



July 21, 2025

Moment of Silence for Correa Family

President Elizabeth Massa began the meeting by observing a moment of silence for Brenda, Leonardo and Armando Correa who tragically passed away in July. Ms. Correa was a beloved staff member at the Westerhold Early Learning Center and Leonardo and Armando attended Algonquin Middle School.

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Student Performance Monitoring: Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and FastBridge

The presentation on student performance monitoring is intended to provide the Board of Education with a review of student assessment outcomes for the 2024-2025 school year. The presentation includes a fall to winter comparison of student performance results in math, reading, and social-emotional development from the following locally-based assessments:

- Kindergarten through 2nd grade students: FastBridge assessments
- 3rd-8th grade students: NWEA's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
- Kindergarten through 8th grade students: Social Academic Emotional Behavior Rating Scales (SAEBRS) SEL Screener
- Tier 1 SEL Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI)

A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).



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Review of Summer Programs and Review of 2025-2026 Kickoff

The district's Educational Services Team provided the Board of Education with an overview of the district's summer programs as we anticipate another school year in District 62.

This year's Summer School was held at two locations, Orchard Place Elementary and Plainfield Elementary Schools from June 10 through June 27, 2025. This program was primarily funded through our Title I grant with a portion coming from the Title III grant. Instruction during our summer programming focused on Reading, Writing and Math. This year incorporated STEM activities at all grade levels to promote student engagement, collaboration, and critical thinking.

Consistent with state and federal special education mandates, District 62 offered Extended School Year (ESY) programming for IEP eligible students at Cumberland Elementary School and the Westerhold Early Learning Center. The primary goal of ESY is to help students with disabilities maintain the skills and progress they have achieved during the regular school year, preventing regression and ensuring they can continue to benefit from their IEP. The program ran for a total of three weeks, beginning on Tuesday, June 10 and ending on Friday, June 27. A total of 158 students attended.

In order to provide preschool students with an opportunity to attend a summer program, SPARK Summer Enrichment Program was held at the Westerhold Early Learning Center. The program ran for three weeks, from June 10 and ending on Friday, June 27. This was a parent paid program.

Iroquois Community School began their school year last week. Staff returned on Monday, July 14 to prepare for the new year and to host a "meet and greet" with staff and families. Students in 1st through 8th grade started on Wednesday, July 16 and ICS kindergarten students began on Thursday, July 17.

As we prepare to welcome our 10-month students and staff back for the 2025-2026 school year, we are getting ready for a variety of professional learning events. Below are some of the highlights:

- Professional Learning Lead Training (August 7): Professional Learning Leads will get an in-depth orientation to key district initiatives, including Structured Literacy, while equipping them to facilitate content, and effectively lead professional learning and change efforts across our district.
- New Teacher Week (August 11-14): During New Teacher week we

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will be welcoming over 40 new teachers to the district, connecting them with their mentors, and helping them prepare for the start of a new school year.

- Teacher Leadership Institute (August 14): Leading Through Change and School Improvement Planning
- Institute Days for Staff (August 18-20)

Consent Agenda

Multilingual Learner Coordinator

Maggie Bialobrzkeski was appointed Multilingual Learner Coordinator. Ms. Bialobrzkeski comes to District 62 with extensive experience, including having taught internationally. Having been born in Poland, Ms. Bialobrzkeski is a former English learner herself and has a deep respect for the process and learning.

Bialobrzkeski comes to the district with 10 years experience as a Polish bilingual and English learner teacher at District 21, where she honed her skills in supporting diverse student populations. After this, she spent two years as a Polish bilingual specialist at Pleasantdale School District 107. Additionally, she gained international experience by living in Shanghai, China with her children for one year while she worked at Concordia International School as an English Learner Coach for PreK-2.



“I am honored to be joining the District 62 team as a Multilingual Coordinator,” said Bialobrzkeski. “I look forward to working with students, families, and educators to create opportunities that empower every multilingual learner to thrive academically and culturally.”

Communications

Board of Education

Board Member Ronald Burton thanked everyone who attended the Independence Day parade. President Massa thanked Mike Vilendrer and his Operations and Maintenance team for all the work they did to close out the school year. It is a reflection of our care for the students we serve.

62 COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT Curiosity • Compassion • Courage		
AUGUST 2025		
5	4-6 P.M.	EARLY LEARNING CENTER COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR 1375 SOUTH FIFTH AVENUE, DES PLAINES
5	4-8 P.M.	FOOD TRUCKS AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ALGONQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL / FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
5	5-8 P.M.	DP POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ALGONQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL / FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
5	5-8 P.M.	REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS ALGONQUIN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 767 EAST ALGONQUIN ROAD, DES PLAINES
11	7 P.M.	BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING IROQUOIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 1836 EAST TOLUHY AVENUE, DES PLAINES
21		1-8 GRADE 10-MONTH STUDENTS RETURN
22		10-MONTH KINDERGARTEN AND ELC STUDENTS RETURN

Superintendent

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Amadei recognized Parent University's success this summer. Dr. Amadei noted how grateful he was to have the Special Olympic athletes, families and District 62 staff attend City of Des Plaines parade. National Night Out is coming soon on August 5 in conjunction with a Community Resource Fair and AMS Registration Night that evening.