

July 12, 2022 Elmhurst District 205 Board Meeting Highlights



Students Honored for Creative Writing Contest

Students from Field Elementary and Hawthorne Elementary were honored for their placement in the "Celebrate America Fifth Grade Creative Writing Contest". Elin Seiler (Field) won first place, Brenner Harges (Hawthorne) won second place and Rowan Hope (Hawthorne) won third place. Elin also went on to win the national competition. The students submitted a written response to the prompt "Why I Am Glad America is a Nation of Immigrants" or "What Does it Mean to be a Welcoming Nation?". The entries are judged on the basis of theme, presentation, creatively and message

Facilities Update

Todd Schmidt, Director of Facilities, <u>provided an update</u> on construction projects currently in progress or planned at District facilities.

Strategic Plan Update

<u>Superintendent Dr. Keisha Campbell shared</u> that the Strategic Planning process has continued as scheduled and phase two is currently underway. During phase two, administration will continue the work of reviewing data to identify the strategic priorities and objectives for all Elmhurst District 205 students.

Summer Programming Highlights

Dr. Scott Grens, Associate Superintendent, and Dr. Kevin Rubenstein, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, presented a review of District 205 Summer Programming.

Approval of Flexible Learning Plan

The Board <u>approved the District's Flexible Learning Plan.</u> The plan provides continuity in a student's learning environment, serving as a virtual instruction option, if needed in rare cases, especially in the winter months ("Snow Days").

Approval of Kaplan SAT Pre-Courses

The Board <u>approved spending on the Kaplan SAT Preparation Courses</u> for junior students at York. Each year, junior students at York High School take the SAT exam, as required by the State of Illinois. District 205 has worked with the provider of SAT preparation classes, Kaplan, to provide such courses to junior students at York at a significantly reduced cost to D205 families using federal grants.

Service Employees' International Union (SEIU) Bargaining Agreement Approved

The Board approved the Service Employees' International Union (SEIU) Bargaining Unit that will go into effect for a four year term beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 20, 2026.