CommunityConnections

Keeping stakeholders informed about ***Community Consolidated School District 93***

December 2025

Dear Community Member,



Thank you for your ongoing partnership with Community Consolidated School District 93 (CCSD93). Your support enables us to provide meaningful learning opportunities and essential services for the more than 3,300 students we serve from preschool through eighth grade. Our learners come from parts of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream and Hanover Park and attend our Early Childhood Center (ECC), six elementary schools and two middle schools. Below are several important updates we are pleased to share with you.

CCSD93 Schools Earn Top Designations, Outperform State in New ISBE Report Cards

At the end of October, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released its School Report Cards, which include data from the 2024-25 school year. These reports provide a detailed look at school performance across Illinois. Each school receives one of four designations: Exemplary, Commendable, Underperforming or Lowest Performing. Designations are based on student growth and proficiency in English language arts (ELA), math and science, along with indicators such as attendance and survey results.

I am happy to report that:

- Roy DeShane Elementary School earned the state's highest rating of Exemplary, placing it among the top 10% of schools in Illinois.
- All other CCSD93 elementary and middle schools received the Commendable designation, the second highest possible. *Note: preschools, including our ECC, do not receive designations.*

These results show that our schools, and the diverse student groups within them, continue to perform above state-established thresholds for success.

This year, ISBE adjusted the "cut scores" that determine proficiency on state assessments. The changes lowered thresholds for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in ELA and math to provide a more accurate reflection of student learning, while raising thresholds for the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) to better align with national standards. As a result, CCSD93 saw greater than usual increases in ELA and math proficiency and a decrease in science proficiency compared to last year.

With the updated cut scores applied statewide, CCSD93 students continued to outperform Illinois averages in all three tested subjects, exceeding state proficiency rates by:

- +2.0 percentage points in ELA
- +3.1 percentage points in math
- +6.6 percentage points in science

In addition to proficiency, CCSD93 places significant emphasis on student growth. We measure this by partnering with student data analysis experts to set individualized expectations for each learner based on statistical projections from their prior performance, and then assessing how many students meet or exceed those targets compared with what would be expected. Our students continue to show stronger than expected growth, reflecting the dedication they, our staff and our families bring to maximizing the academic, social and emotional potential of each student.

Strategic Dashboard Tracks Progress

As we continue implementing our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, we are closely monitoring progress on key performance indicators that measure each of its strategic priorities, including student growth and proficiency data, on our Strategic Dashboard. I invite you to explore it at ***www.ccsd93.com/Dashboard*** and view our full School Report Card data at ***www.ccsd93.com/Transparency***.

Please review the rest of this edition of *Community Connections* for additional news and information from CCSD93.

Sincerely,

David H. Hill, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMATIVE DESIGNATIONS

All CCSD93 elementary and middle schools earn one of the top two state designations!



Commendable



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Student Growth & Success in Action Across All

Each day, in countless meaningful ways, students throughout CCSD93 are encouraged to challenge themselves, aim high and take ownership of be fearless learners, engaged citizens, skilled communicators, thoughtful visionaries and self-empowered individuals. CCSD93's passionate educ relationships. Below are just a few glimpses of the unique learning experiences taking place this school year. To explore more about this visio

Early Childhood Center



Preschool students study a tree outdoors, sketching details as they learn its parts, why leaves change and how plants help us. The exploration strengthens curiosity and observation skills.

Carol Stream Elementary



Kindness Club meets regularly to spread goodwill and plan school-wide caring activities. A prime example: all students add their own acts of kindness to a chain celebrating the school's spirit of compassion.

Elsie Johnson Elementary



Students in all grades explore artist Frida Kahlo's paintings, analyzing their symbolism and connection to identity. Inspired by Kahlo's work, each crafts a personalized butterfly with self-affirmations.

Heritage Lakes Elementary



Student Council members organize a Snack Drive inviting peers to donate prepackaged food for classmates in need. With grade level competitions, the event promotes generosity and school pride.

Western Trails Elementary



Third graders design forest shelters using simple materials like popsicle sticks and clay. They test their structures against rain, snow and wind to see how they withstand the elements.

Jay Stream Middle School



For more, watch video at www.ccsd93.com/ForensicArson!

In Forensic Arson class, students use scientific thinking to explore how fires start. With local fire department support, they build and test models to observe fire behavior and practice investigative skills.

CCSD93 Schools

f their growth. The district's vision is that by 8th grade, its students will cators nurture these traits through dynamic instruction and supportive on, the Portrait of a CCSD93 Graduate, visit ***www.ccsd93.com/POG***.

Cloverdale Elementary



Fifth graders explore early American colonies by examining Mystery Boxes filled with historical clues. Working in teams, they use evidence to identify each region and share discoveries with classmates.

Roy DeShane Elementary



During a lively *Book Tasting* event, students explore this year's Bluestem nominees by browsing covers, reading summaries and rating interest to guide their reading choices throughout the year.

Stratford Middle School



Students learn about wellness and positive habits during *Stallion Strong Day*. Community partners lead discussions about healthy routines and strategies for maintaining balance each week.

Commitment to Excellence in Financial Stewardship

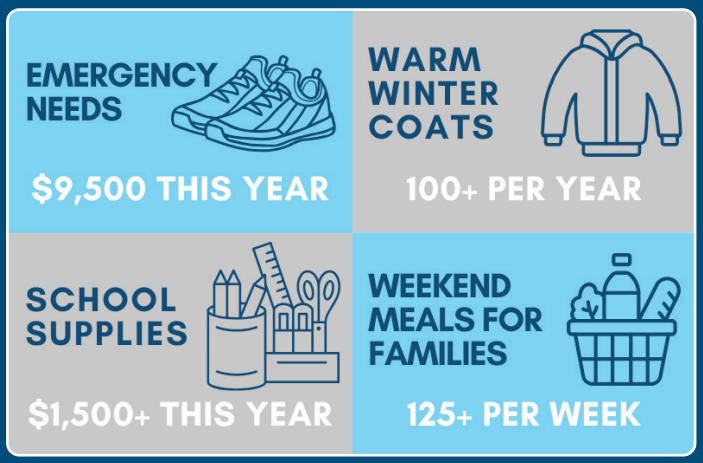


CCSD93's Strategic Plan emphasizes not only the success of every student but also a steadfast commitment to operational excellence through the responsible management of public funds.

Demonstrating this commitment, an independent auditor recently confirmed the district's continued record of exceptional financial stewardship. CCSD93 earned its 38th consecutive Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) and its 34th Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada. These distinctions highlight the district's enduring dedication to transparency, accountability and the effective use of taxpayer resources.

Community members are invited to review CCSD93's budget, financial reports and more by visiting our business and finance webpage at ***www.ccsd93.com/Business***.

Supporting D93 Students for Success



CCSD93's nonprofit, the D93 Kids Foundation, helps students maximize their potential by ensuring those in need receive essential resources for success, as highlighted in the first three sections of the image above. The district provides added support through its partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, sending weekend meals home with students for their entire family, as shown in the final section. Community members interested in contributing to the D93 Kids Foundation can visit ***www.ccsd93.com/donate***.

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Stakeholder input is a priority of CCSD93. Please contact us with any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have about items within this newsletter or anything else related to CCSD93.

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CCSD93's District Office is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.!

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View **Board of Education** info & meeting dates at www.ccsd93.com/Board.

Visit www.ccsd93.com/Calendar for a complete **calendar** of CCSD93 events.

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Mark Your Calendar to Register Young Ones for 2026–27!

Preschool Registration

6:00 p.m. on 1/22/26
CCSD93's Early Childhood Center
280 Old Gary Ave., Bloomingdale, IL 60108
For children who will be 3 or 4 years old on or before September 1, 2026.
Visit www.ccsd93.com/Preschool for more!

Kindergarten Registration

7:00 p.m. on 2/26/26
Held online at www.ccsd93.com/Kindergarten
For children who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2026.
Log onto the website for more!

CCSD93 IS HIRING!

We're always looking for dedicated and talented individuals to join our team!

Current Openings:

Paraprofessionals - $19.25/hr
No experience necessary!

Substitute Teachers - $160/day
No experience necessary!

Bus Drivers - $25/hr + $2,500-$5,000 sign on bonus
No experience necessary! Employed through FirstStudent.

To apply for these positions and more, visit www.ccsd93.com/Jobs!