

ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

## February 22, 2022 Board Meeting Highlights

# **Facilities Update**

An <u>update</u> was shared regarding 2022 summer capital projects and the current and upcoming construction and renovation projects at Lincoln, Field, Fischer, Jackson and Jefferson.

## **Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption for School Year 2022-2023**

In accordance with Board of Education (BOE) Policy 6:210, Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption, members from the Department of Learning & Teaching provided an overview of the annual Process for Display of Instructional Materials. Items for recommendation in the school year 2022-2023 will be on display for a period of 30-days and can be viewed by visiting the Resources section of <a href="elimburst205.org">elmhurst205.org</a> and clicking on <a href="Instructional Materials for 22-23">Instructional Materials for 22-23</a>. For materials without online access, a physical copy will be available for review at the District Office located at 162 S. York. Any interested citizens may express their concerns, suggestions or complaints on the materials displayed for public review before March 25, 2022 by submitting the online form, <a href="Review Form: Instructional Materials for 22-23">Review Form: Instructional Materials for 22-23</a> (the form is located at the aforementioned website). After the display period of 30 days, an update for approval will appear on the April 12, 2022 BOE meeting agenda.

#### **Summer Programming Update**

The Board heard a summary of the progress which has been made on a unified summer program for students in grades EC-8. An overview of the plans can be found at this and families can expect to receive information on summer offerings the week of March 7, 2022.

#### **Superintendent's Communication**

Dr. Campbell <u>reported</u> that on Thursday, February 17, 2022, the Appellate Court for the Fourth District in Illinois noted that the issues in the appeal filed by Governor Pritzker and other defendants in the case known as Austin vs. Pritzker were moot since the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) had failed to approve a new set of rules for the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education.

Since February 7, 2022, it was communicated to students and staff in our schools that masks are strongly recommended, but not required. The decision to wear a mask during the day, including by adults, is a personal one and the District does not interfere one way or another with these decisions. We have worked with our building leaders to ensure that all students and staff feel supported regardless of whether they choose to wear a mask or not. We continue to echo the necessity of fostering a climate of respect and acceptance for all community members, regardless of vaccination status or views on masking.