



October 21, 2024

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Strategic Goal Monitoring: Central and Terrace Elementary Schools

Principal Dr. Erica Cupuro shared an update from Central Elementary School and Principal Dr. Bradley Stein shared an update from Terrace Elementary School. Each presentation highlights how each school is focused on all five goals of the District 62 Strategic Plan. A copy of the Central presentation can be accessed [here](#). A copy of the Terrace presentation can be accessed [here](#).



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 FY25 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 FY2025 budget is \$6,460,930.00.

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Tentative Levy Information for 2024 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 Tax Increment Finance district (TIF) expiring in Des Plaines 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 Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 3.4% over last year, the district could anticipate levying over 105% of the 2023 levy. However, the Board of Education may choose to abate some of the levy as it did last year.

The Board of Education is required to adopt a tentative levy at the November board meeting. At the December Board meeting, the Board of Education will adopt the final 2024 levy that will be submitted to the county.

Reapproval of E-Learning/Remote Learning Plan

The Board approved revisions to the district's e-learning plan. These modifications enhance our ability to provide effective remote learning experiences for students during adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

Key highlights of the E-Learning Plan:

- Delayed start for synchronous learning: In the event of an e-learning day synchronous instruction that will be held via Zoom, school will begin one hour after the regular start time.
- Synchronous learning target: The new plan sets a minimum expectation of 2.5 hours across the school day for synchronous learning time.
- Emergency Day designation: In the event of an extreme weather event resulting in heavy snow accumulations or widespread power outages, the district would elect to use one of its Emergency Days in lieu of an e-learning day.

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Communications

Board of Education

Vice President Liz Massa enjoyed her visit to Chippewa Middle School's STEAM night. She also attended Forest's Fall Fest which was a great experience. Mrs. Massa extended her appreciation to the schools for their interactions with the communities. Board Members Duckmann, Garrett, Haring, Massa and Morley attended the North Cook Division dinner. Board Member Beth Morley announced that the D62 Education Foundation gave out \$28,000 in grants. The Prize Patrol circulated the schools last week to give out grants to staff. The Foundation held its first pickleball tournament at the end of September. Next up is the Foundation Spelling Bee which will take place on November 6 at the Des Plaines Theater. More information will be forthcoming regarding pizza wars and trivia night. Member Haring commented on the ED-RED dinner which gave the district an opportunity to connect with local legislators. Member Haring appreciated the ED-RED luncheon which featured the Latino Policy Forum. He also enjoyed his time at Central's Walk to School Day.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei attended the Winter Card judging event that was held at the Frisbie Senior Center on October 21. Dr. Amadei extended his thanks to Steve Samuelson who welcomed the district to the Senior Center. Dr. Amadei also attended a recent Optimist Club meeting to learn more about how the district can partner with the club to support students. A Full Day Kindergarten presentation will be on the December agenda. The presentation will include parameters regarding what the district will be able to do in terms of Full Day Kindergarten. Our middle schools have been experiencing an increase in concerning behaviors surrounding social media threats and bringing inappropriate items to school. He thanked the middle school staff for their diligence and support. A communication from the district will be coming soon regarding safe and appropriate practices in school.