

Parent Announcements
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IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS

According to state law, every student must meet all health examination requirements and vaccination requirements by October 15, 2017.

According to state law, students who do not meet these requirements must be suspended from school.

There are only two exceptions to this rule. The first exception is based on a medical reason. This must be written by a healthcare provider and attached to the Illinois Department of Health's Certificate of Child Health Examination form. The second exception is based on a religious reason. This must be written by a healthcare provider and the form is through the Illinois Department of Health.

Therefore, students will be suspended from school beginning October 16, 2017 unless they have one of the following:

1. Provided proof of health examination and immunization requirements.
2. Provided written proof of medical exemption.
3. Provided written proof of religious exemption.

Parents will receive courtesy reminders during the month of September and October IF their child has not met all requirements. The superintendent will contact parents on October 15 and notify them of the required suspension until all requirements have been met. There is no state exception for doctor appointments scheduled after October 15. Students in those situations must be suspended until all requirements have been met. Students officially classified as homeless cannot be suspended from school due to the immunization requirement.

Please take care of this. Thank you for your attention to this important legal requirement.

OCTOBER SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday, October 6, 2017 = No School / Teacher Institute # 3
Monday, October 9, 2017 = No School / Columbus Day
Thursday, October 19, 2017 = 2:05 Dismissal
Friday, October 20, 2017 = 2:05 Dismissal / End of Quarter # 1
Friday, October 27, 2017 = No School / Parent Teacher Conference Day

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK

Parent Teacher Conference week will be Monday, October 23 through Friday, October 27. Conferences will be scheduled in both buildings during this week. Elementary parents (Pre-K through 6) AND Junior/Senior High parents (7-12) will be contacted by individual teachers to schedule conferences. If you are not contacted, but would like to meet with one or more teachers, you may contact the teacher(s) or use the 8:00-12:00 drop-in window on

Friday. Reminder: There is no school on Friday, October 27. This is our second year of conducting parent teacher conferences in this format. It provides greater flexibility and eliminates conflicts which have occurred in the past.

HEAT CONDITIONS

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding with this unprecedented heat and humidity and our attempts to deal with its challenges. Our district always does an amazing job of making the best out of this difficult situation and everyone should be commended. This includes students, parents, and teachers.

Q & A: Do we have to make-up the "early-out" days at the end of the school year? No. We do not have to make-up the "early-out" days at the end of the school year. These days are classified by the Illinois State Board of Education as interrupted days and do not have to be made up as long as our students receive one hour of instruction.

Q & A: Has the district ever considered installing air condition in the Bowen building? At the May 15, 2017 board of education meeting, the board decided not to take action on installing air conditioning into the Bowen building. As you know, we have spent this past year working with our architects and working on the details to install air conditioning into the Bowen building. Matter of fact, the game plan was and is ready to go. However, due to the combination of the state not paying us last year AND the county facilities tax not passing in April (this would have generated over \$100,00 in extra revenue), we were not in financial position to move forward with this project at that time. In a nutshell, it would be fiscally irresponsible to move forward on that project during this perfect storm. With that said, we are committed to installing air conditioning in the Bowen building.

Thank you for your understanding. As always, I will keep you updated and informed.

FY18 BUDGET

Total	Revenue	Expenditures	Difference
FY17 Audited	5,363,161	5,608,521	-245,360
FY18 Budgeted	5,800,589	5,806,169	-5,580

1. We are on a cash accounting system. Cash basis = revenue is recorded when cash is received. Accrual = revenue is recorded when cash is earned.
2. We will be adopting an unbalanced budget; however, a deficit reduction plan is not required at this time (due to our beginning fund balances).
3. We are predicting \$437,428 in additional revenue. Where is this additional revenue coming from? Property Tax, GSA, County Facility Tax (McDonough and Schuyler), Pre-K, and 5 Transportation payments (one from last year and four for this year).
4. We are predicting we will spend \$197,648 more than last year. This is an increase of 3.4%. All employees received a 3% increase in pay in FY18.
5. We are once again losing money in our operating funds (education, transportation, building, working cash). I am predicting a loss of \$195,337. This is not good and is a dangerous trend. However, it is down from FY17, when we lost \$423,765.
6. We are for the second year in a row having to transfer money from working cash into the other funds.
7. Due to the evidence-based funding model, most school districts will be amending their FY18 budget in the spring of 2018. There are too many unknowns to budget accurately.