



March 17, 2025

Recognition of Those Who Excel winners and 25-Year Employees

The meeting began honoring two staff members who recently received state recognition by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Each year, ISBE honors educators who have made significant contributions to the state's public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. The district recognized Director of Multilingual Programs Elizabeth Juskiewicz who was honored with the Award of Meritorious Service. The district also recognized North Elementary School Second Grade Teacher Audrey Belliveau who received an Award of Special Recognition.

Community Consolidated School District 62 also recognized its 25-year employees for their service to the district:

- Marleny Agudelo (Chippewa Middle School)
- Emily Arens (Chippewa Middle School)
- Jessie Arnold (Iroquois Community School)
- Ann Berger (Forest Elementary School)
- Dr. Erica Cupuro (Central Elementary School)
- Melissa Dane (Forest Elementary School)
- Brooke Dankowski (Chippewa Middle School)
- Tina Farina (Early Learning Center)
- Lisa Gatz (Central Elementary School)
- Daniel Hanley (Algonquin Middle School)
- Jason Hanrahan (Plainfield Elementary School)
- Tamee Hussar (Early Learning Center)
- Gentiana Itellari (Forest Elementary School)
- Margaret Klemundt (Orchard Place Elementary School)
- Abraham Lee (North Elementary School)

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- James Sloan (Forest Elementary School)
- Cathleen Smith (Orchard Place Elementary School)
- Wendy Spyrisson (Chippewa Middle School)



Student Learning and Support Services Update

Strategic Goal Monitoring: Jane L. Westerhold Early Learning Center

Principal Kristovalantou “Valia” Garbis and Assistant Principal Taylor Ivan shared an [update](#) from the Westerhold Early Learning Center.

Their presentation centered on how the ELC is focused on all five goals of the District 62 Strategic Plan.

Design and Construction Update - Pepper and STR

The Board received Pepper Construction’s budgetary estimated range for the construction to support Full Day Kindergarten. The budgetary estimate range is used for reviewing proposed design options and creating an understanding of construction costs to assist the design team and ownership with their decision-making process for completing the project design. The design is currently at the program level and therefore a range of costs is being presented to represent the potential varying levels of project scope that can develop as the design progresses.

The estimate was based on the following documents:

- Kindergarten Studies Document dated 12/10/2024 (excluding North Elementary)
- Kindergarten Studies Document dated 01/10/2025 (North Elementary Only)
- Typical Kindergarten Room (Pair Shown) Document dated 02/25/2025

District 62 Administration

Dr. Michael Amadei

Superintendent of Schools

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Kathleen Kelly Colgan, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Amy Cengel, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Dr. Ramona DeCristofaro, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

Adam Denenberg, Chief Technology Officer

Jennifer Tempest Bova, Director of Community Relations

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Dr. Julie Fogarty, Director of Curriculum

Elizabeth Juskiewicz, Director of Multilingual Programs

Heidi Rudy, Director of Student Services

Michael Vilendrer, Director of Operations, Maintenance and Transportation

Christina Bowman, Curriculum Coordinator and Data Specialist

Anel Escamilla, Multilingual Coordinator

Electra Giannakopoulos, Multilingual Coordinator

Karina Paul, Multilingual Coordinator

Erica Tae, Multilingual Coordinator

Jill Dzik, Student Services Coordinator

Benjamin Keele, Student Services Coordinator

Angela Riggio, Student Services Coordinator

Brandon Schaefer, Student Services Coordinator

Katerina Vasselopoulos, Student Services Coordinator

Consent Agenda

Principal of Algonquin Middle School

Julie Goolish was named Principal of Algonquin Middle School at the March 17 Board of Education meeting.

“I am grateful and honored to serve as Algonquin Middle School’s next principal,” said Julie Goolish. “I am committed to working collaboratively with staff and families to ensure the academic and social emotional growth and development of all students.”

Goolish has served as the assistant principal of Eisenhower Junior High in Schaumburg District 54 since 2023. Prior to that, she held assistant principal positions in various schools in Schaumburg District 54. She also spent time in District 54 as a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) coach, behavior specialist and a junior high special services teacher.



“We are thrilled to welcome Julie Goolish to the Algonquin Middle School community,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Amadei. “Her experience, dedication to student success and commitment to fostering a positive learning environment make her an ideal instructional leader for Algonquin. I am confident that Ms. Goolish will build upon the school’s strong foundation and guide it towards continued excellence.”

Communications

Board of Education

Board Member Morley recognized the Board for receiving the Illinois Association of School Board (IASB) Governance Recognition this year. According to IASB, the “School Board Governance Recognition” program acknowledges school boards that learn and practice effective governance behaviors as identified in IASB’s Foundational Principles of Effective Governance, through participation in and support for board development programs and events. In addition, Member Morley appreciated the keynote speaker who presented on the topic of Artificial Intelligence. Member Morley thanked the Frisbie Senior Center for their support of the District 62 Education Foundation’s Trivia Night which raised quite a bit of money for the Foundation. Mrs. Morley extended her sincere thanks on behalf of the Foundation for the support of the community that made the event such a success. Member Garrett encouraged the community to vote on April 1. Member Weller noted that she and her children attended the Des Plaines Youth Commission Family Fun Fair on March 15. She enjoyed seeing District 62 principals and area organizations in attendance. Member Weller also commented on the success of the District 62 Education Foundation Trivia Night.



Superintendent

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Amadei acknowledged those Board members who were recognized by the Illinois Association of School Board for their achievement in the Board Leader Recognition Program. Dr. Amadei commented on his attendance at the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) conference. He left the conference with some interesting takeaways, some of which centered around safety. Dr. Amadei echoed the sentiments shared about Triva Night. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together and have fun. Dr. Amadei thanked Central Principal Dr. Erica Cupuro, Orchard Place Principal Mrs. Jennifer Bautista, Cumberland Principal Mr. Marc Infante and Cumberland Assistant Principal Ms. Tina Mazzone for their attendance at the Des Plaines Youth Commission. In closing, Dr. Amadei shared this month's [62Stories video](#) featuring the North Elementary School "family time," in which a certified teacher and 8-10 students from every grade level come together each month to learn, share and connect with one another.

