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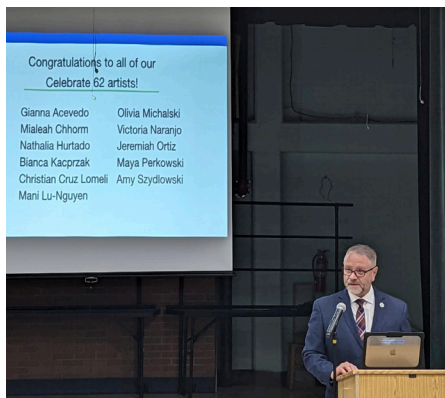
Presentations/Recognitions

Recognition of Celebrate 62 Student Artists

District 62 recognized those students who are part of the inaugural Celebrate 62 program which “celebrates” the fine arts here in District 62. These works of art were selected from last school year and will be put on display for one year at the Administration Center.

Congratulations to this year’s Celebrate 62 students:

- Gianna Acevedo, Orchard Place
- Mialeah Chhorm, Forest Elementary School
- Christian Cruz Lomeli, Plainfield Elementary School
- Nathalia Hurtado, Central Elementary School
- Bianca Kacprzak, Terrace Elementary School
- Mani Lu-Nguyen, South Elementary School
- Olivia Michalski, North Elementary School
- Victoria Naranjo, Algonquin Middle School
- Jeremiah Ortiz, Chippewa Middle School
- Maya Perkowski, Cumberland Elementary School
- Amy Szydlowski, Iroquois Community School



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Student Learning and Support Services Update

Strategic Plan Update

Members of the administration shared a strategic plan presentation that included a Goal 3, 4 and 5 update. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Strategic Plan Goal Monitoring: Algonquin and Chippewa Middle Schools

Principal Donald Jones and Assistant Principal Patty Tzortis shared an update from Algonquin Middle School while Principal Juliana Vissering and Assistant Principal Gary Wheaton shared an update from Chippewa Middle School. Their presentations centered on how their schools are focused on all five goals of the District 62 Strategic Plan. A copy of the presentation can be accessed [here](#).

Tentative Levy Information for 2022 Tax Year

The Board of Education is required to approve a tentative levy at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the aggregate levy. If the tentative levy is 105% greater than the prior year request, the Board of Education must publish a notice in a newspaper of general local circulation. This notice must be published no more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the public hearing. Over the last few years, the district has seen growth in its Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). There are numerous construction projects taking place that will require the district to factor in a large value for new construction to ensure that it will capture all the available dollars in the levy. Combined with a CPI increase of 5.0% over last year, the district anticipates levying over 105% of the 2021 levy.

Communications

Board of Education

Member Morrissey commended AMS for hosting Astronomy Night as did Member Massa. Member Morley congratulated all the grant winners who received funds from the District 62 Education Foundation. A Trivia Night and a Trunk or Treat event are being planned with details forthcoming. Member Massa thanked everyone who participated in the Des Plaines Youth Commission Community Appreciation Night.

District 62 Administration

Dr. Michael Amadei
Superintendent of Schools

Mark Bertolozzi, Assistant
Superintendent of Business Services

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Services

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Allison Brand, Director of Social
Emotional Learning

Dr. Julie Fogarty,
Director of Curriculum

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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 Vaselopulos, Student
Services Coordinator

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Dr. Michael Amadei thanked principals and assistant principals for their attendance during the Des Plaines Youth Commission Community Appreciation Night. The district is very blessed to have a group that cares deeply about students and families. Dr. Amadei recognized the Board of Education as part of Boss's Day. In addition, he recognized principals and assistant principals in advance of Principal Appreciation Day that is on October 21. Algonquin Middle School's Astronomy Night was a huge hit earlier this month. The event had been on pause for a few years due to the global pandemic. Dr. Amadei also stopped by Plainfield Elementary School as part of an author visit in early October and looks forward to spending more time in schools this fall.

Dashboard Report

The data demonstrate that we have an enrollment increase for the 2022-2023 school year, with the biggest impacts seen at the ELC, Central and Terrace. This is the second year that there have been significant increases in each of these locations. The Kasarda Report projections references in previous years are no longer in alignment with district trends due to age of report and external factors such as the global pandemic and increased residential development. District leadership will seek options for an updated report. Click [here](#) to view a copy of the Dashboard Report.