

NORRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 80

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Inspiring Educational Excellence in a Nurturing Environment

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Dear NSD 80 Parents and Community Members,

For most taxpayers, their single biggest asset is their home. For those with children, one of the most important reasons for looking to move to a given location is the quality of the schools. For those without children, they want to protect the value of their homes while getting good value. For the past 24 years the residents of Norridge School District 80 have been doubly rewarded – low taxes and great schools.

The district has been able to maintain two exceptional neighborhood schools. Schools that children can attend from Kindergarten until the time they are ready for high school. Schools that are within walking distance for all students. Schools where children can meet and create lifelong friendships. Norridge School District 80 is also blessed with a number of “signature” programs such as instrumental music (band) and the recently added world language program. The district also gets all children off to a great start in school by offering full-day kindergarten classes.

In order to sustain these and other programs, additional funding is needed. The district is currently facing deficits of up to \$1.8 million in the next two years and significant program reductions. Furthermore, the district has facility needs which are currently unfunded. Without an infusion of new revenue, educational programs will be eliminated, the concept of neighborhood schools could be impacted and home values adversely affected.

Parents and community members are invited for a presentation about District 80’s need for increased funding to maintain our signature programs and avoid significant program reductions. Forums are scheduled on the following dates: Monday, June 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m., in the Learning Center at Leigh School and Monday, June 13, 2016, 7:00p.m., in the small gym at Giles School.

The District is providing a link where community members can submit questions in advance of the scheduled meetings: www.norridge80.net, click on “District,” click on “Ask Dr. O’Malley.”

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul O’Malley
Superintendent