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## EduNet NEWS [www.cscedunet.net](http://www.cscedunet.net)

EduNet, a broadband wireless wide area communication network designed for the purpose of transmitting/receiving data, Internet, audio, and video traffic. EduNet is owned and operated by Carl Sandburg College in partnership with the K-12 school districts within the CSC district.

### **FROM THE COORDINATOR**

I'm officially unarmed. While I have a camera, I find I can't be too dangerous! The alert reader will notice that I have not included the digital photos taken at the February Design and Logistics meeting. I had planned to click and print to add a new dimension to this fine newsletter, but their inclusion made this document too large to transmit. Fritz Archer, Pat Hise and Phil Chadderdon are reprieved, at least temporarily.

### **HAVE POWERPOINT, WILL TRAVEL**

If your district is considering joining EduNet beginning July 1, 2006, and would like me to make a short presentation to your Board sometime this Spring, please let me know the date and time you would like me to appear.

### **FEBRUARY DESIGN AND LOGISTICS MEETING NOTES**

1. Twenty-one people were in attendance! Might be a record!
2. DerbyTech reported that the network is running well.
3. DerbyTech is completing its efforts to install Internet service to towns and villages that allowed EduNet antennas. Thirteen had been installed as of the meeting.
4. DerbyTech plans to roll out its partnership vision on April 1. It is beta testing seven sites with another eleven in the works. People may contact Jeff Thompson to subscribe at:  
800-833-3729 (83-3Derby)  
[jefft@derbyworks.com](mailto:jefft@derbyworks.com)

5. Jim reported that the EduNet web site, while a work in progress, is ready for viewing.  
[www.cscedunet.net](http://www.cscedunet.net).
6. RFIs for CSC's *Project Safeguard* are due March 17. At that time the college will evaluate its options and make a decision regarding the issuance of an RFP.
7. Districts may contact Jim if the college can be of service with eRate issues. EduNet districts should use BEAR as its method of receiving reimbursements from Carl Sandburg College. Reimbursement from this method is made at the end of the fiscal year.
8. I would like to offer informational segments at Design and Logistics meetings that meet the needs of our K-12 partners. Please contact me with your ideas of what you would like to see presented.
9. As requested at our previous meeting, James Arney, Account Executive of Pratt Audio-Visual and Video Corporation and Fritz Archer, Carl Sandburg College Coordinator of Audiovisual Services, presented and discussed several pieces of distance learning equipment with the help of experienced people attending the meeting.

For those wanting specific information or quotes for their districts, please contact James Arney at:  
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## ***PROJECT SAFEGUARD SURVEY***

Attention Superintendents: As you know the college plans to issue an RFP on Project Safeguard later this spring. At the recent RFI meeting with interested vendors, several questions arose about k-12 school district interest in the project. In order to answer these questions, we plan to survey our 21 school district superintendents. Expect Jim Rich to contact you later this month to schedule a meeting or a phone call at a time that works best for you. I have included the questions below to give you a heads up on the information that we need in case you need to confer with your tech support person.

1. What software are you currently using for Master Schedule, Student Records, Attendance, Financials, HR, Bus Scheduling, lunch, etc...? Please specify the name of the product, the company you bought it from and the company that supports the product.
2. What was the purchase cost/yearly maintenance fee?
3. How satisfied are you with your current system? Scale of 1 to 5
4. When was this software bought?
5. What hardware does this software run on?
6. What kind of support do you get for your product?
7. What kind of user group coordination do you have with your product(s)?
8. Do you have any disaster recovery procedures in place?
9. Given the State Reporting Requirements that are shared in common by the public schools, would there be any interest in participating in a joint venture/consortium whereby state of the art K-12 software and hardware would be made available at your location(s) to perform all computing functions?

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## ***MARCH'S DESIGN AND LOGISTICS MEETING INVITATION***

The next monthly meeting to review EduNet's progress is set for **9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 23**, in the Board Room (Building E). On the agenda for the "Design and Logistics" meeting: 1) DerbyTech Update; 2) Carl Sandburg College Update; 3) Questions from Districts; 4) Next Steps; University of Illinois Extension Office Update; 5) Networking.