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Student Learning and Support Services Update

Year-end Monitoring of Long-Term Community Relations Plan

Director of Community Relations Jennifer Tempest Bova provided the Board of Education with an overview of department highlights for the 2024-2025 school year. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Approval of North and Orchard Place Elementary Targeted School Improvement Plans

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires schools with underperforming subgroups to participate in a multi-year Targeted School Improvement Plan. This designation applies when specific student populations score below state-defined thresholds on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). In the 2022-2023 school year, Orchard Place Elementary was identified for Targeted Support due to the performance of Children with Disabilities (students with IEPs and 504 plans) in grades 3-5. Their Overall Index Score was 34.02, below the target of 35.40. In the fall of 2024, North Elementary received the same designation for this subgroup based on 2023–2024 IAR data. As Orchard Place and North Elementary transition into the next implementation phase of their school Improvement Plans, each school is eligible for ISBE grant funding under Title I, Part A, Section 1003. These funds are used to support each school’s action plans. The first year of the School Improvement Plan is designated as a planning year, during which stakeholder engagement and root cause analysis take place. Each school develops its goals, priorities, and a strategic set of action steps to address identified areas of need. The planning year is followed by three years of implementation. Each year, schools will report progress to the Board of Education and seek formal approval for the next year’s action plan.

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Review of Demographic Trends and Enrollment Projections Study

Per the professional agreement approved by the Board of Education, Dr. John Karsarda has completed the Demographic Trends and Enrollment Projections report as outlined below.

Dr. Kasarda performed a district-wide demographic study, along with 5-year and 10-year district enrollment projections. The demographic study includes three series of enrollment projections, by year and by grade through 2033–2034 for the district as a whole and its schools. The study includes an overview of the community, discussion of trends, and a 20-year enrollment history. It should be noted that the impact of newcomers that the district has welcomed over the last few years has not been included in this survey. The key takeaway of the Kasarda Survey is that the district is likely to see slight increases in enrollment over the next decade.

Communications

Board of Education

Board President Elizabeth Massa began by recognizing Board Secretary Margaret Goodchild for her work and contributions to District 62. Members of the Board of Education also echoed President Massa's comments. President Massa congratulated all 8th grade students who were recently promoted. President Masssa attended the ED-RED Mini Summit held at Glenbrook North. She expressed her gratitude to ED-RED for a wonderful Summit. Member Garrett noted that she and Vice-President Duckmann attended the ICS Promotion Ceremony. Member Garrett spent time with community members this weekend and expressed how she enjoys meeting with community members as a whole. Member Morley attended the final Education Foundation meeting of the 2024-2025 school year. Fundraiser information will be forthcoming including a Trivia Night. Member Haring was very happy to speak at the Algonquin Middle School Promotion Ceremony. Member Haring was also pleased to attend the Pride event with the City of Des Plaines as well as the Memorial Day Ceremony event.

Superintendent

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Amadei shared that the district met with the City of Des Plaines to continue planning for National Night Out on August 5. Dr. Amadei is heading to Bloomington-Normal on June 22 to support the six District 62 athletes that will be heading to state for Special

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Olympics. Finally, Dr. Amadei showed the [62Stories video](#) for June that featured our Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) and how multilingual families are supported each and every day right here in D62.

Dashboard: Workers Compensation Data 2019-2026

The source of information used in this report was the Claim and Accident Analysis provided by our workers' compensation provider. The district realized a substantial increase in its experience modification for FY25 to 1.39. The experience modification is calculated based on a three-year average over FY21-FY23. The claim costs and number of claims over these three years are higher than usual. While the district experience modification went up in FY26, it went up slightly due to 2021 falling out of our three-year average and 2024 being added. With the usually large claims year scheduled to fall out of the average next year, the experience modification will likely decline next year. The benefit of being part of a pool is that the district is better able to spread out risk, and one or two difficult years doesn't impact your experience modification nearly as much as unfavorable trends. A copy of the report can be accessed [here](#).

