



June 12, 2023

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Strategic Plan Outcomes and Presentations for the Future

Superintendent Amadei, members of Cabinet and representatives from the architect firm Wight & Co. provided the Board of Education with an overview of some key outcomes from the five-year strategic plan as well as a considerations for the future that includes full day kindergarten, the middle school experience and support for newcomer English Learner families. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).



Student Performance Monitoring

Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Laura Sangroula presented the Board with a review of the district’s student academic assessment outcomes. The presentation includes results in math and reading from the following spring assessments:

- Kindergarten through 2nd grade students: FastBridge assessments
- 3rd-8th grade students: NWEA’s Measures of Academic Progress

A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

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Approval of Literacy Resource & Professional Learning Recommendations

The Literacy Leadership Team and administration have taken strides to begin the process to update literacy practices across District 62 in order to increase our students' learning in the area of literacy in every school across the district.

The Board took action and approved the following Summer 2023 Recommendation

Elementary Phonics & Word Study

- *From Phonics to Reading* by Wiley Blevins for our K-3rd grade general education classrooms.
- *Fonética y gramática* by Benchmark Education for our K-2nd grade Spanish/English bilingual classrooms.
- In-depth professional learning support for teachers and principals throughout the 23-24 school year from the Children's Literacy Initiative (CLI).

Middle School Writing to Inform and Support Student Reading and Writing Growth

- *The Writing Strategies Book* by Jennifer Sarravallo
- In-depth, job-embedded professional learning for teachers, instructional coaches and principals from the Writing Strategies Group.

The total estimated cost for the above materials for kindergarten through eighth grades is \$67,600 while the estimated cost for in-depth professional learning for teachers, instructional coaches and principals in this essential area of literacy for our students is \$407,000 including professional learning from the Children's Literacy Initiative and from the Writing Strategies Group.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the Custodial-Maintenance Association

The Board approved a Contract Extension Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Custodial Maintenance Association (CMA). The MOU with the CMA extends the FY2020-FY2024 collective bargaining agreement through June 30, 2028 with adjustments to the compensation provisions as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding and includes minimum starting salaries adjustments, elimination of salary increase limitations, outlining the retirement incentive plan and holidays with pay.

District 62 Administration

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Superintendent of Schools

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant
Superintendent of Business Services

Kathleen Kelly Colgan, Assistant
Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Lea Anne Frost, Interim
Assistant Superintendent for
Student Services

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Xrisovalantou "Valia" Garbis,
Student Services Coordinator

Benjamin Keele, Student Services
Coordinator

Kristan Krupinski, Student
Services Coordinator

Brandon Schaefer, Student
Services Coordinator

Katerina Vaselopoulos, Student
Services Coordinator

Communications

Board of Education

Board Member Duckmann shared that the North Cook Division met to discuss professional school board development for the upcoming school year. Board Member Morley shared that the District 62 Education Foundation will meet on June 14 as part of its strategic planning for the future which includes the retirement of some long-term members. Member Massa mentioned that one of ED-RED's summer initiatives is to seek more dollars on behalf of newcomer students and families. In addition, ED-RED hosted a meeting with State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders which was very informative.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei notified the Board that everyone is registered for the Triple I conference that will take place in November. Dr. Amadei reminded the Board that there will be a continuation of the Literacy presentation in July from Dr. Sangroula as well as a look at the new website that will officially launch on July 1. In addition, Dr. Amadei recognized the Custodial Maintenance Association (CMA) for all their hard work this school year. Assistant Superintendent for Business Mark Bertolozzi provided an update on some summer projects happening at Plainfield and Orchard Place. Mr. Bertolozzi also discussed the inventory of musical instruments in the district through conversations with music teacher Dominique Radtke. The music teachers shared that while there are some instruments in good shape and working well, there is a need for musical instruments amounting to approximately \$500,000. Mr. Bertolozzi is suggesting that the district order half of that amount over the summer and will explore seeking musical instrument donations from the community to help defray additional costs to support the needed inventory of instruments.

Dashboard Report: Workers Compensation Data

The district realized a substantial increase in its experience modification for FY24 to 1.08. The experience modification is calculated based on a three-year average. In the FY24 calculation, the claims incurred in FY19, which was a good year, fell out of the three-year calculation, and FY22 was factored into it. The effect of losing a favorable year and added a very unfavorable year increased the experience modification from .81 to 1.08. While FY23 is not completed at the time of this writing, it will be an improvement over the FY22 claims incurred, but still higher than a usual year. This will mean the district's experience modification is likely to be over 1.00 for the next three years, unless claims incurred by other districts in the insurance pool are up significantly. The benefit of being part of a pool is that the district is better able to spread out risk, and one or two challenging years doesn't impact your experience modification as much as unfavorable trends. A copy of the dashboard report can be accessed [here](#).