

Southeastern CUSD # 337

Parent Announcements

January 1, 2017

D. Todd Fox, Superintendent

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Giving. I am always overwhelmed by the amount of heartfelt giving demonstrated by the people of our community during the holiday season. The purest form of giving is that with no strings attached, and that is exactly what you do year after year. This generosity is one of the best gifts you give your children, the gift of a great example. As Winston Churchill said "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." So many of you...do so much...for so many. Thank you.

I want to take this opportunity to apologize for the Plymouth Community Center not being consistently unlocked for our young people each morning. The school district has recently received a key to the Plymouth Community Center and the building will be unlocked each morning from 7:15-7:35. I want to thank the village of Plymouth and Joyce Steiner for letting us use/rent this facility.

Southeastern Community Unit School District #337 has the following job opening for the 2017-2018 school year: Elementary Principal (grades K-6).

If interested, please **e-mail** the following information to districtoffice@southeastern337.com by Monday, January 2, 2017.

1. [Completed Job Application](#).
2. Resume with References.
3. Professional Educator License (Type 75).

This is a reminder to participate in the parent survey of the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. We guarantee that survey responses will never be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students responded as a whole. A parent survey report will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey. While the parent data will not be made public, the parent report will be made available to our administration team and will enable them to make considerations based on the responses given by Southeastern parents. Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Again, your identity and individual survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. Teachers and 6th through 12th graders throughout Illinois are taking the teacher and student 5Essentials Survey. School-level 5Essentials Reports will be generated if teachers and/or students meet their 50 percent response-rate thresholds. These research-based reports will be sent to schools and districts in May and will also be included in the State School Report Card, released statewide in the fall. Please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> to take the parent survey. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact 5Essentials Customer Support at 1-866-440-1874 or 5essentials@uchicago.edu.

If you are interested in being employed as a substitute cook or bus driver for the Southeastern School District, please contact me at 217-392-2172 or shsprin@southeastern337.com.

Budget Summary FY2017

- FY16 Revenue = \$5,519,575
- FY16 Expenses = \$5,389,637
- Beginning Fund Balance = \$2,730,010
- FY17 Predicted Revenue = \$5,662,450
- FY17 Predicted Expenses = \$5,592,289
- FY17 Revenues minus Expenses = \$70,161

January 2017 School Calendar

- Monday, January 2 = Teacher Institute
- Tuesday, January 3 = Students Return Back to School
- Monday, January 16 = No School (Martin Luther King Day)

Southeastern Board of Education Meetings. Meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office at 90 West Green Street, Augusta, Illinois.

Monday, January 23, 2017

Monday, February 27, 2017

Monday, March 13, 2017

Monday, March 27, 2017

Monday, April 24, 2017

Monday, May 15, 2017

Monday, June 26, 2017

10 Things That Require Zero Talent: 1) Being on time, 2) Work ethic, 3) Effort, 4) Body language, 5) Energy, 6) Attitude, 7) Passion, 8) Being coachable, 9) Doing extra, and 10) Being prepared.

Two-Hour Delayed Start. At the October 2015 Board Meeting, the Board of Education "approved the use of a two-hour delayed start procedure when deemed necessary by the administration." In a nutshell, this two-hour delayed start will give us another option when dealing with weather conditions. Over the past three years, we have canceled school several times because at the time of travel (6:30-8:30), conditions were not considered safe for students and staff. Usually this was due to wind chill temperatures, but could also be for dense fog, light freezing rain, etc. On several of these days, if school would have started two hours later, we could have had school. Therefore, a two-hour delayed start will be an option for the 2016-2017 school year.

Why is this important?

- 1) A day of teaching/learning in February is not the same as a day of teaching/learning in May/June.
- 2) Missing multiple days of school prior to state testing and then adding multiple days after state testing does not help state testing.

It is my plan to primarily use the two-hour delayed start to battle dangerous wind chill temperatures AND to make the announcement the night before. This gives everyone a chance to prepare and make the necessary and appropriate arrangements. Obviously, it could be used for other scenarios, but for the most part it will have a very targeted purpose.

Two-Hour Delayed Start Questions and Answers

1. How will parents be notified of a two-hour delayed start? Parents will be notified by School Messenger, television, and radio.
2. What time does school start on a two-hour delayed start? Everything will be two hours later. Southeastern Junior/Senior High classes will begin at 10:15 (Students will report to their third period class which starts at 10:20). Southeastern Elementary classes will start at 10:00.
3. What time will the bus pick up my child? Everything will be two hours later. If the bus usually picks your child up at 7:25, then the bus will pick up your child at 9:25.
4. What time do employees start? Everything will be two hours later. If an employee usually has to be at school at 7:55 regularly, then they will have to be at school at 9:55.
5. Will there be Pre-K on a two-hour delayed start? There will be **NO** Pre-K (morning or afternoon).
6. Will breakfast be served on a two-hour delayed start? Only cereal or pop tart, milk, and juice will be served.
7. Can parents drop their children off early? No. Parents should make the necessary arrangements to ensure their children arrive at school at the appropriate time. Please do not leave younger children home alone or drop children off early.
8. When will school be dismissed on two-hour delayed start? School will be dismissed at regular school dismissal times.
9. I have stated that the primary use of the two-hour delayed start is to battle dangerous wind chill temperatures AND to make the announcement the night before. What is the rationale for such a targeted purpose? Obviously, the safety of our students is the primary reason for any weather-related cancellation or delay. Making the call the night before ensures that parents have the opportunity to make the necessary arrangements especially for elementary students. A decision made the morning of may result in students being left unsupervised at home or cause them to have even greater exposure to the elements. For example, a student whose parents have already left for work may have to walk to school instead of being dropped off. I realize there are going to be mornings where it appears the two-hour delayed start would be ideal. However, for the reasons previously stated as well as the uncertainty in predicting improved road conditions and/or weather changes, I will not be making the two-hour delayed start call the morning of. I am sure there are exceptions, but that is the rule.

The last day of school IF all five emergency days are used would be June 1, 2017. The last day of school IF zero emergency days are used would be May 23, 2017 for students and May 24, 2017 for teachers. At this time, we have used zero emergency days.