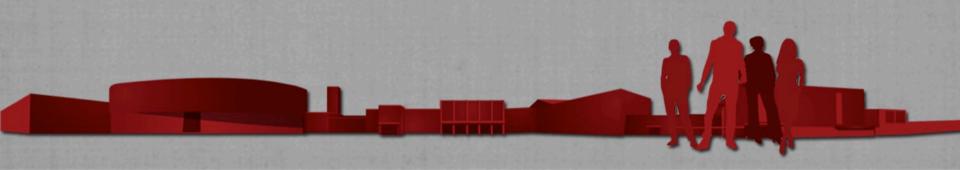
#### THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

# BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 12, 2016

#### SERVING ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITIES:

Blue Island \* Burnham \* Calumet City \* Dixmoor \* Dolton \* East Hazel Crest \*
Harvey \* Hazel Crest \* Lansing \* Markham \* Phoenix \* Posen \* Riverdale \* South
Holland \* Thornton



## Open Session

### Roll Call

#### Pledge of Allegiance



#### Committee of the Whole

- Report from Curriculum Committee
- Report from Finance Committee
- Report from Policy Committee
- Report from Discipline Committee
- Report from Facilities Committee

## Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes: Board Retreat Regular and Executive Session of June 28, 2016
- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting and Executive Session of July 13, 2016
- Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting and Executive Session of August 2, 2016
- Approval of District 205 Bills dated: September 15 through October 12, 2016
- **Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires and Terminations dated October 12, 2016
- Ratification of Application for Recognition of School for 2016-2017

#### Public Participation

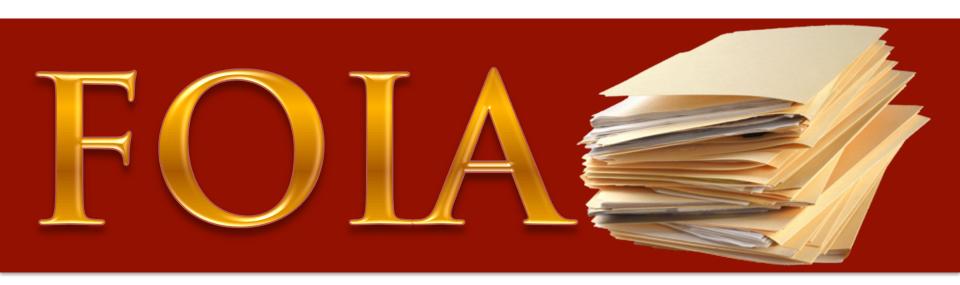
We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the "executive session."

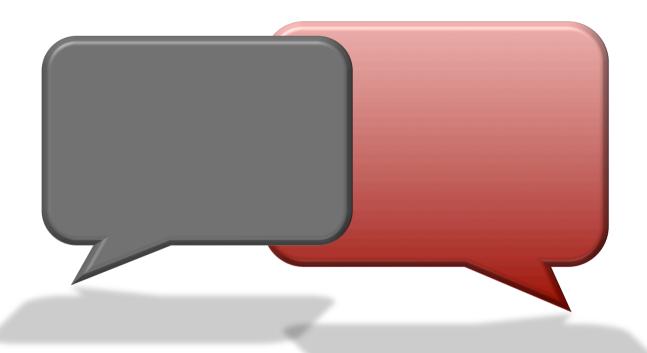
Your name will not be called if you do no sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

#### Freedom Of Information Act

• Dr. Doss



• Mr. Arrington



#### Join the Movement at D205's

# BETTER TOGETHER WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016 10am - 2pm

ASCENSION ST. SUSANNA CHURCH 15234 Myrtle Ave. Harvey, IL

# COMMUNITY FOOD SERVICE SANITATION COURSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>
THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL RM. B104
8AM - 6PM



You are cordially invited to attend the **District 205 PEACE Center Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**. This event will take place Monday, October 17, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will begin at **4:15 p.m.** in the PEACE Center Cafeteria at 306 East 144<sup>th</sup>
Street, Dolton, IL.

This experience will provide a glimpse of how our daily work impacts the lives of the students and families that we serve.

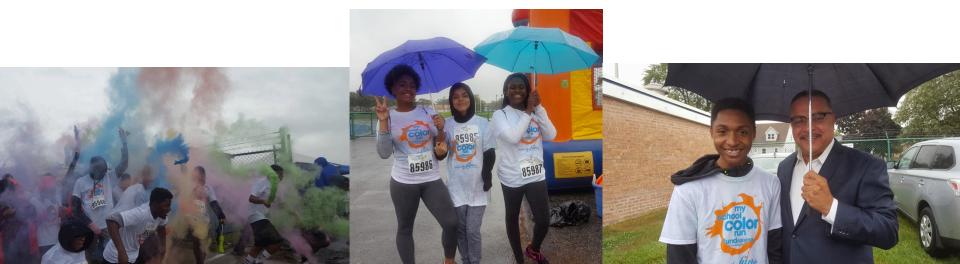
Seniors already this year have taken trips to over 5 universities, and almost 75 colleges have visited out three campuses. The trips our seniors have taken include NIU, University of Illinois, Western & Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, the Navy Pier Job College Fair, and Thornridge High School Hosted a district wide College and Scholarship Fair attended by almost 700 seniors district wide.

The **Infant Care Center** had Grandparents Day on Friday, September 30, 2016.





Run was a huge success. The US Army, the Mayor of Dolton and the police chief, plus over 100 students, staff, and community members were all there despite the weather to show our kids how important their education is. We reached our fundraising goal and are able to provide 2 AVID seniors with scholarships as they continue their education.



TR Football Coach, **Patrick Jennings**, was named the Chicago Bears Coach of the Week. He will be honored on December 4<sup>th</sup> at Soldier Field during the Bears vs. 49ers game.

Jennings led Thornridge to a 20-13 win over Stagg High School last Friday, September 30. The win helped the Falcons improve to 5-1 on the season, the best start for Thornridge since 1971. Friday's victory also snapped the Falcon's seven year losing streak to conference opponents on the road.



Mayor Rogers of Dolton, in conjunction with Taco Bell, will host a **hiring event** for Thornridge High School students on October 18th. Hired students will then begin working at the Taco Bell set to open in December and located at 1323 E. Sibley in Dolton.



An acceptance workshop was held on September 7th for Illinois State University. **36 TR students** were accepted for admission by the college representative.

To date, Thornridge seniors have applied to 216 colleges!

The Wildcat Unified Soccer team won 1st place at the Northern Illinois Area championship Sunday, October 2nd beating Maine South 2 to 1. Guillermo Antolin scored a goal with 2 seconds left in the game to sealed the victory. The Wildcats also beat Metea Valley 6 to 1. Norelle Williams scored 5 goals.

Thanks to Coaches Duoyon and Feltz also Mr. Rivera and The Green's. The Wildcast advanced to State championship in Chicago on 10/15/16.

Congratulations to our *Marching Wildcats* who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 10 participants at the Robert Morris University Marching Band Invitational.





On Friday, September 30, Brooks Middle School students joined the Thornton AVID students for an All-AVID Meeting. TT high school students helped the Brooks students to set up their all-important AVID binder, the juniors led the students in a discussion about the seriousness of their education, the sophomores explained the importance of extracurricular activities, and the seniors shared their regrets in "What I Wish I Could Tell My Younger Self.

It was an outstanding weekend for the Thornwood Special Olympics Flag Football Team. They started off the season taking 1st place in the Springfield Invitational. Each player on the team scored at least once for the t-birds. Samuel Moore played quarterback and did an amazing job leading the team both on and off the field for the weekend, he showed to be a strong captain and leader for the team. The team played amazing defense throughout the entire tournament not letting any team score and went home undefeated.



The **Thunderbird Marching Band** participated in the Columbus Day Parade on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.



Congratulations to the Special Olympics Gold **Team** for taking 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Special Olympics Area 7 Volleyball Tournament at Homewood Flossmoor!!! Congratulations to coaches Lisa Zuccolo and Denard Eaves. Now off to the state competition in Rockford. Go T-Birds!!!



The 100 Black Men College & Scholarship Fair is sponsored by the aforementioned organization to identify high academic students to receive their scholarships and to inform students of college opportunities. Thornwood students were able to meet and possibly gain on the spot acceptance to the colleges of their choice. There were over 100 colleges and universities present. The students came with many copies of their transcripts, ACT/SAT Score sheets, resumes & personal statements to give each college. They were interviewed immediately, if the rep saw fit. 1/3 of our students received immediate acceptance letters from universities such at Tuskegee, Hampton, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Florida Memorial, Philander & Alabama A & M!!! Some of their names are:





Christopher Johnson
Tylisha McKenzie
Mahogany Hart
Deja Askew
Rashaud Colbert
Calvin Golden
Erica Olgetree

Rabiu Fausat



- October 22<sup>nd</sup> the first of our Outlook Academy Students will complete the program. Semester 2 starts on October 24th.
- CSU is offering a Dental Assistant Program that is open to everyone in our community. Students that qualify for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act will receive tuition waivers. For more information, please contact the Department of Continuing Education 773-995-4466 or 773-995-3741. Flyers and more information is available at each of our home schools.
- The Outlook Academy Open House will be Wednesday, October 26, 2016 from 9:30 am 11:30 am. We hope that all Board members and District Administrators will be available to take a tour of our new program. Formal invitations and additional information is forthcoming.

#### Unfinished Business

• Recommended Approval of School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding between Thornton Township High School Dist. 205 and ECHO -

Dr. Swopes (Approval Needed)

• Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip (Special Olympics in Trenton, IL) -

Mr. Porter (Approval Needed)

 Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip (Special Olympics in Rockford, IL) –

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 Recommended Approval of Overnight Field Trip (Special Olympics in Carbondale, IL) –

Mr. Porter (Approval Needed)

• Recommended Approval of Liberty Covenant Church as Administrator for District 205 Afterschool Snack Program— Mr. Horton (Approval Needed)

• Recommended Approval of Absolute Software— Mrs. Brunson (Approval Needed)

 Recommended Approval of Velociti Cabling Installation at Thornwood—

Mrs. Brunson (Approval Needed)

• Recommended Approval of District 205 School Board Policy as Amended—

Dr. Swopes and Mrs. Whittington (Approval Needed)

#### Superintendent's Report

#### Executive Session

- Closed session pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider:
  - "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity."
  - Student discipline
  - Collective negotiating matters, and
  - Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent.

#### Reconvene Open Session

# Action Items Following Executive Session

- Student Discipline
- \* Action Concerning Resolution Rescinding Reduction-in-Force for Certain Teachers
- ❖ Action Regarding Employment Contract Step Increase (3)
- ❖ Approval of Settlement Agreement for Property Tax Assessment Appeal

## Adjournment

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 6:30pm Thornridge High School