THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205
Nathaniel Cunningham, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

November 12, 2026



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OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

A. Approval of Regular and Executive Session Minutes dated October 7, 2026
B. Approval of District 205 Bills: Dated October 7, 2026 through November 11, 2026
C. Personnel: Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated November 11, 2026
D. Ratification:
   i. Approval of Thornwood HS Girls Tennis State Competition, Overnight Trip, Rolling Meadows, IL, October 21-22, 2026
   ii. Approval of Thornton HS Cross Country Sectional, Overnight Trip, Metamora, IL, October 30-31, 2026
   iii. Approval of Thornton HS Boys Basketball, Boylan Thanksgiving Invitational, Overnight Trip, Rockford, IL, November 24-25 and 27-28, 2026

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.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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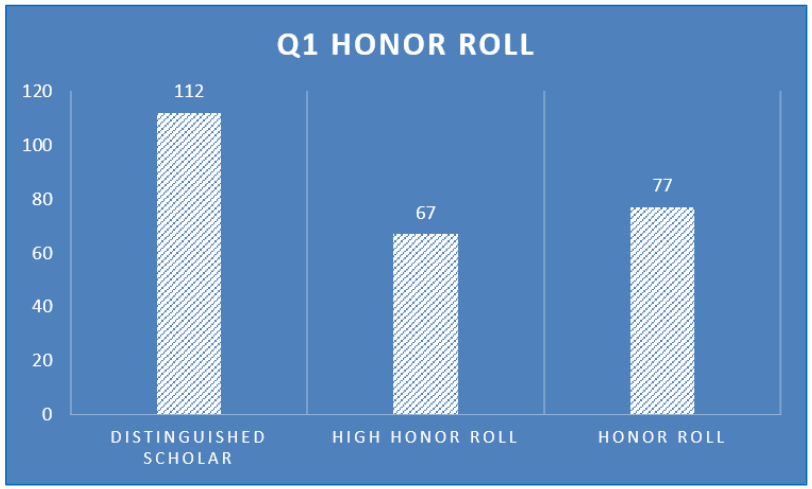
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NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOLS

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THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL





32% of our student body has achieved Honor Roll Status for Q1

THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Enrolled, Enlisted, Employed

College & Career Center along with AVID students from **all grade levels, AVID and Non-AVID**, are exploring post-secondary opportunities:

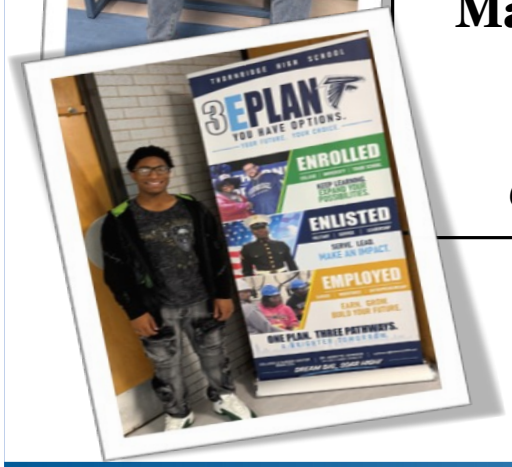
- Northwestern
- Illinois State Universities
- South Suburban College
- Paul Simon Job Corps for career training exploration.

Up Next: ASVAB testing for interested students on November 19th.



THORNRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL





2026 QuestBridge National College Match Finalists

Jaleil Bibbs
and
Caleb Aidedji

Leading the Class of 2027

Chase Britton

- **27** college acceptances
  - 18 HBCUs
  - $337,312 in scholarships



THORNTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations!

Quarter 1 Honor Roll Students

Total = 568

Freshmen - 145	Sophomores – 141	Juniors - 138	Seniors - 144

Honor roll students were celebrated with certificates and homemade cookies. Special thanks to the Advanced Culinary Students for baking and serving homemade chocolate chip cookies.









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CONGRATULATIONS

- Our Boys' Cross-Country team for becoming back-to-back Southland Conference Champs
- Our Girls' Cross-Country team for placing 3rd in the Southland Conference
- Our Boys Soccer Team for placing 3rd in the Southland Conference
- Our Boys Football Team for making the playoffs for the first time since 2019!!



THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

2026 SAC Conference Champions

History has been made!
For the first time since 1999, Boys Soccer brings home a championship title!

Congratulations to the staff, players, coaches, and everyone who supported the program on its return as an independent team.

We look forward to continue representing the school and community in a positive manner.

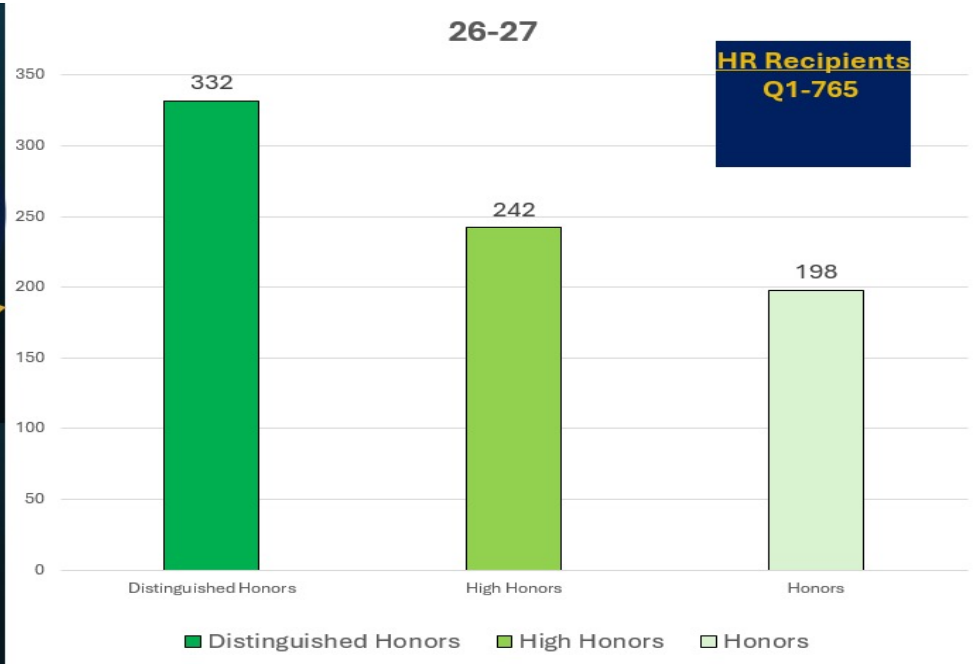




THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

For the 1st Quarter – (**765**) TW Students have reached honor roll status!
(**332**) Students – Distinguished Honors (**242**) Students – High Honors (**198**) Students - Honors





THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

6 Senior Varsity football players have received scholarship offers to continue education and football aspirations at the next level! Congrats to: DJ Green – Todd Gossett – Je'Mauri Jones – Xavier Rodgers – Kavion Young – Jayden Lester



SPECIAL OLYMPICS HIGHLIGHTS

District 205's Special Olympics program is underway, with highlights this year including swimming medals, volleyball, and floor hockey participation.

Basketball has also begun, with additional games scheduled through January. The attached photos celebrate our athletes' accomplishments, teamwork, and school pride.

We remain committed to providing opportunities across multiple sports and seasons throughout the school year and sharing updated schedules with families and the community.

Special Olympics

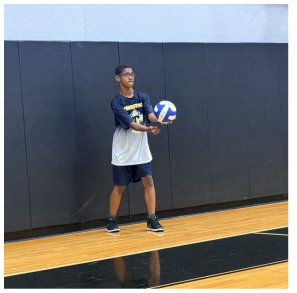
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SPECIAL OLYMPICS HIGHLIGHTS

SWIMMING, FLOOR HOCKEY, & VOLLEYBALL TEAM SPIRIT













NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Turn Up for Peace Excellence- Dr. Ratliff


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THORNTON
DISTRICT 205
30
DOUBLE
10
OUT
RULES
03/08/94-12/01/2020

NEW BUSINESS

B. Recommended Approval: Intergovernmental Agreement between the District and South Suburban Community College District 510- Dr. Ratliff

NEW BUSINESS

C. Presentation: Tentative Tax Levy 2026- Dr. Johnson

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Presentation of the Tax Levy

2026

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Timetable for Tax Levy Adoption



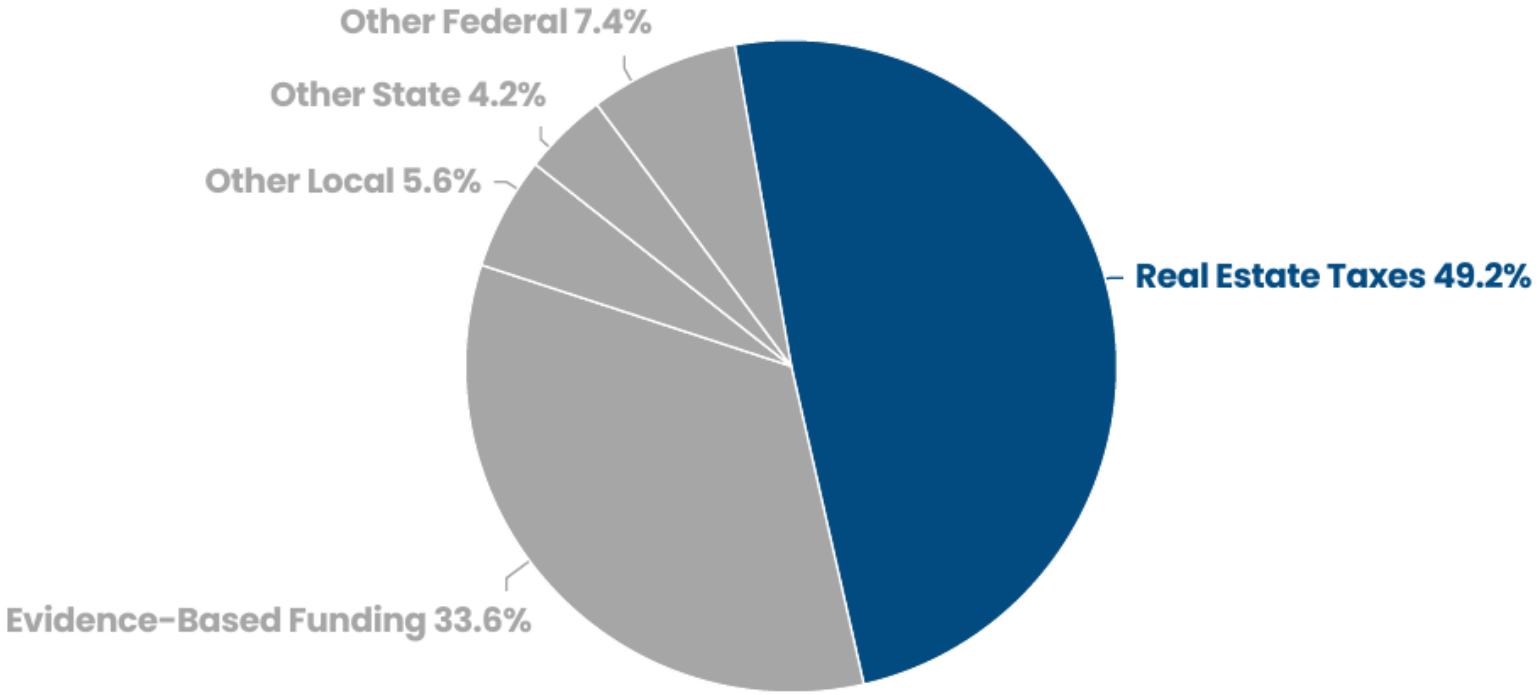
November 12, 2026
Estimated tax levy presented to the School Board

December 9, 2026
The Board of Education approves the 2026 tax levy

December 29, 2026
The District must file necessary documents with the County Clerk by the last Tuesday in December

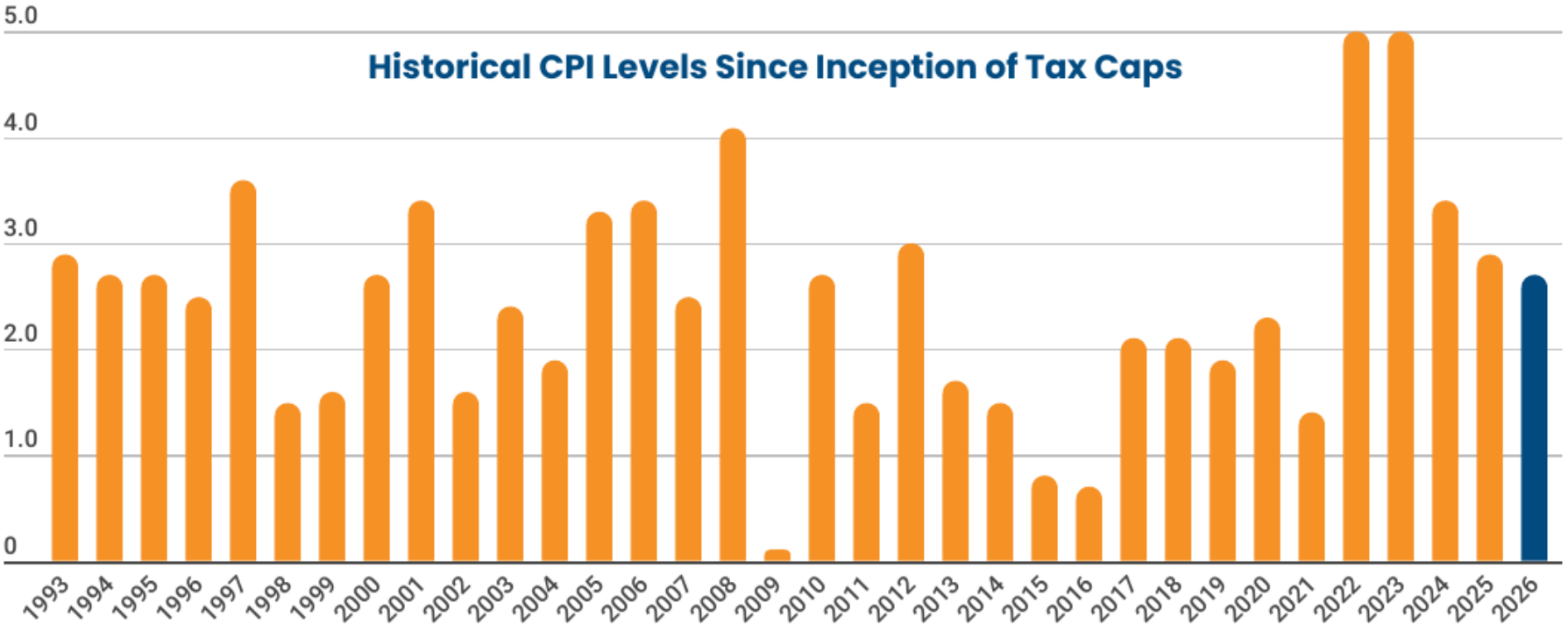
Breakdown of District Revenues

Real Estate Taxes Comprise 49.2% of Budgeted Revenues



CPI History

Tax Revenue Growth Capped by Lessor of Rate of Inflation (CPI) or 5%



The CPI cap for the 2026 tax levy is 2.7%

New Taxable Property in the District

New Taxable Property Allows for Tax Revenue Growth to Exceed CPI

Rule of Thumb:

Each $1 million in new taxable property EAV ($3 million in market value) generates approximately $50,000 of additional revenues above tax cap limits

Estimated New Taxable Property:

For the 2026 tax levy, new taxable property EAV is estimated at **$20 million**. This would generate approximately **$1,000,000** of revenues to the District above the CPI growth cap.

Levy Year	New Taxable EAV
2016	5,443,000
2017	9,298,000
2018	8,170,000
2019	4,665,000
2020	21,578,000
2021	10,328,000
2022	2,492,000
2023	7,662,000
2024	23,476,000
2025	7,923,000

Recommended 2026 Tax Levy

Captures Maximum Allowable Capped Growth (2.7%) Plus Anticipated Revenues from Estimated New Taxable Property

Fund Description	*2025 Extension*	2026 Levy Request
Education	*70,172,268*	**74,896,000**
Operations & Maintenance	*6,780,407*	**7,000,000**
Transportation	*11,623,539*	**14,000,000**
Working Cash	*678,034*	**700,000**
IMRF	*48,422*	**50,000**
Social Security	*1,452,944*	**50,000**
Life Safety	*0*	**0**
Liability Insurance	*0*	**0**
Special Education	*0*	**0**
Leasing	*0*	**0**
Total Cap Funds	***90,755,614***	**96,696,000**

2026 tax levy request is 2.7% above the district's prior year tax extension plus the Property Tax Relief Grant abatement.

Public Act 103-0394 Report

Annual Expenses

Operational Funds	FY 2024 Audit	FY 2025 Audit	FY26 Unaudited	3-Year Average
Education	106,005,000	112,523,000	114,476,000	111,001,333
Operations & Maintenance	19,453,000	27,323,000	18,974,000	21,916,667
Transportation	12,178,000	15,091,000	13,320,000	13,529,667
Total - Operating Funds	137,636,000	154,937,000	146,770,000	**146,447,667**

Unaudited Fund Balances - June 30, 2026

Operational Funds	Fund Balance
Education	98,665,000
Operations & Maintenance	908,000
Transportation	2,526,000
Total - Operating Funds	**102,099,000**

Fund Balance/Average Expense

Operational Fund Balance (6/30/26)	**102,099,000**
Three-Year Expense Average	**146,447,667**
Fund Balance/Average Expense	**69.7%**

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End of Presentation

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NEW BUSINESS

D. Public Hearing: Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell not to exceed $20,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District; approval of minutes concerning same- Dr. Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

E. Recommended Approval: Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Proceedings before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board- Dr. Johnson

NEW BUSINESS

F. Recommended Approval: Construction Manager Contract Documents & Fee Proposal- Dr. Johnson

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Possible Action Concerning Teacher Suspension Without Pay Following Review Hearing
B. Possible Action Concerning Employment of Communications Coordinator
C. Possible Action Concerning Student Expulsion

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting

December 9, 2026

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