



January 18, 2022

## Student Learning and Support Services

### IN This Together Update

The district's administration shared an update as part of its monthly report to the Board of Education. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).



### Financial Outlook

Elizabeth Hennessy from Raymond James presented the district's financial projections for the coming years. The district has a strong financial projection and will be in good standing for years to come. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

### Approval of First Student Contract Extension for One Year

The district last bid transportation services in 2017 with First Student being awarded a three-year contract, which expired at the end of June 2020. As allowed by school code, the contract was extended for two additional years in FY21 and FY22. Since the start of the pandemic, transportation has caused many challenges. First Student has provided service better than most transportation companies. With the ongoing shortages of drivers and our district's size, it is unlikely that another bus company would be able to provide District 62 with service. School code allows for ongoing year-to-year extensions after the initial two-year extension. Given these difficulties, it is recommended that the district extend the existing contract for another year with a 10% price increase.

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This increase is comparable to what neighboring districts are paying on their contract extensions. First Student has needed to increase bus driver pay substantially during the pandemic and diesel fuel prices are higher than two years ago.

## Approval of Extended School Year, SPARK, Title I, Title III Summer School and Parent University, Summer 2022

### Title I Summer School

This year's Summer School will be held at two locations, South and North Schools, beginning on June 7th and ending on June 30th, 2022. Students will attend from 8:30am to 12:00pm, Monday through Thursday, with breakfast being served prior to the start of the school day. There will be no classes held on Fridays. The program is funded through the Title I grant as well as Title III grant.

### Title III Parent University

In order to provide English Language Learner students and their parents support in learning beyond the school day, District 62 will be offering Parent University for Title III eligible students and families. Parent University will be held at Forest School, from June 13th to June 24th, 2022. Families will attend from 4:30pm to 8:00pm, Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 am to 3:00 pm on Friday for field trips. This program is funded through the Title III grant.

### Extended School Year (ESY)

Consistent with state and federal special education mandates, District 62 will be offering Extended School Year (ESY) programming for IEP eligible students at Cumberland Elementary School and the Early Learning Center. The program will run for a total of three weeks, beginning on Monday, June 6th and ending on Thursday, June 23rd. The hours of programming will be from 8:30am to 12:00pm. There will be no classes held on Fridays.

### SPARK Summer Camp

In order to provide preschool students with an opportunity to attend a summer program, SPARK Summer Enrichment Program will be held at the Early Learning Center. The program will run three weeks, from Monday, June 6th through Thursday, June 23rd. The hours of programming will be from 8:30am to 12:00pm. There will be no camp held on Fridays. This is a parent paid program.

## District 62

### Administration

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## Communications

### Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel shared that a representative from the District 62 Education Foundation will be in attendance in February to provide an update. In addition, the Foundation will host a fundraiser at 7 p.m., on April 9 at the Des Plaines Theater. The fundraiser will feature the tribute band, 'Bee Gees Gold'. By using the promo code **62Foundation** a portion of the ticket cost will be donated back to the District 62 Education Foundation.



*Des Plaines*  
THEATRE

To sign up:

- Click on the link for tickets <https://www.etix.com/ticket/v/20795>
- Scroll to the April 9, 2022 Bee Gees Gold show.
- Select your seats.
- Before checking out, click on the Promotion Code box.
- Enter **62Foundation** in the promotion code box and continue checking out.