

A Year of Growth and Achievement

A closer look at how learning, facilities and community work came together for students in 2025

Student Learning

Celebrated strong state report card results, expanded literacy efforts across the district, and introduced new middle school resources in ELA, world language, math, and career exploration

Facilities

Reopened a fully modernized Ravinia School, launched major renovation projects at Sherwood and Braeside Schools, and installed a first-of-its-kind geothermal system at Ravinia

Belonging and Community

Earned a districtwide "No Place for Hate" designation, welcomed new board of education members, supported communitywide efforts like the FUNd Run and Day of Giving

Preparing for the Future

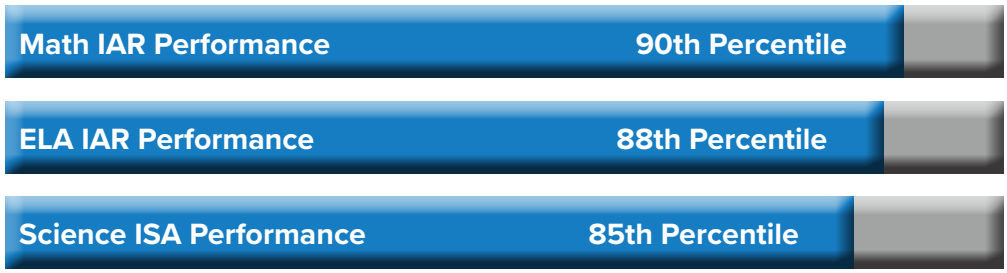
Approved a Strategic Change Agenda shaped by community input and began planning for a unified K-5 dual language home at Oak Terrace with a focus on student success

D112 Earns Top Marks on 2025 Illinois Report Card

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released the 2025 Illinois Report Card this fall, and North Shore School District 112 earned strong results across all schools. **Every school received a commendable or higher** designation, with **Braeside School earning the state's highest rating of exemplary**. Student achievement also continued to rise on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, marking five consecutive years of improvement in English language arts and mathematics. Similarly, students performed well on the Illinois Science Assessment.

You can find the full state report card by searching for our district at **www.illinoisreportcard.com**.

D112 student performance on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment in comparison to statewide results from spring 2025 testing



"Our progress is a testament to the hard work of our students and staff, along with intentional efforts we have made across the district. We continue to raise expectations for every student each day."

-Dr. Michael Rodrigo, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning

Our Wildly Important Goals

LITERACY

GOAL: Increase the percentage of students meeting or exceeding grade-level proficiency in English language arts, as measured by IAR, by 6% by the end of 2026-2027.

Across all nine District 112 schools, focused work is underway to strengthen literacy for every student. This effort has included:

- Strengthening teacher support through coaching and student learning data
- Expanding training for staff and school leaders on literacy, instruction, and feedback
- Increasing classroom visits and follow-up support focused on literacy
- Using districtwide staff learning days to move literacy instruction forward across schools



D112 Teachers are participating in literacy-focused professional development. The goal...boost engagement, build confidence, and help students tackle new material with success.

DUAL LANGUAGE



GOAL: A Task Force will design and launch a stakeholder-informed implementation plan for the phased consolidation of the K-5 dual language program into Oak Terrace.

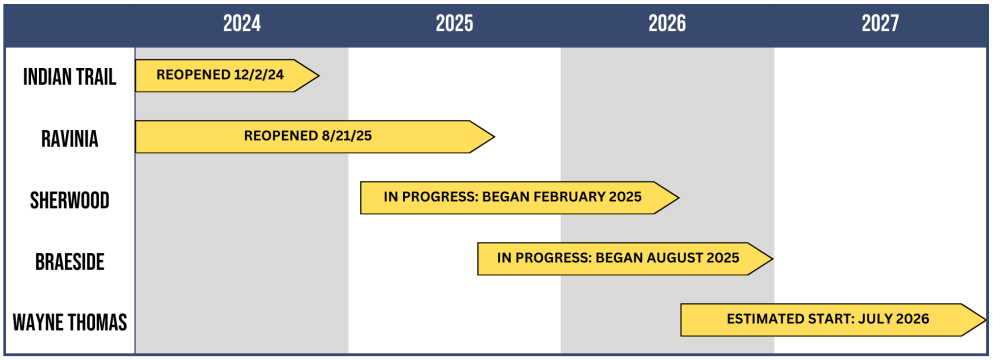
The district's Dual Language Task Force has met in full to guide this work and establish a shared direction. Three subcommittees are now actively leading key parts of the work:

- **Student Success:** Focuses on learning, instruction, and student supports
- **Family Engagement:** Focuses on communication and family outreach
- **Facilities and Operations:** Focuses on space, logistics, and daily operations

Follow our progress on both Wildly Important Goals (WIGs) at www.nssd112.org/OurWIGs.

Transformational Progress Across Our Schools in 2025

Phase 2 of the Long-Range Facilities Plan advanced in a major way this year. Indian Trail completed its first full year in a modernized building, Ravinia reopened, construction began at Sherwood and Braeside, and design work continued at Wayne Thomas, all made possible by the community's support of the 2022 referendum.



Sherwood



A brand-new gym and cafeteria are part of the full renovation, which will also include updated classrooms.

Braeside



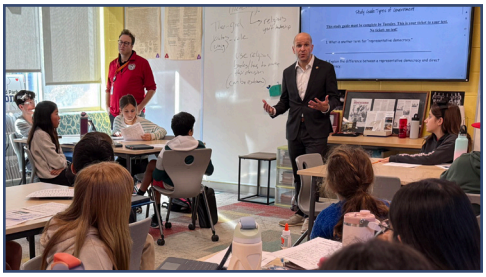
The historic building is getting upgrades that preserve its classic style while adding amenities.

Wayne Thomas



The final Phase 2 project will deliver improvements on the same scale, including a redesigned library.

Meet Our New Principal...For a Day



State Representative Bob Morgan recently spent a day at Northwood as principal for a day. He visited classrooms, met with students and staff, and learned more about the school's programs and day-to-day operations.

"We're fortunate to have such outstanding schools here in the 58th District, and even more fortunate to have students who are thoughtful, engaged, and wise beyond their years," Rep. Morgan said.

Pizza, Anyone?

Middle school students brought plenty of creativity to a pizza-making challenge organized by OrganicLife. Staff members judged the entries, and the students delivered pies that could rival any local shop. The winning pizza was added to the lunch menu at both schools. Great work by all of our student chefs!



Leading the Way in Data Privacy

D112 was awarded the Trusted Learning Environment Mini Seal from the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) for work in protecting student data. Only seven districts in Illinois earned this recognition. Thank you to our technology department, whose careful attention to privacy practices helps keep student information secure.

Mystery Solved



Sixth graders stepped into the role of detectives during a Mysteries and Investigations unit in ELA. Students moved through hands-on crime scene stations to learn how fingerprints, footwear impressions, and DNA analysis factor into real investigations. With guidance from Director of Safety and Security Solvei Jurmu and Highland Park Police Officer Teresa Stadler, students worked together to crack the case!

No Place for Hate

All nine schools are working toward renewing their No Place for Hate designation for the 2025-2026 school year. Each school is leading activities that promote respect, inclusion, and allyship, continuing our districtwide commitment to creating safe and welcoming learning environments for all students.



Supporting Local Families

One of the best traditions in D112 is the annual Day of Giving, and this year's event lived up to it. Thank you to SaLT, Service and Learning Together, for leading this important effort, and to the staff, students, and families who donated their time.

SaLT partnered with D112 schools to support nearly two hundred local families, collecting food, gifts, winter gear, and other essentials that volunteers sorted and packed at Northwood before delivering them throughout the community.



NORTH SHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT 112

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26-27 registration opens for all grades on February 2, 2026. Visit nssd112.org/registration.

Want to stay updated on district news? Scan the QR code to join our community email list!

Is your child beginning kindergarten in the 2026-2027 school year?
¿Su hijo comenzará el jardín de infantes en el año escolar 2026-2027?

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Experience the benefits of bilingual education with our Dual Language Program

For 30 years, North Shore School District 112 has proudly offered the Dual Language Program, a Spanish and English immersion experience for students from preschool through eighth grade.

Why choose Dual Language?

- **Bilingual Excellence:** Students develop proficiency in both Spanish and English.
- **Academic Achievement:** High academic standards are maintained in all subjects.
- **Cultural Competence:** Students embrace and appreciate diverse cultures.

How It Works:
Classrooms are balanced with Spanish and English speakers, taught by skilled bilingual teachers. The integrated curriculum includes reading and writing in both languages.

PROGRAMA DE LENGUAJE DUAL

Experimenta los beneficios de la educación bilingüe con nuestro Programa de Lenguaje Dual

Durante 30 años, el Distrito Escolar 112 de North Shore se enorgullece de ofrecer su Programa de Lenguaje Dual, una experiencia de inmersión en español e inglés para estudiantes desde preescolar hasta octavo grado.

¿Por qué elegir el Lenguaje Dual?

- **Excelencia Bilingüe:** los estudiantes desarrollan competencia tanto en español como en inglés.
- **Rendimiento Académico:** Se mantienen altos estándares académicos en todas las materias.
- **Competencia Cultural:** los estudiantes adoptan y aprecian diversas culturas.

Cómo Funciona:
Las aulas están equilibradas con hablantes de español e inglés, impartidas por maestros bilingües capacitados. El plan de estudios integrado incluye lectura y escritura en ambos idiomas.

Visit nssd112.org/dual-language or scan the QR code to learn more

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Dual Language Program Information Nights
Programa de Lenguaje Dual Noches de Información

January 13, 2026 at Oak Terrace (in English), 6:30 p.m.
January 14, 2026 at Oak Terrace (en Español), 6:30 p.m.

Is your child ready for the Early Childhood Program?

The North Shore School District 112 Early Childhood Program provides a nurturing and engaging environment for our youngest learners. With rolling enrollment for children as they turn 3, highly qualified educators, state-of-the-art facilities, and a commitment to inclusivity, the program ensures every child thrives while preparing for their future educational journey.

Visit www.nssd112.org/early-childhood to learn more!