

RAISING THE BAR AND CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP FOR ALL STUDENTS

CREATING "AN IMPROVED" ENVIRONMENT THROUGH LINCOLN-IRVING EXPANSION

The Moline-Coal Valley School District has been updating its long-range facility improvement plans over the past several years and taking action to complete various impactful projects across our learning community. This spring, the Board of Education identified its next project which includes the eventual retirement of Willard Elementary along with an expansion of Lincoln-Irving Elementary.



Site for future Lincoln-Irving expansion

Willard is the District's oldest elementary school. It was constructed in 1899 and is now 124 years old. It has the smallest enrollment at approximately 180 students and is not ADA accessible. While it has served district students well for many decades, the challenges due to the age of the building result in an environment that no longer meets current learning standards. Lincoln-Irving Elementary is a neighboring school boundary of Willard and has available land around the school for expansion. With that, the Board of Education has made a long-term investment in the learning environments for current and future students of both Willard and Lincoln-Irving, along with their staff and families.

The Board's plan consists of a brand new addition on to Lincoln-Irving, combining Willard with Lincoln-Irving, and then updating the existing Lincoln-Irving building to match the

new addition. This move will create a large 4-5 section flagship elementary school, similar to Hamilton, which will create a modern learning environment that more effectively meets the needs of 21st century learners. The design and construction phases are projected to take place over the next four academic years. With that projected timeline, in the fall of 2027, Willard students would begin attending the newly renovated and expanded Lincoln-Irving and the Willard school building, constructed in 1899, will finally be retired.

This timeline ensures that the project will be cost-neutral for tax-payers and the goal will be to maintain the current staffing and program levels once the two schools have merged. We look forward to engaging with students, families, and staff in the design process so that together, we can create a wonderful new learning environment for generations of students to come.

FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

Jefferson Early Childhood Center offers preschool screenings for children ages 3-5 who live in the MCV District.

Appointments required
Call 309-743-1904

WE'RE HIRING SUBSTITUTES!

Join the MCV team and make a positive impact on our school community and youth! Now hiring substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and custodians for the 2023-24 school year. Enjoy flexibility and competitive pay! Visit molineschools.org/careers or call Human Resources at 309-743-1600.

Board President Message



As we round out another school year, we would be remiss if we didn't take time to thank everyone who makes each and every school day possible. To our teachers, staff, and administrators, thank you for giving our kids the best education possible; to the City of Moline and Village of Coal Valley, thank you for making sure our kids are safe in our school community; and to our parents, thank you for entrusting the Moline-Coal Valley School District with the most valuable resource this community has - our future! This is truly an exceptional place full of tremendous people who work hard to make each day a little better than the last.

I would also like to welcome our new Board Members Ramona Dixon, Jason Farrell, Lindsey Hines and congratulate our returning Member Audrey Adamson. Members of the Board of Education are volunteers who spend countless hours improving our community through their service to the Moline-Coal Valley School District.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing the students in the fall. Go Maroons!

Andy Waeyaert
Board President

2023-2024 REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION: The online registration process for the 2023-24 school year is open. Families should log in to their Skyward family access account to complete their student's registration online. By completing the registration online, families will NOT need to attend in-person registration unless they have a NEW student to the district, a kindergarten student that did not attend a district preschool, or need to update their address in our records. The registration process, including payment of fees, is completed through the "Skyward Login" link. The link can be found on the district website (www.molineschools.org) under "Parents & Students." If you need assistance with your password, please contact the Educational Technology Department at (309) 743-8989 or the district administrative office at (309) 743-1600.

Onsite registration will be held at **Moline High School PE Center** during the scheduled time listed to the right. **Onsite registration is for NEW students to the district and kindergarten students that did not previously attend a district preschool only. All returning students must register online.**

Skyward Family Access: Skyward Family Access is a convenient home-to-school collaboration tool that allows parents/guardians to keep track of their children's academic progress online via an easy-to-use website. Parents/guardians may visit the password-protected site to view their students' schedules, grades, assignments, daily and period attendance, view meal balances and purchases, as well as adding money to student meal accounts. Parents/guardians can also easily communicate with teachers via e-mail. This system will allow parents to register their students for the upcoming school year.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Educational Technology Department at (309) 743-8989.

DISTRICT REGISTRATION NEW STUDENTS

Tuesday, August 1: 10am-8pm
Moline High School PE Center

(Park in west student lot)
Returning students must register
online and should **not** go to
Moline High School to register.

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CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT RETIREES



Twenty-one staff members retired at the end of this school year with a total of 573.5 years of service! Retirees were honored at an open house in May. To view a list of retirees, visit molineschools.org and then select "Our District" tab.

MEET THE NEW CFO



Welcome to Vince Gallo, new Chief Financial Officer for the district. Gallo brings a broad range of financial and leadership experience from serving at both the state level and local school district level. He most recently served as a Regional Financial Consultant at the Illinois State Board of Education. Prior to the State Board, Gallo served as District Accountant/Human Resources Manager and as Athletic Director for the Shiloh Community School District in Hume, Illinois.

He holds a Master of Business Administration degree with concentrations in Applied Management and Chief School Business Official, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting with minors in Economics and Marketing Communications. Gallo replaces CFO Dave McDermott, who retired in June with 18 years of service.

HVAC IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE IN OUR SCHOOLS

Through strategic use of American Rescue Plan Emergency Federal funding related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Moline-Coal Valley School District is in the middle of an aggressive multi-year plan to install air-conditioning in five elementary schools. Last summer, Logan, Jane Addams, and Butterworth Elementary Schools received air-conditioning and this summer, Lincoln-Irving and Washington Elementaries will receive air-conditioning. The total cost to improve the air-quality and ventilation at these five schools is approximately \$18 million.

Two summers ago, HVAC upgrades at Moline High School were finally completed at an approximate cost of \$15 million funded in part by the Rock Island County 1% sales tax. This strategic investment in air-quality and ventilation helps the District continue with its long-range facilities plan which focuses on equitable learning environments for all students. Upon completion of this comprehensive multi-year project, all District facilities will be air-conditioned with the exception of Willard Elementary and Jefferson Early Childhood Center. This spring the Board of Education took action to eventually retire Willard Elementary, which was constructed in 1899 and is currently 124 years old. More information on the District's full allocation of emergency federal funds related to the Covid-19 pandemic, can be found at molineschools.org, under the District tab.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023

The 148th annual commencement for Moline High School had 501 graduates. Of those, 224 (or 45%) received gold tassels (students with a 3.0 or higher grade point average)! **Five seniors ranked Number One in their class, Simra Babu, Deepak Badri, Maranda Bargren, Zachary Bitner, and Diego Davila.**



SOME IMPRESSIVE STATS ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2023:

- 42 Illinois State Scholars
- 34 Presidential Academic Scholars
- 87 are members of the National Honor Society
- 6 students received the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish
- The class of 2023 raised over \$55,755 to clothe 384 MCV students during Share Joys
- Representatives of this class are heading to military service, college, and skilled-trade apprenticeships and training
- MHS athletes continue to lead the conference in athleticism, character, and academics with 97 scholar-all conference and 99 all-conference athletes
- Boys basketball team won the State Championship
- Eight MHS teams won WB6 titles
- 2023 WB6 Sweepstakes Champions

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



MHS students Arata Ketner and Mia Rocio Rosales received awards from Quad City Arts during the regional High School Art Exhibition.



MHS Boys basketball team made history by winning Moline's first basketball state championship!

Six MHS band students participated in the University of Iowa Honor Band. Ryan Draper, Bella Lopez, Graham Crippen, Eilidh Schaaf, Trace Mullins, and Owen Braddy.



MHS Special Olympics athletes Gyel Gomez won gold for the shot put and Sean Johnson Jr. won gold in the running long jump and 100m run at the State Summer games. Roosevelt's Christ-Phanuel Gato won gold at the Spring games and silver at State in the 50m run.

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DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS



Nine MHS students signed letters of intent for local apprenticeships in Welding and CNC Machining during the High School Apprenticeship Signing Day.



Moline-Coal Valley Board of Education members celebrate the Class of 2023.



Wilson's "School of Rock Club" band students got a glimpse of rock stardom via a local studio recording session and live concert through the Lights on For Learning after school program.



Pictured (left to right) Ramona Dixon, Audrey Adamson, Lindsey Hines, Erin Waldron-Smith, Vice President, Andy Waeyaert, President, Jason Farrell and Chet DeSmet.



Signing day at Butterworth Elementary during kindergarten round-up.



Hannah Perrine displays her Happy Pups Project during Bicentennial's Annual MakerFest Fair.

MAKING MARIACHI MUSIC



Each year, the **Moline Public Schools Foundation** awards nearly \$40,000 in grants to teachers for creative projects and extra classroom materials that are not typically funded by the district. One recent grant will put mariachi guitars into the hands of 5th grade students at Lincoln-Irving Elementary School for years to come.

The idea came to life because teacher Mikaela Simmons wanted to bring the full experience of the school's dual language immersion program into 5th grade music class, too. A grant from MPSF allowed her to purchase 24 classical guitars, storage racks, and a mariachi-specific curriculum. Through the mariachi program, students will learn about culture and connect with the community in new, exciting ways. Starting next year, 5th grade students will learn mariachi tunes on their guitars and perform them during music concerts.



Scan to Donate

In the upcoming school year, 30 MPSF grants will fund everything from flexible seating options and a 3D printer to new books for school libraries and supplemental language, literacy, and math tools. To make a gift to the foundation, scan the QR code or visit www.molinepsf.org. Your dollars will go right into the classroom, funding projects that support creative 21st century teaching and learning.

ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) named 42 Moline High School students as 2023 Illinois State Scholars. The State Scholar Program recognizes Illinois high school students for outstanding academic achievement.



Julian Aguirre, Gabriel Ashmore, Marcie Asuncion, Simra Babu, Deepak Badri, Kiersten Bailey, Maranda Bargren, Alyson Benson, Zachary Bitner, Sophia Brockway, Siri Chintala, Abby Comp, Graham Crippen, Jack Curnyn, Diego Davila, Alec DeLille, Alexander Dickey, Zoey Edwards, Gabrielle Gragg, Olivia Haney, Brock Harding, Corynn Holmes, Anandi Hoogheem, Saheed Jah, Andrew Johnson, Arshdeep Kaur, Nivena McCoy, Paige Melton, Jakob Neihaus, Alex Noack, Nathan Olson, Lillian Oswald, Ezra Pottbaum, Ishank Pujari, Eryn Robertson, Ryleigh Robertsoon, Josephine Roland, Sarah Spurgetis, Braden Thatcher, Noah Thieme, Chase Tholl, and Aurel Viyegbe.

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