innovative Smart Fortwo® car at its spring event on March 7, 2009. Tickets, which are \$20 each or 6 for \$100, already can be purchased on the Foundation's new web site: [www.57edfoundation.org](http://www.57edfoundation.org). Tickets also will be available at school events throughout the year. Anyone who purchases tickets prior to Feb. 11, 2009, also will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000.

More than 1 million Smart cars, which are manufactured by Mercedes-Benz, have been sold throughout the world; they became available in the United States last January. The car gets 33 miles per gallon in the city and 41 on the highway.

### **Photo Opportunity**

Media outlets that are interested in photographing teachers using Smart Boards® in their classrooms should contact Dr. Reggie Ryan at 847-385-3733.

### **About the District 57 Education Foundation**

The District 57 Education Foundation's mission is to enhance the education of District 57 students by generating and allocating resources through partnerships with teachers, parents, school officials and the business community. The Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization formed by Mt. Prospect community members. Visit the Foundation's web site at [www.57edfoundation.org](http://www.57edfoundation.org).

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