



**THORNTON TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205**  
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# **BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**October 7, 2026**



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# OPEN SESSION

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# ROLL CALL

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# PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



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# COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

- A. Report from Curriculum Committee
- B. Report from Finance and Facilities Committee
- C. Report from Policy Committee
- D. Report from Discipline Committee

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# CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- A. Approval of Regular and Executive Session Minutes dated September 9, 2026
- B. Approval of District 205 Bills: Dated September 9, 2026 through October 6, 2026
- C. Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated October 6, 2026
- D. Ratification:
  - i. Approval of Thornton HS Cross-Country Invitational, Overnight Trip, Peoria, IL, October 2-3, 2026.

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# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to three minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.*

*In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the "executive session."*

*Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.*

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# **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

DR.DOSS

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# NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

DR. RATLIFF

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# THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## PBIS Program Highlights & Student Incentives

DAILY EARNING FRAMEWORK (UP TO 3 PTS / CLASS)



### 1 Pt: Punctuality

Arriving on time and prepared for instruction.



### 1 Pt: Active Participation

Consistent academic engagement and effort.



### 1 Pt: Leadership

Teacher discretion for exceptional conduct.

Positive Behavior Interventions  
& Supports

# 64

Students Redeemed 150 Points Each



New Incentive: Points can now be redeemed for monthly after-school enrichment field trips!

Reward: Lynwood Skating Rink Excursion

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# THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The band participated in the 2026 Chicago Football Classic High School Battle of the Bands! We had the opportunity to perform outside of Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois, and then watch the bands from Mississippi Valley State and Lincoln University.



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# THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## Falcon Academy

- Most Saturdays
- 47 students attended Falcon Academy (9/26)
- Students received tutoring assistance in several content areas

Teachers and Falcon Academic Coaches

Coming soon:

- ACT Prep
- Credit Recovery
- Community Service Projects
- Character Education



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# THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

## TTHS BAND HIGHLIGHTS

On Sunday, August 9, 2026, the Wildcat Marching band performed at the Ford Stamping Plant in Chicago Heights, IL for the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the plant operation. In partnership with the UAW local 588 members at the plant, students performed a 6 song set featuring Michael Jackson, Selena, Janet Jackson, and various 90's pop stars. The band also performed the TTHS school song, and Mr. Bielecki found some TTHS alumni to help conduct the band. The students performed exceptionally well!



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# THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday, September 10, 2026 students from Thornton Township High School received a chance to participate in the Jesse L. Jackson National Teen Voter Registration & Youth Empowerment Day at the Historical Rainbow PUSH Coalition Headquarters. Students moved from learning about democracy to participating in it through voter-registration assistance for those eligible, a discussion of HB 4339 and its significance, Know Your Rights activities, youth speakers, entertainment and civic-engagement programming.

## National Teen Voter Registration



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# THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL



## TTHS CULINARY DEPARTMENT TEAM UP WITH PARENTS

Our second **Breaking Bread: Nourishing Families Cooking Series** session was another success! We had **9 parents show up and show out** for an evening of good food, great conversation, and time spent connecting with other families.

This session featured a delicious **Sunday Dinner-inspired menu**, including crispy oven-fried chicken, collard greens with smoky sautéed mushrooms, cinnamon and brown sugar roasted sweet potatoes, Hoppin' John with herb rice pilaf, and a peach cobbler cheesecake shooter for dessert.

Thank you to everyone who came out and made the evening so special! We love seeing our families **breaking bread, building connections, and enjoying time together.** ❤️

Special Thanks to Chef Tasha Coaxum!



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# THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



From the opening of this season, these ladies were locked in! Not sure if there has been a more dominant program to date.

A huge congratulations to our UNDEFEATED THUNDERBIRD LADIES FLAG FOOTBALL scholar-athletes and coaches on a record setting regular season... 11-0 and not 1 game was even close!!!

Lady Thunderbirds are competing in the 2nd round of the playoffs... Wish them luck!

Way To Go T-Birds!!!



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# THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Thunderbird Nation celebrated with pride & spirit their 54th Homecoming Week with a community parade, football game and dance!



**Homecoming Court**  
Freshman Princess: Je'Hari Jones  
Junior Princess: Kaylin Swain  
Junior Prince: Bentley Boyd  
Homecoming Queen: Kai'El Watson  
Homecoming King: William Buckner



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# THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Thornwood's Own – Amira Hondras

Our very own, Amira Hondras was featured on Channel 5 on October 2, 2026.

South Holland's native Amira Hondras is now a women's professional baseball champion after Los Angeles won the World Series crown in the inaugural women's pro baseball league!

Amira earned a  
**Full Ride Scholarship**  
to  
**Monroe University**  
in New York!



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# NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Turn Up for Peace- Dr. Doss

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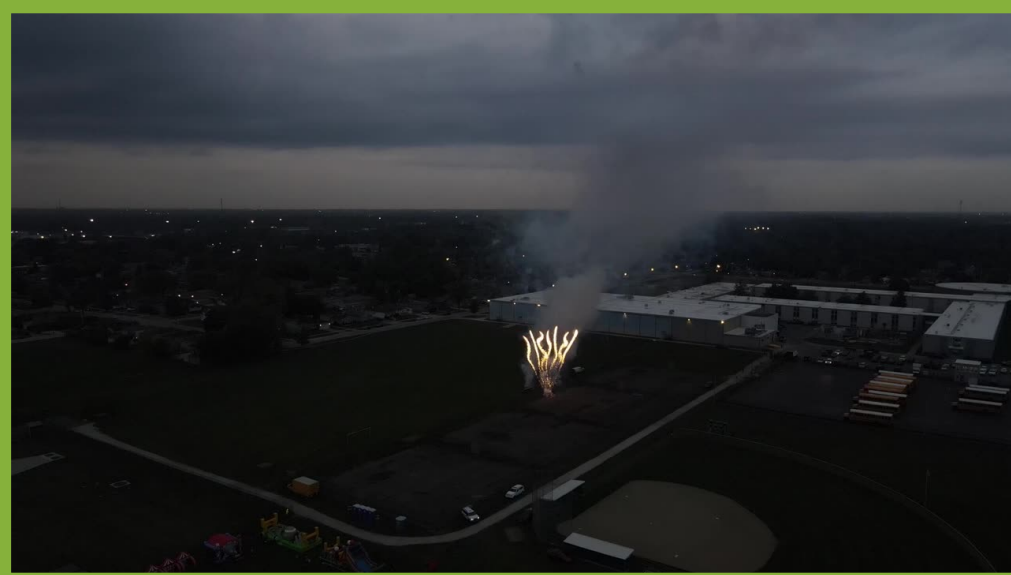
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**WELCOME**



**TURN UP FOR PEACE**

**FALL FESTIVAL 2026**





**BIGGER.  
BETTER.**



**STRONGER.**



**BOUNCE HOUSES**



**GAME  
TRUCK**



**VENDORS**



**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

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**TURN UP  
FOR PEACE  
FALL FESTIVAL**

PRESENTED BY THE THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205 STUDENT BOARD

**SATURDAY**  
**OCTOBER 17TH**

PERFORMANCE STAGE - FUN ZONE - FREE FOOD  
LIVE DJ - LOCAL VENDORS - FIREWORKS SHOW

**FREE  
ENTRY  
ALL  
DAY!**

**12PM - 6PM**  
THORNRIIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
15000 S COTTAGE GROVE AVE

REP YOUR SCHOOL!

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**SCAN TO RESERVE  
YOUR TICKET!**



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# SATURDAY

## OCTOBER 17TH



**PERFORMANCE STAGE - FUN ZONE - FREE FOOD  
LIVE DJ - LOCAL VENDORS - FIREWORKS SHOW**

# 12PM - 6PM

# FREE ENTRY ALL DAY!



**THORNTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL  
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**REP YOUR SCHOOL!**

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# NEW BUSINESS

B. Possible Action Concerning a Resolution Authorizing the Registration and Protection of District Trademarks and Designating an Authorized Signatory- Dr. Doss

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# NEW BUSINESS

## B. Recommended Approval: PRESS Plus Policy Update for Issue 122- Dr. Doss

- i. DRAFT UPDATE, Issue 122- 2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board; 3:30 Chain of Command; 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease; 5:70 Religious Holidays; 5:240 Suspension; 6:70 Teaching About Religions; 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues; 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities; 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities; 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities; 2:120-E3 Resolution to Appoint a Delegate to the Illinois Associate of School Boards Delegate Assembly
- ii. DRAFT UPDATE- REWRITTEN, Issue 122- 2:70-E Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment; 2:220- E1 Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes; 2:220-E3 Closed Meeting Minutes; 2:220-E5 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes; 2:220-E8 Board of Education Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs; 7:330 Student Use of Buildings- Equal Access
- iii. REVIEW AND MONITORING, Issue 122- 2:30 School District Elections; 3:40 Superintendent; 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent; 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal; 3:70 Succession of Authority; 4:120 Food Services; 5:110 Recognition for Service; 5:140 Solicitation By or From Staff; 5:185 Family and Medical Leave; 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer; 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance; 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

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D. Possible Action Concerning Transportation Services Contracts- Dr. Anderson

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E. Recommended Approval: Food Service Contract Amendment- Dr. Johnson

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F. Recommended Approval: Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County Sheriff's Office-  
Dr. Johnson

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G. Recommended Approval: School Maintenance Project Grant- Dr. Johnson

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H. Recommended Approval: BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative- Dr. Johnson

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# NEW BUSINESS

I. Possible Action to Approve Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Township Trustee of Schools- Dr. Johnson

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# NEW BUSINESS

J. Recommended Approval: ECHO Classroom Lease Agreement- Dr. Johnson

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# NEW BUSINESS

K. Recommended Approval: Resolution Verifying Previous Adoption of Budget- Dr. Johnson

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# NEW BUSINESS

L. Recommended Approval: District Fiscal Year 2027 Procurement Plan Resolution- Dr. Johnson

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# NEW BUSINESS

M. Possible Action Concerning a Resolution declaring the intention to issue not to exceed \$20,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law- Dr. Johnson

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# NEW BUSINESS

N. Possible Action Concerning a Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell not to exceed \$20,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District- Dr. Johnson

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# EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:

- i. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
- ii. Student discipline;
- iii. Collective negotiating matters; and
- iv. Pending, probable or imminent litigation

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# RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Regular Meeting**

**November 12\*, 2026**

**THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

*(Date Change in lieu of Veteran's Day)*

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