



August 16, 2021

Student Learning and Support Services Update



IN This Together Update

Superintendent Hertel shared an update on the work that has transpired over the last several weeks as we welcome back 10-month students this month. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Review of Preliminary 2020-2021 Financial Statements and Approval of 2021-2022 Tentative Budget

The Board of Education approved the 2021-2022 tentative budget. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Mark Bertolozzi provided the Board with a brief overview.

Property Tax Levy: The two factors that impact levy are new property and Consumer Price Index (CPI). The district projected a maximum of \$140 million in new property in order to capture the new developments within the district and TIF district #1, which expired last year. The CPI used for the December 2020 levy is 1.4%, for taxes collected in the 2022 calendar year. With CPI being 2.3% for taxes collected in calendar year 2021, an estimated levy increase of 1.85% would normally be warranted. This does not factor in new construction. As reported every year, increases in property taxes income, including FY2022 and future years, is in jeopardy due to the potential property tax freeze legislation at the state level. Moreover, with COVID-19 affecting our economy, real estate tax collections may be down from prior years. Overall, the FY2022 budget will assume relatively flat revenue growth from the tax levy.

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Student Fees: No changes are suggested for FY2022.

Interest Income: While interest rates had been increasing over the last few years, rates collapsed in March 2020 due to the pandemic. The projected interest rate factor for the FY2022 budget is 1.5%, which is bolstered due to longer-term investments held by the district.

State: The state funding for education in Illinois is expected to be flat between FY21 and FY22. Federal funding to the states in response to COVID should keep state funding safe from reductions. Evidence Base Funding (EBF) and categorical payments are expected to be unchanged in FY22. After FY2024, when federal pandemic funding runs out, state funding will be the most likely funding source to be reduced.

Federal: At this time, it appears that the district can anticipate that federal Title Funding will remain at the current FY21 levels. It has been the stated goal of the Federal Government to maintain educational funding. Also, District 62 will receive more than \$10 million in ESSER funding to combat COVID-19 over the next three years.

The Board of Education is expected to vote on the final budget in September.

Consent Agenda

Personnel Report



Xrisovalantou “Valia” Garbis was named Student Services Coordinator at the August 16 Board of Education Meeting.

In her role as Student Services Coordinator, Garbis is responsible for administering and supervising special education programs and services in compliance with state and federal rules and regulations.

“I am honored to continue to be a part of the District 62 community in this new role as a Student Services Coordinator,” said Garbis.

“This new position will further my efforts in collaborating with staff, students, families and the community in order to support student learning and success. I am committed to carrying out the mission and vision of D62 and to promote acceptance and success of all students.”

District 62

Administration

Dr. Paul Hertel

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Michael Amadei, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Dr. Laura Sangroula, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services

Dr. Ellen Swanson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

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Milagros Bravo, Director for Second Language Learners' Programs

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Dr. Julie Fogarty, Director of Curriculum

Michael Vilendrer, Director of Operations, Maintenance and Transportation

Christina Bowman, Curriculum Coordinator and Data Specialist

Elizabeth Juskiewicz, 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

Joanna Krause, Student Services Coordinator

Kristan Krupinski, Student Services Coordinator

Rosemary Slivka, Student Services Coordinator

Katerina Vaselopoulos, Student Services Coordinator

Garbis joins the Student Services department with nearly eight years of experience as an Early Childhood teacher and teacher facilitator serving students and families at the Jane L. Westerhold Early Learning Center in District 62. Prior to that she served for seven years in Chicago Public Schools as a Kindergarten, 1st and 6th grade teacher.

Costantina “Tina” Mazzone was named Assistant Principal of Special Education at Cumberland Elementary School at the August 16 Board of Education meeting.

In this role, Mazzone will directly support the school’s special education population and serve as a member of the Student Services Department. Mazzone will support social emotional needs of students, behavioral challenges, student problem solving and any other special education related needs that may be identified.

Mazzone has been a presence at Cumberland for the last eight years, serving as an Educational Life Skills teacher. She has supported the school in various ways, giving her time on various committees and supporting initiatives not only for Cumberland but for the district.



“I am so excited to take on this new role at Cumberland Elementary School,” said Mazzone. “I have enjoyed my years working at Cumberland and can’t wait to continue to promote student growth and support the needs of all students.”



Gary Wheaton was named the Chippewa Middle School assistant principal at the August 16 Board of Education meeting.

Wheaton brings 25 years of educational experience from being a middle school Band Director, a Dean and most recently an Assistant Principal in Lyons School District 103.

Wheaton will take over for Juliana Vissering who was named Principal of Chippewa Middle School in July.

“I very much look forward to getting to know the Chippewa staff, students and school community,” said Wheaton. “While I look forward to sharing my experiences and skills, I am sure that It will also be a learning experience for me as well.”

Communications

Board of Education

Member Duckmann reminded the Board of the North Cook Dinner Meeting set for September 22.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Paul Hertel said he and his Cabinet team look forward to the start of school as the district welcomes back its 10-month students, grades 1-8 on August 18 and ELC/Kindergarten on August 19. Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Mark Bertolozzi provided an update regarding construction in the district. Central Elementary School's parking lot repaving is almost complete. North Elementary School's roofing project is nearing completion as well with the expectation that it will wrap up in two weeks, weather pending. As the district welcomes paid riders on its buses, First Student is having a difficult time securing bus drivers.