



Director of Community Relations Report to the Board of Education

Aubrey Knight – October 21, 2026

A. Processed FOIA Requests

- Justin Wenig, Starbridge FOIA Data Hub, (received 9/11/26 I responded 9/18/26) "I am requesting existing electronic records maintained by Minooka Community High School District 111 reflecting payment records for all vendor entities (companies, organizations, contractors, and other non-person payees) from January 1, 2026 to current date, including at minimum: purchase date, vendor name, line-item description, line-item amount."
- Vincent Mutolo, Argo Civic Records (received 9/25/26 I responded 10/2/26) "I am writing to request electronic records of all purchase orders issued by Minooka Community High School District 111 from 2021-09-04T00:00:00.000Z through 2026-09-04T00:00:00.000Z."
- Iliia McAllister (received 9/25/26 I responded 10/2/26) "I request copies of the following records: -All emails, electronic communications, notes, memoranda, and correspondence sent or received by Michelle Fernandez concerning: Madison Bernal, Iliia McAllister, Adrian Bernal. -All emails and electronic communications exchanged between Michelle Fernandez and any District 111 employee, administrator, counselor, nurse, or staff member concerning Madison Bernal's enrollment or registration.-Any internal communications referencing Madison Bernal, Iliia McAllister, or Adrian Bernal from May 1, 2026, through the date this request is processed. I request that responsive records be provided electronically via email."
- Jacob Plaza, SEIU Local 73, (received 10/13/26 I responded 10/20/26) "1. A list, in Microsoft Excel, of all school district employees, current as of the date of this request. Please include the following columns: Employee Name, Job Title, Department/Division, Place/Location of Employment, Part-time or full-time status, Standard weekly hours, Annual budgeted hours, Annual budgeted salary for the most recent fiscal year, Hourly rate, Hire date, Union representing job title where applicable, 2. PDF copies of the current collective bargaining agreements covering all employees, where applicable."

B. Recognitions

- Positive Referrals – Emilio Medina and Tommy Tellor
- Rotary Student of the Month – Sophia Vallejo
- Students of the Term - Carmin Jones, Molly Schramm, Samuel Kies, Susanna Novak, Chelsi Heyob, Hailee Rodriguez, Eric Sanchez, Jacob Vertin, and Cohen McFadden

C. Communication/Social Media

- **Top Facebook Post:** (September 22, 2026) Our students had an amazing time at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night in our new Fieldhouse! The space was transformed into "A Night Under the Waves" and core memories were made. Thanks to all who attended and helped make it a wonderful event!

- **Top Instagram Post:** (September 3, 2026) TRAFFIC ALERT: Saturday night is the Homecoming Dance! Please follow the drop-off/pick-up procedures as outlined in the map. Unless you're parking, you'll follow the red line all the way around the building and use the front entrance as the drop-off/pick-up zone. Due to the dance, and in cooperation with the Channahon Police Department, Route 6 will be more congested with traffic between 5-7 p.m. Please avoid the area if possible. Thank you!
- **Top Twitter Post:** (September 21, 2026) Students participated in the Homecoming Week assembly on Friday! There were lots of performances, games, class competitions, and more. It was a great week for school spirit!
- **Reach:**
 - Facebook: 430,900
 - Instagram: 373,100
 - Twitter/X – 11,800
 - Messages to Parents (via Thrillshare) 30
- **Press Releases**
 - "Minooka Community High School Announces 1 Semifinalist in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program" (September 14)
 - "Minooka Community High School Twin Seniors Named Rotary Club 'Students of the Month' for September" (September 16)
 - "Minooka Community High School Students Earn Director Awards from the Grundy Area Vocational Center" (September 28)
 - "Minooka Community High School to Host Production of Fall Play 'Almost Maine'" (September 29)
 - "Minooka Community HS & Plainfield Central HS Girls' Volleyball Teams Participate in "Hits for Hugs" Fundraiser" (September 30)
 - "Minooka Community High School Commended Students in the 2027 National Merit Scholarship Program" (October 5)
 - "Minooka Community High School Senior Named Rotary Club 'Student of the Month' for October" (October 6)
 - "Minooka Community High School to Honor Local Veterans at Veterans Day Assembly and Breakfast" (October 7)
 - "Minooka Community High School Recognizes Student of the Term Honorees" (October 8)

D. Events/Activities Promoted

- Homecoming Parade (September 18)
- Hall of Fame Induction (September 18-19)
- Homecoming Dance (September 19)
- Drill Week (September 21-25)
- Early Release (September 23)
- NACAC College Fair (September 26)
- Choir Booster Car Show (September 27)
- 6-Week Progress Reports (September 30)
- Fall Choral Concert (October 1)
- Minooka Hockey Student Appreciation Game (October 10)
- MCHS Reads (October 2, 23, November 20, December 4)
- American Welding Society Meeting (October 8)
- Girls Volleyball Hits for Hugs (October 8)
- Picture Retakes (October 9)

- Columbus Day No School (October 12)
- Athletic Booster Club Meeting (October 13)
- ACT-ivate Your Body & Mind (October 14)
- PreACT Testing (October 14)
- Coffee & Connection w/the Superintendent (October 15)
- Pink Out Football Game (October 16)
- PSAT/NMSQT Test (October 17)
- Class of 1981 Reunion (October 17)
- Fall Play "Almost Maine" (October 22 & 24)
- Early Release (October 28)
- Haunted House of Hoops (October 29)
- Election Day No School (November 3)
- Fall Craft Fair (November 7-8)
- Veterans Day Breakfast & Assembly (November 11)
- Thanksgiving Break No School (November 25-27)
- Career Exploration Fair (March 4)
- Spring Musical "Big Fish" (March 11-13)
- 50th Anniversary Musical Alumni Banquet (March 19)
- 50th Anniversary Alumni Musical Show (March 20)
- Brick Paver Sales (ongoing)
- MCHS Academic Calendar 2026-27 (ongoing)
- Minooka Hockey Game Schedule (ongoing)
- Yearbook Sales (ongoing)
- CTE Automotive Donations (ongoing)