



February 21, 2023

Student Learning and Support Services Update

Review of Budget Assumptions

Assistant Superintendent Mark Bertolozzi of Business Services provided the Board of Education with initial budget assumptions for development of the 2023-2024 Budget. School district budget assumptions fall into four components: revenue, expenditure, enrollment and staffing. Below are highlights of the budget assumptions:

Property Tax Levy – The two factors that impact the levy are new property and the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The district will project a maximum of \$140 million in new property, which is an increase over prior years due to increased development in Des Plaines, and the expiration of a Rosemont TIF district. The CPI to be used on the December 2023 levy is 5.0% for taxes collected in the 2024 calendar year. On taxes collected in calendar year 2023, the CPI increase is 5.0%. The increase in local property taxes for FY2024, without new property EAV growth, will be 5.0% over the prior year. Increases in property tax income in future years is in jeopardy due to the potential tax levy freeze legislation at the state level.

Student Fees – No changes are suggested for FY2024.

Interest Income – Projected interest rate factor of 2.50%

State funding should be similar to FY2023 funding for District 62. The FY2024 budget proposed by the governor calls for the continued increase of Evidence Based Funding (EBF) by at least \$350 million. District 62 will see additional EBF allotment of approximately \$5,000. The State of Illinois continues to benefit from the federal relief dollars due to COVID. Although there hasn't been any pension cost shift in the past few years, it's necessary to provide a perennial reminder that one could take place.

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At this time, it appears that usual federal title funding for FY2024 should be about the same as it was in FY2023. The district continues to benefit from the federal COVID relief funds.

Review of Proposed 2023-2024 Staffing

The administrative staff annually reviews district programming needs and projected enrollment for the upcoming school year. The expected outcome from this review is to make a staffing recommendation to the Board of Education for the new school year. During the month of January, the administration began the staffing plan process.

The Board approved its last pre-Covid staffing plan on March 16, 2020. This staffing plan reflects post-pandemic shifts and includes decreases in support staff that were increased to respond to pandemic needs. The comprehensive staffing process described above allows administration to effectively staff for students' instructional and social emotional needs. At this time the administration recommends an increase of five total FTE in order to address the educational needs of students amid an enrollment increase and programmatic shifts in English Learner (EL) and Special Education throughout the district, as well as mandates relative to PE minutes for students.

The staffing plan is based on current student enrollment projections and needs. As consistent with past practice, dollars will be budgeted for teacher and paraprofessional salaries in the event there is a need for additional positions. In the spring, the administration will be reviewing student assessment data to assist in refining staffing assignments. In addition, special education and EL staffing needs are driven by annual student reviews. The administration may need to make staffing changes once these reviews are completed. Specific changes may occur as a result of the pandemic due to ongoing academic and social emotional needs. The administration will continue to collect data and evaluate staffing needs for the March staffing plan.

The administration will bring a formal staffing request to the Board of Education in March.

Consent Agenda

Approval of 2023-2024 Calendars for 10-month and Iroquois Community School

The Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 school calendars for our 10-month schools and for Iroquois Community School. Below are

District 62 Administration

Dr. Michael Amadei
Superintendent of Schools

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant
Superintendent of Business Services

Kathleen Kelly Colgan, Assistant
Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Laura Sangroula, Assistant
Superintendent for Instructional
Services

Dr. Ellen Swanson,
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Student Services

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Jennifer Tempest Bova, Director
of Community Relations

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Student Services

Allison Brand, Director of Social
Emotional Learning

Dr. Julie Fogarty,
Director of Curriculum

Michael Vilendrer, Director
of Operations, Maintenance and
Transportation

Christina Bowman,
Curriculum Coordinator and Data
Specialist

Anel Escamilla, ELL Coordinator

Carlos Rojas, ELL Coordinator

Erica Tae, ELL Coordinator

Jill Dzik, Student Services
Coordinator

Xrisovalantou "Valia" Garbis,
Student Services Coordinator

Benjamin Keele, Student Services
Coordinator

Kristan Krupinski, Student
Services Coordinator

Brandon Schaefer, Student
Services Coordinator

Katerina Vaselopoulos, Student
Services Coordinator

key dates for the 2023-2024 school year:

10-month Schools

Beginning of the School Year: First day of student attendance, grades 1-8, on August 21, 2023.

The first day for Preschool and Kindergarten: August 22, 2023.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held October 5 and 6, 2023.

Fall Break: November 20-24, 2023.

Winter Break: December 25, 2023 through January 5, 2024.

Spring Break: March 25-29, 2024.

End of the School Year: May 31, 2024

Iroquois Community School

Beginning of the School Year: First day of student attendance, Kindergarten-grade 8, on July 19, 2023.

Intersession: September 18, 2023 through October 9, 2023.

Fall break: November 22-24, 2023.

Winter Break: December 18, 2023 through January 5, 2024.

Intersession: March 11-22, 2024.

Spring Break: March 25-29, 2024.

End of the School Year: June 7, 2024

The 2023-2024 10-month schools calendar can be viewed [here](#).

The 2023-2024 Iroquois Community School calendar can be viewed [here](#).

Communications

Board of Education

Vice President Morley shared that the District 62 Education Foundation hosted an event in collaboration with the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce on February 14. In addition, she reminded the Board that the Foundation will host a Trivia Night on April 28 at the Senior Frisbie Center. Details will be forthcoming.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei announced that the North Cook Regional Office recently hosted an art show showcasing student artwork. Dr. Amadei recognized Iroquois Community School 5th grade student Ire Babrinde, whose artwork is on proud display at the North Cook ISC/Regional Office of Education #5. Dr. Amadei has been meeting at all schools and sites to connect with staff this school year. In addition, Dr. Amadei has been meeting with Kindergarten and 1st grade teams at the elementary schools to get a clearer understanding of their roles. As a next step, Dr. Amadei will meet with middle school science and social studies teams. The district recently participated in the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce Food Fight. He was happy to report that we raised over 1,000 pounds of food, although the district had hoped to raise 6,200 pounds of food. Thank you to Jill McAvoy for spearheading this effort in District 62.