

BOARD BRIEFS

INFORMATION FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

D34 STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Superintendent Aron Borowiak was joined by Maria Treto-French, Assistant Superintendent of Finance; Amy Mahr, Director of Human Resources; Kristina Guntharp, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Vasiliki Frake, Director of Student Services; Josh Coon, Director of Technology; and Sara Elfering, Coordinator of Communication and Curriculum, in the presentation of the D34 Strategic Plan update at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting.

Culture of High Expectations

To achieve a culture of high expectations for both students and staff, the district is identifying a guaranteed and viable curriculum and using research-based instructional strategies to enhance learning. The celebration of student and staff achievements,

improved professional development, the refinement of recruitment and onboarding processes, and staff-led trainings are underway. This comprehensive approach is designed to foster excellence and growth throughout our school community.

Supportive Environment

D34 is enhancing support across several key areas. For technology, additional professional development opportunities are being offered to ensure staff is skilled in the use of district technologies. Communication is focused on consistent and streamlined branding and the boosting of D34's social media presence. Financially, efforts to align the budget to fully support the Strategic Plan and School Improvement Plans, actively seeking external funding, and maintaining

a balanced budget with a consistent tax levy are central goals.

Structured Systems of Accountability

The district's strategic plan includes vital components to enhance staff, technology, and safety systems. The refinement of the mentor/mentee program to foster accountability and support among staff are underway. The district has established a regular schedule for updating devices, ensuring students and staff have access to the latest tools. The addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO), the provision of systematic training for emergency response protocols, and working closely with first responders to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for everyone are steps that have been taken to enhance district safety systems.

OTHER NEWS

AUGS HVAC UNIT REPLACEMENT/INSTALLATION

Green Associates was awarded the base bid for the replacement and installation of the AUGS HVAC unit, along with Alternate 1 to MG Mechanical Contracting, Inc. for \$1,594,000.00. 85% of the project will be funded by ESSER III funds and 15% from the budgeted Operations funds.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE JOINT AGREEMENT

The Board of Education approved the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative Restated Articles of Joint Agreement and Bylaws.

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February 20, 2024 | 6:30 PM
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