



THE DISTRICT IN REVIEW

A Newsletter to the Northbrook School District 27 Community

Fall 2018

From the Superintendent



We have had a great beginning to the 2018–2019 school year. This year holds the promise of good things for our present and our future. We continue to enjoy new curricular and technological innovations, and are embarking on improvements that will enhance our abilities to prepare students for a global environment.

In addition, our students continue to be among the highest performers in the State of Illinois and the nation. We use multiple data sources to monitor student progress, and help our students to learn in conjunction with their potential and abilities. As such, our students are well-prepared for their education at Glenbrook

North High School and continue to have incredibly successful school and work experiences.

Our "District 27 in Review," provides a number of articles that we hope you will enjoy reading. We trust it will give you a glimpse of the wonderful activities going on inside our schools.

In the September 2018 issue of *Chicago Magazine*, District 27 schools were rated the Best Public Schools in Cook County. The magazine's editors use a variety of performance measures to rank the schools, including student performance on the State's PARCC assessment and the 5Essentials Survey.

Shabonee was ranked the #1 rated elementary school, and Wood Oaks was the #1 middle school in Cook County. (Hickory Point School was not eligible for a rating because it is a primary center and does not take the State PARCC assessment.) Our middle school principal, Mr. Rob McElligott, was also featured in the "Principal Spotlight."

This year marks the 165th year of District 27. So much has changed over this time and the world is such a different place. One thing, however, that remains constant is the support of our community. Our parents and residents have an incredible commitment to a high-quality education, and have been so supportive of the District over the years. You provide the foundation for the excellence in our District.

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every person in our community for this support. It is with profound gratitude that we work in a district where the community values a high-quality education for every child. As a community, you provide the resources to offer an incredible environment for student learning that prepares them for an excellent future. On behalf of the Board of Education, the Administration, and the Staff, we THANK YOU!

We know that the world is changing rapidly with jobs being invented and restructured to meet new needs of society. We also recognize that the global issues facing our students are ones in which they will need to have an active voice. To that end, we have created a learning culture in District 27 that acknowledges these many dynamics. We have a clear Global-Oriented Focus that prepares our students with the skills to create, innovate, and problem-solve in a fluid environment.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement as we educate the next generation of leaders.

Respectfully,

David J. Kroeze, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Mrs. Meggan Buchanan, Asst. Principal

Wood Oaks Jr. High

Grades 6-8
1250 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL 60062
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Mr. Rob McElligott, Principal
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Enrollment in District 27 Stays Stable

The District's enrollment at the start of the 2018-19 school year was 1,260. Enrollment at Hickory Point is 420, while Shabonee is at 420, and Wood Oaks is at 402.

Last year, the District began the school year with 1,258 students, so enrollment remains steady.

The District typically experiences an influx of new students, according to Superintendent Dr. David J. Kroeze, and this year is no exception. The District enrolled

117 new students, marking the seventh consecutive year that 100 or more students joined the District.

"We see this as a positive sign that our houses are turning over," Dr. Kroeze said.

Dr. Kroeze also noted that the class sizes are well within the District's target range.

The District's enrollment is projected to increase over the next four years, with an expected enrollment of 1,315 by 2022.

Summary: K-8 Enrollment Projections by School-Year Totals

School Year	Hickory Point	Shabonee	Wood Oaks	Other *	Total
2018-19	371	420	442	27	1,260
2019-20	372	437	453	27	1,289
2020-21	383	4526	464	27	1,300
2021-22	380	426	463	27	1,296
2022-23	380	426	482	27	1,315

* Indicates alternatively-placed District 27 students

District 27 Budget Approved

A Look at the District 27 2018-2019 Budget

The District 27 Board of Education approved a \$27.9 million budget at its September 27th meeting. Here are some highlights:



The budget is balanced, and the District is in a stable financial position.

There are contingencies in the budget of \$550,000. If contingencies aren't spent, and all other budget projections are realized, the District should anticipate to end the fiscal year with a surplus.

The District ended the 2017-18 school year with 75% cumulative fund balance reserve. Beginning in the summer of 2019, some of these reserves will be dedicated to capital improvements, including a four-year roof and HVAC replacement project.



Sixty-five percent of the budget goes towards salaries, and 18% to supplies, purchased services, and capital outlay. The remainder of the budget goes to insurance, technology, transportation, and IMRF.

A copy of the 2018-2019 budget can be found on the District's Website at <https://bit.ly/2QnZWbT>

New Teachers Meet With the Board of Education



At left, Board Member Alex Frum spoke with new teacher Kate Bode during the New Teacher Reception. At right, Board Member Ed Feld chatted with Jamie Rappaport.

The District 27 Board of Education had the opportunity to meet the District's newly hired teachers during a New Teacher Reception held in September.

The District's new teachers are Lisa Benjamin (Hickory Point), Kate Bode (Hickory Point), Jamie Rappaport (Shabonee), and long term-substitute teachers Vishna Patel, Emily Macklin, and Amanda Fladeland.

Recognizing District 27's 165th Anniversary

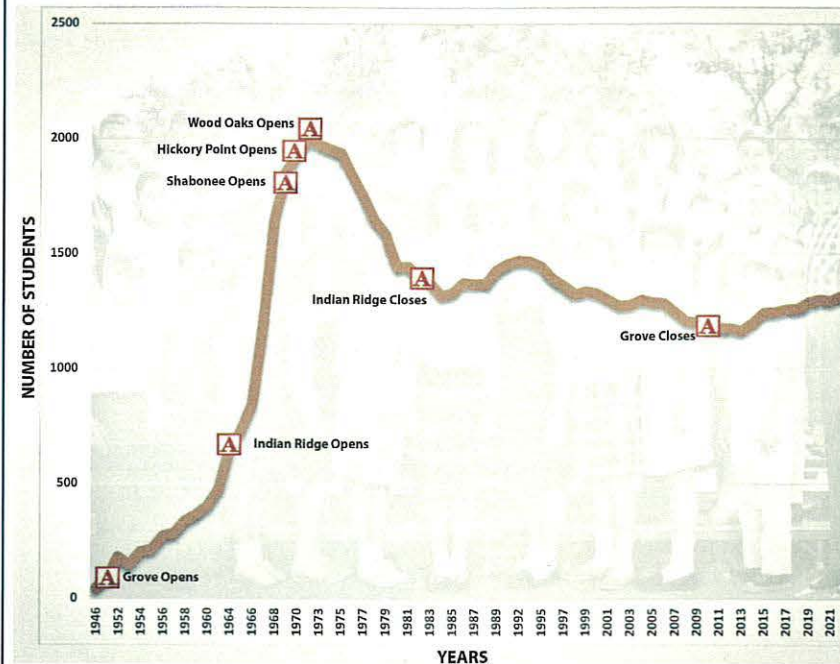
On November 20th, District 27 will celebrate its 165th year of providing excellence in education to its residents.

To the right, you will find a timeline that highlights the significant events in the history of District 27, from the construction of a one-room schoolhouse, to the creation of three state-of-the-art school buildings. You will also see a chart below that illustrates the population dynamics over the past 72 years.

To help us celebrate, please send us photos and/or memories of your years in our District schools. We will publish them on our website and our Facebook page.

Please email copies to Gail Kahover at kahover.g@nb27.org, or mail them to 1250 Sanders Road, Northbrook, IL 60062. Thank you!

District 27 Enrollment and Projections, 1946-2021



District 27's history can be summed up by looking at enrollment patterns.

The District experienced incredible growth in the 1960s and early 1970s. In one year, between 1965 and 1966, the number of school-age children in the District increased by 400! Six major housing developments were underway in 1967. Administrators were planning for 40 to 100 new houses every year through 1970.

The growth slowed in the 1980s, as fewer and fewer new families moved into the District. Median prices of homes rose, making first-time home ownership more difficult.

With an improving economy, we are seeing a steady increase in enrollment. Please read a summary of Dr. Kroeze's enrollment report on Page 2.

On November 20, 1853, Levi Kenicott, who settled in this area in 1833) deeded a plot of land for a school, north of Dundee Road and east of Sanders Road.



1853

A new one-room school house was constructed, complete with an outhouse, for \$224.95.



Name of District changed from North Northfield Grove District 3 to Grove District No. Twenty-Seven.



Another room and a basement were added to the school.

1930

A new school, named Indian Ridge, opened off of Walters Road.



A new Grove School was built off of Pfingsten Road to handle growing enrollment. In 1959, the original building closed and the property was sold.



1951

Shabonee School opened next to Grove as a junior high building.



1969

A new junior high school was built at the west end of the District and was named Wood Oaks.

1970



Indian Ridge was closed. The building is now the site of the Leisure Center.

1982



Grove School closed, and grade-level centers established at Hickory Point and Shabonee.

2010



2018



Parent Workshop to Focus on Cyber Safety

District 27 parents are invited to learn about how to protect their children in the digital world of computers, cell phones, and social media during a workshop on November 13th.

The workshop, "Protecting Your Children in a Hyper Digital Age," is the second in a two-part safety series offered to parents. Our first session was held on October 10 and featured the District's Emergency Preparedness protocols.

During the session on November 13, cyber safety presenter Liz Repking will speak to parents about dangers to children online, teens and sexting, safety settings for cell phones and computers, preparing children for cell phone use, gaming issues, and building healthy habits in the home.

The workshop is open and relevant to parents of children of all ages. Parents of young children are encouraged to attend so they will be prepared before giving their children cell phones.

Repking, a mother of three, founded Cyber Safety Consultants to educate parents, children, and teachers on safe Internet usage.

The workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Shabonee School.

Please RSVP at <https://bit.ly/2DLb0hP>.



Northbrook Police Chief Roger Adkins spoke to parents about the Township-wide Emergency Preparedness Plan during District 27's first Parent Workshop on October 10th. Chief Adkins emphasized the importance of Northbrook Township's "One Plan-One Response" protocol and how it is beneficial to all our communities. District 27's robust emergency plans have been the catalyst for the township efforts.

PBIS In Our Schools

Hickory Point School

Hickory Point implements Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). PBIS is a proactive systems approach to establishing a continuum of behavioral supports to meet the needs of all students and improve the social culture at school. Teaching and reinforcing expected behaviors and providing positive feedback throughout the school day accelerates the academic, social- emotional outcomes for all students. Hickory Point students are learning about BARRK ("Bulldogs Are Respectful, Responsible and Kind."



Hickory Point students learned about proper behavior in the bathrooms and at the drinking fountain.

Shabonee School



Shabonee staff kicked off the year with a parody of a synchronized swim team routine.

Shabonee School was recognized by the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) network for achieving Platinum status this fall. This is the highest acknowledgement that can be earned by the PBIS network for implementing all aspects of the PBIS system with fidelity.

Each fall, students participate in a variety of exciting and interactive activities that establish a positive culture and climate in the building. Teaching expected behaviors by promoting SWIM (Show Respect, We're Responsible, I'M Kind) helps the students take responsibility for the school and promotes inclusion while setting a tone for the new school year. The school focused on the theme of kindness in October.

Wood Oaks Junior High School

Wood Oaks has been implementing PBIS through their ROAR program since the 2011-2012 school year. The purpose of PBIS for the Wood Oaks community is to create a positive learning environment by promoting **R**espect, **O**wnership, **A**dvocacy, and **R**esponsibility.

Throughout the year, the students are involved in a variety of programs and activities that promote ROAR. In a popular presentation this year, sixth graders hear about bullying from motivational speaker Jim Jelinske. He tells students that every person matters, and he encourages them to speak out or stand up for someone who is being teased, laughed at, or bullied.



Jim Jelinske spoke to sixth graders about being courageous and responsible by standing up to those who are teased or bullied.

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District 27 PTA Race a Success

The weather was perfect for the 2018 District 27 PTA 5K Run/Walk, 1-Mile Run and Kids' Fun Run, which was held on September 22nd near Wood Oaks Junior High School.

In all, 354 runners participated in the event, which raised money for the Rohrabough Scholarship Fund. The fund awards college scholarships to Glenbrook North High School seniors who graduated from Wood Oaks. This year's race netted approximately \$13,000 for the fund.

The winners of the 5K race were: Male Overall - Raul Maldonado, and Female Overall - Juliet Frum.

The winners in the 1-mile race were: Male Overall - Jonah Frum, and Female Overall - Katarina Pavlovich.

