



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

Oct. 26, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

Here are highlights from the Oct. 26, 2021 regular business meeting of the Board of Education. The complete recording of the meeting can be found [here](#). The agenda and supporting materials can be found on [BoardDocs](#).

CELEBRATING THE PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM AT FISCHER

A unique Parent Mentor program at Fischer Elementary School was outlined as part of the Board's celebration of District 205 schools.

Through a partnership with the Logan Square Neighborhood Association Parent Mentor Program and the Parent Engagement Institute, Fischer parents are provided leadership and tutoring training and assigned a classroom at Fischer. The parents work two hours a day, Monday-Thursday, in a classroom and receive ongoing training on Fridays. The benefits have been many: support for teachers, tutoring and attention for students, increased engagement with families, increased empowerment for parents and stronger families and community.

"It's been a great way to build that home school connection," said Fischer Principal Irene Villa. "The Parent Mentor program inspired me to pursue an education career," said one parent mentor. "The

parents have made an immense difference in our students' lives." [View the presentation.](#)



Parent Mentors from Fischer Elementary School are honored at the Board meeting. The mentors are trained and work M-Th in the school building. The program strengthens school family ties.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT INDICATORS HIGHLIGHTED

The Board heard a presentation on student achievement data, one of three presentations this fall on Key Performance Indicators (KPI). This data is one element of the district's review of student achievement. The Board reviewed assessments from the spring 2021, including performance on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), SAT, Advanced Placement (AP) results and other

early college coursework, graduation rate and data on 9th grade credit completion.

The District is continuing its work to raise achievement for all students, with a focus on providing intentional instructional support. We are continuing to analyze data in order to meet the needs of all of our students. Additional performance and growth indicators, as well as comparison data with other schools, will be part of the third presentation to the Board, set for Nov. 16. Watch the presentation here. [View the presentation.](#)

BOARD APPROVES TENTATIVE TAX LEVY

The Board approved the preliminary 2021 tax levy and set a public hearing on the levy for Dec. 14. The district is requesting a total amount of \$20,985,000 for operating funds, a 3.26 percent increase over last year's actual levy extension. Because of the tax cap laws, the district expects to receive less than that, about 2.60 percent in new revenue over last year. The levy is capped to equal the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is currently at 1.4 percent, plus revenues from any new construction in the district. The district asks for more than is expected in order to capture revenues from new construction. [View the presentation.](#)