



March 20, 2023

## Presentations/Recognitions

### Recognition of Gallery 62 Student Art Awards

The district recognized those students whose artwork was selected to be featured as part of Gallery 62:

- Reese Capper, Algonquin Middle School
- Mahi Shah, Central Elementary School
- Nicholas Johnston, Chippewa Middle School
- Allison Wager, Cumberland Elementary School
- Rebecca Pelletiere, Forest Elementary School
- Isa Muriel, Iroquois Community School
- Andy Sugar, Iroquois Community School
- Eleanor Rutherford, North Elementary School
- Janine Enage, Orchard Place Elementary School
- Derrik Martinez, Plainfield Elementary School
- Alayah Magallanes, South Elementary School
- Charlotte Sewell, Terrace Elementary School

The Gallery 62 Art Exhibit was introduced as a way to recognize works of art created by District 62 students under the guidance of district art teachers. The Board of Education presents the original art to the parents or guardians during eighth grade promotion ceremonies.



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# Student Learning and Support Services Update

## Extension of Transportation Contract with First Student

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. 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. Last year, District 62 approved a one-year extension with a 10% increase. After discussions with First Student, a new one-year extension with an 11.75% price increase has been offered. Part of the reason for this increase is that First Student will be increasing driver pay once again to recruit new drivers. This increase is comparable to, or perhaps a bit less than, what neighboring districts are negotiating.

## Plainfield School Paving Project

As part of the district's ongoing multi-year Facility Maintenance Program, bids were received for paving work at Plainfield Elementary School. The district worked with Eriksson Engineering in developing specs and bids that were opened on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The bids were evaluated and the lowest, responsible bidder was determined to be Maneval Construction Company. There were nine total bidders with the bidding being competitive. Maneval Construction Company will complete the paving work at Plainfield Elementary School for \$609,950.

## Communications

### Board of Education

Member Garrett recommended the Board review the CDC Youth Survey which she found to be very heartbreaking. Vice President Morley and Member Massa attended the North Cook Division dinner held in Wheeling District 21. Mrs. Morley noted how impressed she was with the district's new Community Center facility that will support the district's learning community as a whole.

### District 62 Administration

**Dr. Michael Amadei**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Mark Bertolozzi**, Assistant  
Superintendent of Business Services

**Kathleen Kelly Colgan**, Assistant  
Superintendent for Human Resources

**Dr. Laura Sangroula**, Assistant  
Superintendent for Instructional  
Services

**Dr. Ellen Swanson**,  
Assistant Superintendent for  
Student Services

**Adam Denenberg**  
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**Elizabeth Juskiewicz**, Director for  
Second Language Learners' Programs

**Jennifer Tempest Bova**, Director  
of Community Relations

**Margarite Beniaris**, Director of  
Student Services

**Allison Brand**, Director of Social  
Emotional Learning

**Dr. Julie Fogarty**,  
Director of Curriculum

**Michael Vilendrer**, Director  
of Operations, Maintenance and  
Transportation

**Christina Bowman**,  
Curriculum Coordinator and Data  
Specialist

**Anel Escamilla**, ELL Coordinator

**Carlos Rojas**, ELL Coordinator

**Erica Tae**, ELL Coordinator

**Jill Dzik**, Student Services  
Coordinator

**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

## Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei also recognized the District 21 Community Center and how the new building will support the community. In addition, Dr. Amadei advised that the Board will receive a presentation from administration in June regarding the strategic plan that will outline outcomes for consideration as the district moves into planning for a new strategic plan this fall. Dr. Amadei and members of his team met with Dr. Soldwedel from the Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC) in anticipation of the development of the new strategic plan. He was very positive about the meeting and looks forward to presenting to the Board of Education in June. Dr. Amadei has met with primary teachers across the district to learn more about the work they are doing, acknowledging how their work, is ever-evolving. Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Mark Bertolozzi addressed the Board regarding a February meeting held with Wight & Company centering around full day kindergarten. Wight & Company will investigate possibilities that include having a grade-level center vs. housing kindergarten at the elementary schools. Mr. Bertolozzi also provided a legislative update, highlighting the fact that over 10,000 bills were introduced in the State of Illinois by the 102nd General Assembly, as compared to 4,476 in California. It's been a very busy legislative season.