



January 16, 2024

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Resolution to Abate Supplemental Levy

In 2021, the State of Illinois passed legislation that requires all counties in Illinois to determine the amount of tax refunds given to taxpayers from school districts and other taxing bodies related to property tax appeals. The total amount of these refunds is then available to be recaptured by taxing bodies through a Supplemental Tax Levy, which is not limited by the property tax cap. These refunds are almost always given to owners of large commercial and industrial properties. For levy year 2023, the amount refunded to District 62 is \$706,733. Given that accepting these supplemental levy dollars has the effect of taxing home owners again to compensate for the district's tax refunds to commercial and industrial taxpayers, the Board of Education has directed Administration to abate the Recapture Tax Levy. The following resolution abates the Recapture Tax Levy in full. The resolution was prepared by attorneys at Franczek and if approved by the Board of Education, it will be delivered to the Cook County Clerk's Office.

Approval of Extended School Year, SPARK, Title I, Title III Summer School and Parent University, Summer 2024

Title I Summer School

This year's Title I Summer School will be held at two locations, Orchard Place and Plainfield schools. The dates for the program will be June 5-July 3, 2024 with no school on June 19. Participating students will attend from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, Monday through Thursday; there will be no classes held on Fridays. Breakfast will be served prior to the start of each school day.

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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 10-June 21, 2024. Families will attend informational sessions from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, 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, from June 5- June 26, 2024 with no school on June 19. The hours of programming will be from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. There will be no classes held on Fridays.

SPARK Summer Camp

In order to provide early childhood 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 June 5-June 26, 2024 with no school on June 19. The hours of programming will be from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. There will be no camp held on Fridays. This is a parent paid program.

Proposed 2024-2025 Calendars for 10-month and Iroquois Community School

The Board reviewed the proposal for the FY25 school calendar for the 10-month schools and Iroquois Community School.

The Board will take action on the proposed FY25 calendar in February.

Communications

Board of Education

Board Member Duckmann reminded the Board of the upcoming North Cook Division dinner. Member Massa reminded the Board of the ED-RED Legislative dinner. Vice President Morley shared that the D62 Education Foundation is planning for its “pizza wars” for the end of February. Member Haring shared that the Des Plaines History Center interviewed its final candidates. President Burton thanked Member Massa and the Forest PTC for inviting him to attend a meeting.

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Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei reflected on the first few days of weather-related e-learning opportunities that took place on January 12 and January 16. The intermittent power outages created challenges on January 12. The last time the district participated in these e-learning opportunities was during COVID. Dr. Amadei collaborates with neighboring districts but also makes decisions in the end that are in the best interest of the Community Consolidated School District 62 learning community. Dr. Amadei acknowledged all staff for the various roles they played during these e-learning days. Dr. Amadei notified the Board that online registration will open on February 20. The Strategic Plan recommendation that was intended for February will be moved to the March Board of Education meeting. Dr. Amadei shared this month's [D62 story](#) highlighting the Fifth Grade Terrace news team led by Library Media Specialist Lisa Raczkowski. Finally, Dr. Amadei recognized Rivers Casino for giving a grant to Library Media Specialist Cathy Borge to go toward a soccer drone program for middle school students in District 62.