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Date: September 10, 2009
To: Board of Directors
From: Sue Matz, Board Development Committee Chair
Subject: Board Learning

During the board learning session of the September board meeting, we will be reviewing the input gathered from our discussion with parents in each of our four regions, as well as discussing our vision and Ends.

The purpose of the parent direct discussions was to learn about the image and perception of Girl Scouts of Western Ohio and compare this with the Ends. At the September board meeting we will be comparing the current image with the true relevancy of the Girl Scout program by participating in an exercise to brainstorm how the board can help change the reputation. As part of this discussion, we will develop a vision statement that is clear and easy to remember.

In preparation for the discussion on vision, we ask you to review the following two vision statements. They will be used as a starting point for the board's vision.

- The Council Realignment Committee developed the following vision statement:

Girl Scouting is the organization where, with the support of positive role models, girls develop leadership skills that enable them to:

- develop healthy relationships
 - value diversity
 - build life skills
 - realize their full potential and
 - feel empowered to make a difference.
- The following vision statement was drafted by Nancy Dawes and Barbara Bonifas at a recent session on authentic leadership.

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is the best known organization in Ohio that develops girl leaders who have 21st Century skills.

Our Mission

*Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character,
who make the world a better place.*