



# Stevenson High School Board Bulletin

A monthly message from the Board of Education

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Welcome to our Stevenson High School Board Bulletin, a monthly message from our Board of Education that will include key updates that impact student life at Stevenson. We are very pleased to share several key takeaways from our most recent board meeting below. Thank you for your engagement on these very important issues! We look forward to staying in touch.

Sincerely,  
Stevenson High School Board of Education

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## KEY TAKEAWAYS

Our board meeting agendas often include many items for discussion. While you will always be able to review the agenda, meeting minutes and video recordings of these meetings on [our Board webpage](#), this Board Bulletin provides key takeaways for our Stevenson community.

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On Monday evening, the Board authorized public access to the tentative 2022-2023 budget. The details of the proposed budget, which have been in development since January, include:

- A 5.5% budgeted increase in revenue. The increase in revenue is a result of additional money from state and federal grants, food sales, new construction in our district as well as local property taxes.
- A 5% budgeted increase in expenditures (excluding construction). New expenditures would cover increased spending on supplies for technology, software and textbooks. The proposal also includes spending for additional faculty and staff to support increasing enrollment as well as estimated market adjustments to support staff pay according to the pending support staff contract.
- The tentative budget is balanced with both revenues and spending projected to be less than the Consumer Price Index, which is approximately 7%.

Members of the public may view the tentative budget by visiting the District Office. The Board will hold a public hearing during the June 21 Board Meeting.

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The Board also approved an emergency purchase of the school's Stadium lights originally installed in the 1980s. Last month, the lights on the northside of the Stadium went out in the middle of an athletic event. An investigation of the incident revealed a wiring issue that makes the lights susceptible to outages in the future. Additionally, the current lightbulbs in use are inefficient and require more frequent replacement than LED bulbs.

As a result, the District recommended and the Board approved the emergency purchase of new Stadium lights at an estimated cost of \$540,000 to ensure consistent and efficient lighting of our Stadium, which is used frequently for outdoor co-curricular activities. Approximately \$75,000-\$125,000 in grant money from ComEd will be used to offset this cost.