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Presentations/Recognitions

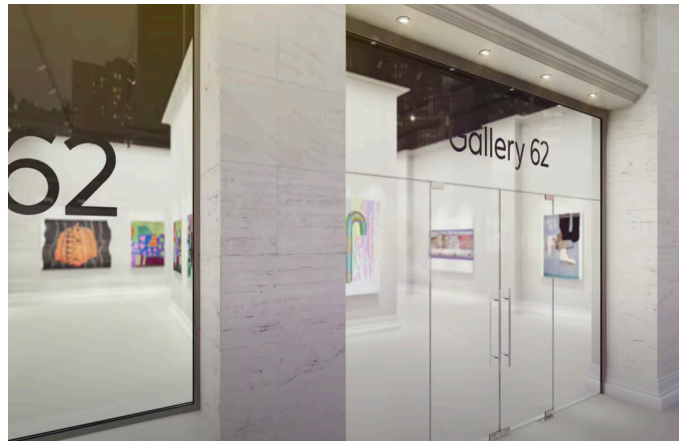
Recognition of Gallery 62 Student Art Awards

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

- Angelee Adasa, Algonquin Middle School
- Meder Abdykalykov, Central Elementary School
- Eva Bors, Chippewa Middle School
- Isabella Greco, Cumberland Elementary School
- Emma Murphy, Forest Elementary School
- Melat Kassa, Iroquois Community School
- Haquim Safdary, Iroquois Community School
- Alexa Garcia Tenorio, North Elementary School
- Denise Bolanos, Orchard Place Elementary School
- Syeda-Zara Fatima, Plainfield Elementary School
- Dakota Doerr, South Elementary School
- Teddy Laya, 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.

Click [here](#) to watch the Gallery 62 video.



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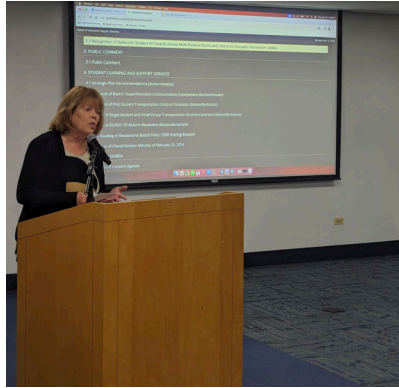
Elizabeth Massa
Member

Jeanette Weller
Member

Margaret Goodchild
Secretary to the Board of Education

District 62 Education Foundation Update

Foundation President Betty Murphy addressed the Board of Education and provided them with an update regarding the Foundation's progress to date.



Student Learning and Support Services Update

Strategic Plan Recommendation

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Amadei as well as administrators and stakeholders provided the Board of Education with the proposed recommendation for the new District 62 Strategic Plan, a process that began in the fall of 2023 and involved collaboration from staff, parents, District 62 students, District 207 students as well as District 207 staff. A copy of the draft recommendation can be found [here](#).

Approval of First Student Contract Extension

The Board approved a three-year contract extension with the district's transportation provider, First Student. The three-year extension will increase safety, security, and service. Starting next year, the fleet of new buses will include air conditioning, real-time cameras, an application for parents to see the location of the buses in route, and scanning equipment to allow students to swipe onto the bus for better student location management.

Communications

Board of Education

Board Member Massa attended an ED-RED meeting that discussed removing polling places from schools. Member Garrett is going to Springfield on April 10 with ED-RED. Vice-President Morley reminded the Board that the Education Foundation's Triva Night will take place on April 26. The Foundation continues to look for new Board members to serve. President Burton announced that the Des Plaines Youth Commission will have a Family Fun Fair on May 11 at Prairie Lakes. Member Garrett attended the District 62 Family Night which featured the

District 62 Administration

Dr. Michael Amadei

Superintendent of Schools

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

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Benjamin Keele, Student Services Coordinator

Kristan Krupinski, Student Services Coordinator

Margaret Sarti, Student Services Coordinator

Brandon Schaefer, Student Services Coordinator

Katerina Vaselopulos, Student Services Coordinator

film, “Angst” at the Westerhold Early Learning Center on March 7.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei completed his Standard Response Protocol training through the [“I Love U Guys” Foundation](#) last month. In addition, Dr. Amadei attended an event at Terrace Elementary School that focused on supporting children with autism. The modular classroom has been installed at North Elementary School. The electrical and data wiring is in process. Summer paving projects will be underway throughout the district. Dr. Amadei shared this month’s [D62 Story](#) highlighting Parent Teacher Council President Meghann Haisch and her volunteer work on behalf of Iroquois Community School. Dr. Amadei also recognized Algonquin Middle School Principal Dr. Donald Jones, for recently earning his doctorate from Concordia University. In addition, he recognized Plainfield Elementary School Principal Dr. Lisa Carlos for being named a Golden Apple Finalist in the State of Illinois.

