



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Board of Education

**FROM: Dr. Griff Powell and Dr. Patricia Wernet
Interim Superintendents**

SUBJECT: Authorization to Pay Bills and Hire Staff

DATE: November 16, 2021

With the Board of Education holding only one Public Business meeting for the months of November and December 2021, administration is requesting that during the November 16, 2021 Board meeting, the Board grant administration the authority to pay bills prior to the next Board approval. This will ensure that all bills are paid on time and no penalties or interest is incurred.

In addition, administration is requesting that the Board grant them the authority to hire staff for open positions between Board meetings, if needed. This will ensure that District 97 can offer positions to the best qualified staff without delay. All new hires and expenditures will be included on the next Board agenda and provided for the Board's review.