School District 12 Update

October 20, 2026

From the Desk of Dr. Mary Henderson

Calendar, Events and Links

2026-27 School Year Calendar

Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Park East High School

Board Meeting Agendas

District 12 website

Safety Threat Report

Dear D12 Families,
Fall is here, and this is always a busy time in our schools! Please see below for important updates and information.

We Appreciate Our Principals!

This Friday, October 23, is Principal Appreciation Day. We are grateful for the commitment and dedication to our District that Ms. Petelle and Mr. Molby demonstrate on a daily basis. We encourage families to send a note to let them know they are appreciated.

School Calendar

At last week's Board of Education meeting, the Board approved a revised 2026-27 school year calendar. The last day of school, ***if no emergency days are used***, will be Friday, May 28.

Board of Education Elections

Next April, elections for seats on Boards of Education will take place in Illinois. District 12 will have three seats up for election. If you are interested in running for a seat, you may find information on the process and requirements here. If you have questions about the role of a school board member, time commitments, etc. please feel free to reach out to me at mhenderson@sd12.org or our Board of Education President, Dr. Kim Duris, at kduris@sd12.org.

Cultural Fair

Last week's Cultural Fair was a tremendous success! I love seeing many of our learners proudly showcase their heritage, and each year seems to outdo the one before with interactive games,

amazing food, and cultural dress. This has quickly become a "can't miss" event! Thank you to our EL team for taking the lead in the planning. I also appreciate the number of staff from both schools who stayed after hours to help with set up, facilitate the event and model the value we place on celebrating the cultural diversity in our District.

This school year seems to be flying by as we head into the final two months of 2026. I hope you find your parent-teacher conferences to be valuable and informative and that you are able to join us for the many events taking place before Winter Break. Next up: Our annual Halloween parade at SHS!

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson
Superintendent
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