



October 16, 2023

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Strategic Plan Action Plan Review

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei provided the Board of Education with an update with progress to date as it relates to the following goal:

Goal 1: Student Growth & Achievement

- Full Day Kindergarten
- Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)

Goal 2: Learning Environment & Students

- Student Voice & Engagement

Updates regarding the district's fall strategic plan process which involves District 62 students, District 207 students, staff, families and community can be found on the [website](#).

Strategic Plan Goal Monitoring: Algonquin and Chippewa Middle Schools

Principal Don Jones and Assistant Principal Patty Tzortzis shared an update from Algonquin Middle School while Principal Juliana Vissering and Assistant Principal Lorence Reid shared on update from Chippewa Middle School. Both presentations centered on how the schools are focused on all five goals of the District 62 Strategic Plan.

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



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Tentative Levy Information for 2023 Tax Year

The Board of Education is required to approve a tentative levy at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the aggregate levy. If the tentative levy is 105% greater than the prior year request, the Board of Education must publish a notice in a newspaper of general local circulation. This notice must be published no more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the public hearing. Over the last few years, the district has seen growth in its Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). There are numerous construction projects taking place in the district, along with a TIF expiring in Rosemont that will require the district to factor in a large value for new construction to ensure that it will capture all the available dollars in the levy. Combined with a CPI increase of 5.0% over last year, the district anticipates levying over 105% of the 2023 levy.

Approval of Mobile/Modular Classrooms at North Elementary School

Due to increasing enrollment at North Elementary School, administration has been investigating the placement of modular classrooms. While the term mobile is often used to describe these spaces, it is probably more accurate to refer to the new classrooms as modular classrooms. After reviewing the proposals, administration would like to lease two modular classrooms with Willscot for a two-year term. Minor details are still being addressed and permit approvals are in the process of being approved. A final cost is still being determined, but the payment to Willscot will not exceed \$220,000 for the two-year lease, which includes lease costs, delivery, and installation of the modular classrooms.

Transfer of Monies from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Debt Service Fund

As required in the Illinois Program Accounting Manual (IPAM), the payment related to long-term debt must be made from the Debt Service Fund. The district does not intend to levy in the Debt Service Fund to pay the debt obligations related to the 2019 Bond issuance. It is the intent of the district to pay the principal and interest on the bonds out of operating funds. In order to meet the district's financial obligations related to the payment of the principal and interest on the 2019 bond issuance, the district must transfer monies from the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Fund to the Debt Service Fund. This is required on an annual basis until the debt obligation is met. The FY24 Final Budget was adopted with the inclusion of the proposed transfer of monies from the O&M Fund to the Debt Service Fund. The transfer requested in the FY2024 budget is \$8,161,250.

District 62 Administration

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Superintendent of Schools

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Services Coordinator

Margaret Sarti, Student Services
Coordinator

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Services Coordinator

Katerina Vaselopulos, Student
Services Coordinator

Communications

Board of Education

Board Member Duckmann reminded the Board that the Illinois Association of School Board (IASB) North Cook Division will hold its meeting on October 30. Board Member Massa reminded the Board that ED-RED will hold a new arrivals conversation regarding how best to support and advocate for funding for newcomer families. Vice President Morley congratulated staff who received grants from the [District 62 Education Foundation](#) last week. Mrs. Morley reminded staff that those grants that reach more students will have a higher probability of being awarded. Board Member Haring announced that October 19 is spirit day in the LGBTQ+ community. Member Haring commented on the ED-RED presentation he attended in early October that featured AI and how it is here today and being used in instruction and society.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei shared that he has had many interactions with families affected by the conflict in the Middle East. Dr. Amadei sent a communication to families last week regarding the recent conflict and how District 62 can support its students. He will continue to remain vigilant and supportive of D62 families. There has been a tremendous amount of work happening with the district safety committee. Although a great deal of what is discussed at the safety committee is not public information, Dr. Amadei reassured the Board that the issue of safety and security continues to be a priority. In addition, Dr. Amadei shared that the first full-day meeting of the strategic plan process known as the Data Retreat will take place on October 17. The strategic plan team is comprised of parents, staff, District 62 students, District 207 students and community members. Dr. Amadei acknowledged that the newcomer students continues to be an area of focus for several schools in the district. ED-RED will host a webinar on October 18 with Representative Crespo regarding the newcomer arrivals in our district with the hope to create awareness and support from legislators, especially as it relates to state funding. Dr. Amadei will also hold a meeting with Senator Murphy on October 19 regarding supports and funding for the district as well, especially knowing that full day kindergarten will become a state mandate in 2027. Dr. Amadei acknowledged that District 62 was honored by the Illinois Chapter/National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA) for a series of videos and projects. Entries were submitted in a variety of categories including annual reports, electronic publications and marketing materials. INSPRA works to strengthen support for Illinois public schools and improve education for students through responsible public relations. Dr. Amadei's closing remarks included acknowledgment of several board members who recently earned Board Leader Recognition status by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for individual time and effort devoted to learning and leadership activities provided by the Association and for service to the public education community. Tina Garrett earned *Established Leader* designation level while Stephanie Duckmann and President Ronald Burton, earned *Legacy* designation level.