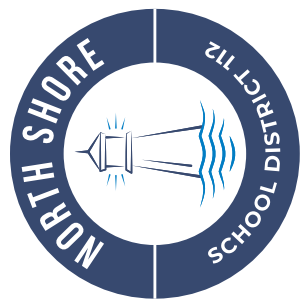




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INSPIRE. INNOVATE. ENGAGE.

Now Hiring!

Now hiring for the 2025-2026 school year.
Visit careers.nssd112.org for info or to apply.

Register for 2025-2026!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open for all grades, including kindergarten. Visit nssd112.org/registration.



Breaking Ground at Sherwood!
Our next modernization project is officially underway.

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In February, I had the honor of addressing the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce at their State of Education event, where I shared the many great things happening in North Shore School District 112. We continue to excel in the key areas we focus on each year.

On the annual Illinois State Report Card, three schools—Ravinia, Sherwood, and Wayne Thomas—earned the top “exemplary” designation, up from one last year, placing them in the top 10% of schools statewide. The district’s other six schools received “commendable” ratings, ranking near the top 10% in Illinois.

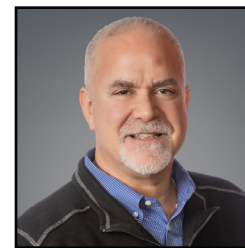
Academically, our students continue to demonstrate steady growth on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in both English language arts (ELA) and math, with proficiency levels rising for four consecutive years. Their performance remains strong compared to students across the state.

Our outstanding staff continues to express high satisfaction and engagement, as reflected in the strongest results we’ve ever seen in our annual culture survey.

We are also making great strides in modernizing our schools, with renovations completed at three buildings and four more underway.

I’m proud of our district’s progress and all we’ve achieved. At the same time, I’m excited about where we’re headed as we continue striving for excellence.

To reiterate what I expressed to the Chamber of Commerce: the state of education in North Shore School District 112 is strong!



Michael Lubelfeld, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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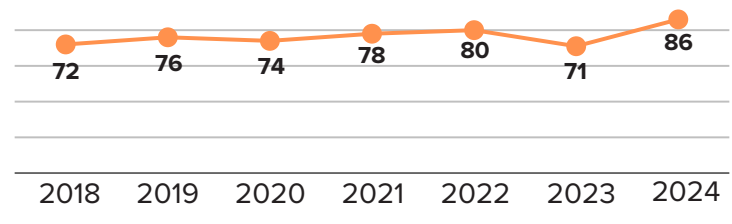


Dr. Lubelfeld addresses local business owners as part of February’s State of Education event, hosted by the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce.

In math and English language arts (ELA), D112 students exhibited high proficiency on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) compared to students across the state.

Math Proficiency	91ST PERCENTILE
ELA Proficiency	84th PERCENTILE

Since 2018, D112 staff have completed an annual survey on engagement and satisfaction. In 2024-2025, a record high 86% reported feeling highly engaged and satisfied.



We are committed to continuous improvement through the High Reliability Schools (HRS) framework, a research-based model that ensures a safe, supportive and effective learning environment. Schools progress through five levels, each reflecting their dedication to excellence.

Where Our Schools Currently Stand

Level 1: Safe, supportive, and collaborative culture	Indian Trail, Edgewood
Level 2: Effective teaching in every classroom	Braeside, Northwood, Oak Terrace, Ravinia, Red Oak and Sherwood
Level 3: Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum	Wayne Thomas

Modernizing Our Schools: Long-Range Facilities Plan Update

This three-phase initiative is transforming our schools to enhance learning environments and ensure students and staff have the resources and facilities they need to thrive.

WHAT'S COMPLETE?



Northwood Completed and opened in 2021	Edgewood Completed and opened in 2023	Indian Trail Completed and opened in 2024
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WHAT'S IN PROGRESS?



Ravinia Construction expected to be completed in spring 2025 and opened in August 2025	Sherwood Construction expected to be completed in spring 2026 and opened in August 2026
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WHAT'S NEXT?



Braeside Construction expected to begin in fall 2025 and completed in 2026	Wayne Thomas Construction expected to begin in 2026 and completed in 2027
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The board of education, in collaboration with district administration and community input, is actively developing plans for Phase 3. Multiple options are being explored to ensure the best path forward for our schools.

Visit nssd112.org/phase3 to follow the progress of the Phase 3 conversation.

Inside the Classroom: What's New in Curriculum?

We are dedicated to high-quality instructional resources that enhance student learning. Our review and update process ensures students receive engaging and effective education.



Dr. Leah Kimmelman, director of curriculum and instruction, with middle school instructional coaches Rebecca Condon and Alexandra Gorodiski, presents recommended English language arts resources to the board at the February meeting.

How We Select Curricular Resources

- ✓ **Evaluation:** Teachers and administrators set criteria and assess all potential options.
- ✓ **Research:** Curricular materials are reviewed for alignment with state standards and district priorities.
- ✓ **Community Input:** Families and students share input on their needs and preferences for resources.
- ✓ **Collaboration:** Consultations with the high school and neighboring districts provide additional insights.
- ✓ **Adoption:** A recommendation is presented to the school board for review and approval.
- ✓ **Implementation:** Selected resources are adopted and supported with training.

Recently Updated Resources

Kindergarten through 5th Grade
Social Studies - 2022
English Foundational Skills - 2022
Spanish Foundational Skills - 2023
English Language Arts and Spanish Language Arts - 2024

Middle School
Science - 2024
World Language - 2025
English Language Arts - 2025



Honoring Our Dedicated Staff

Each year, North Shore School District 112 proudly celebrates staff members reaching milestone years of service. This year, we honored 90 dedicated employees for their commitment to our schools and students.

Milestone Recognitions:

- 5 years: 28 staff members
- 10 years: 20 staff members
- 15 years: 14 staff members
- 20 years: 14 staff members
- 25 years: 12 staff members

Thank
you for
serving our
community!

Special shoutout to Braeside teacher Andi Simon for 30 years of service and Sherwood custodian Paul Luce for 40 years!



What an incredible showcase of creativity! The D112 Art Show, part of Youth Art Month at the Art Center of Highland Park, featured outstanding artwork from K-8 students.

Northwood's Husky University gives students the freedom to choose from a variety of activities, allowing them to explore interests throughout the school year.



EDGEWOOD
PARTICIPATES
IN
CHARITY

Edgewood's EPIC Week brought the community together for fundraising and activities, raising an impressive \$16,000 to support cancer research and make a meaningful impact. Great job, Edgewood!

D112 Educators Recognized by Illinois State Board of Education



North Shore School District 112 is proud to celebrate Jill Baranowski and Douglas Smithenry, who have been recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education's *Those Who Excel* program. Baranowski, a speech-language pathologist at Braeside Elementary, received the Award of Special Recognition, while Smithenry, a first grade dual language teacher at Oak Terrace, earned the Award of Meritorious Service.

"Jill and Doug represent the very best of our district," said Superintendent Dr. Michael Lubelfeld. "Their passion, creativity and commitment to student growth set an inspiring example for our entire school community." They will be honored alongside educators from across Illinois at an ISBE banquet in May.

WGN Teacher of the Month



Congratulations to Ravinia first grade teacher Andrea Dunning, who was recognized as WGN TV's Teacher of the Month! Mrs. Dunning and her class were featured in a special segment that aired in December, highlighting her impact in the classroom.

Board Approves Important Admin Hires

In recent months, the board of education approved several administrative appointments, including Enrique Castro as director of multilingual learners, Rachel Filippi as executive director of personnel services, Nicole Rodrigo as director of early childhood, Dr. Michael Rodrigo as assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, and Sarah Yoo as Ravinia associate principal, all effective July 1, 2025.



Rachel Filippi and Michael Rodrigo, both former principals in the district, will take on key roles at the central office in 2025.