



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

## **Oct. 12, 2021 Board of Education Meeting**

*Here are highlights from the Oct. 12, 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](#).*

## **RECOGNITIONS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Sandburg Middle School and its students were recognized for their extracurriculars including:

The 1st Place in Conference Cross Country 8th Grade Girls and 8th Grade Boys Teams and individual 1st Place winners Allison Kocinski, 8th Grade; and Grant Hickman, 7th Grade

2nd Place Conference: 6th Grade Girls & 7th Grade Boys Teams

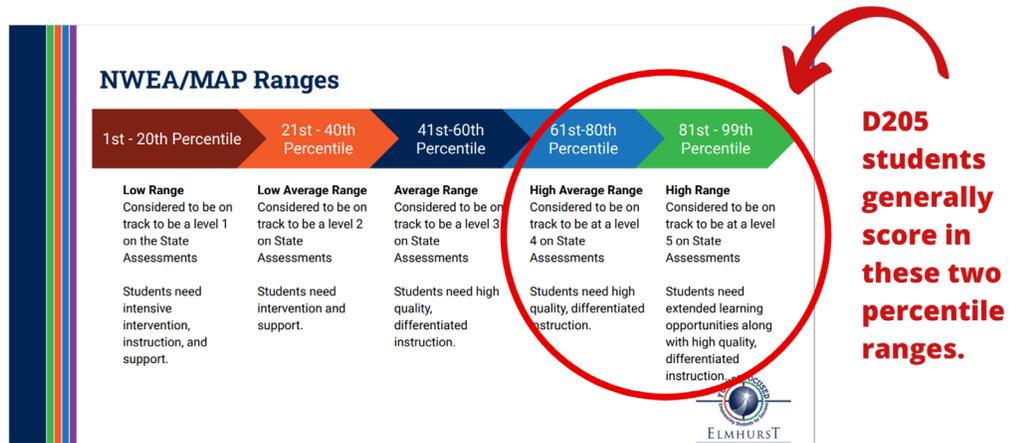
3rd Place Conference 6th Grade Boys & 7th Grade Girls Teams

A new club started by 7th grader Samantha Koerth to engage the school community in education and awareness opportunities. The club created Hispanic Heritage Month activities in September and Disability Awareness and Mental Health Awareness activities in October.

The Board also recognized York's efforts to tell the behind-the-scenes story of the people and programs at the high school. The York administration launched its first podcast, called *DukeCast* and students launched *In the Halls* podcast. Additionally, York TV was the recipient of a \$900 grant that will allow the school to purchase more professional podcast equipment. Both podcasts are available on Spotify. See the board [video](#) here and the news story [here](#).

## **ASSESSMENT DATA USED TO DRIVE IMPROVEMENT**

The Board heard a report on grades K-8 NWEA/MAP student assessments given earlier this year. The results showed that District 205 students perform well above the national average in reading and math.



The performance data is important. At the most recent Institute Day, teachers in small teams analyzed various data by student, classroom and grade to reflect on instruction and determine student supports. Schools are also analyzing data to develop School Improvement Plans. Other assessments will be used as Key Performance Indicators, or KPI's, to set goals for improvement, including Advanced Placement exams, the SAT, the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, and others.

The Board will discuss assessments further this year:

- Oct. 26, 2021 – Achievement and growth results from state and national assessments
- Nov. 16, 2021- Growth on assessments, comparisons, indicators and how this shapes School Improvement Plans

View the [presentation here](#) and the [video](#) here.

### **DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY APPROVED**

The Board approved a demographic study to help the District in its long-term forecasting related to staffing and facilities. The study will look at the complex enrollment patterns and examine past, present and future trends.

### **FORWARD TOGETHER PLAN REVIEWED**

The Board heard an update on COVID metrics and the Forward Together Plan for 2021-22. Some changes included:

Updating the Forward Together microsite to include additional information on ventilation mitigations in the schools and to clarify state guidance information on what to do if a student or sibling have COVID

Announcing that more than 91% of staff have been vaccinated since the Sept. 20, 2021 state mandate for schools and that a [Vaccine Booster clinic](#) will be held Oct. 15

Partnering with area infectious disease doctors to host a webinar for interested families regarding vaccinations for school-age children. The webinar will be held 7:30 p.m. Oct. 20, 2021. Registration can be made [here](#).