



## Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Riya Dhondi and Jocelyn Jerome  
**CC:** Dr. Scott Warren  
**Date:** January 22, 2026  
**Re:** Student Representative Report January 2026

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### Publicity

Student representatives help ensure that the voices and perspectives of Daniel Wright students are heard. However, many students are unaware of who the Student Representatives are and how to get in contact to share their ideas and feedback. Awareness and improved communication is important in ensuring that Student Representatives do their roles effectively.

One proposed way to make the students well acquainted with Student Representatives and the school board is giving a message in the monthly news video which is produced by the News Club at Daniel Wright. As student representatives, we participated in a monthly video this school year. In this video, representatives can give short updates, and address common questions by students. Making regular appearances in videos will allow Daniel Wright to become more familiar with the School Board. Additionally, these videos allow students to become well-informed with their school environment.

Another idea is to create an email address for the student representatives that would be monitored by us, Dr. Reynolds and Mrs. Finn. This would allow students to share opinions or suggest topics for future board discussions. In addition, we plan to develop a student survey that invites input on ideas for upcoming reports. By gathering ideas earlier, we will have more time to solicit student feedback through surveys or the shared email account. Both options provide ways for students to share their thoughts, particularly for those who may feel uncomfortable speaking in person.

Together, these strategies would significantly strengthen communication between students and the Board of Education. The monthly news video, shared email account, and student surveys will promote greater student voice, engagement, and involvement in the decision-making process.

## 8th Grade Students Prepare to Transition to Stevenson

As 8th graders get ready to become freshmen at Stevenson High School, they go through an orientation process that helps them become familiar with the possibilities in high school. Currently, the students are having conversations about the courses they have chosen, as there are many options and a lot of flexibility in classes. Many hallway conversations start with, “What electives are you taking next year?” 8th graders are constantly being reminded that their freshman year is a time to experiment with career possibilities.

Stevenson hosted a virtual Zoom meeting that gave time for a one-on-one session in breakout rooms with a guidance counselor who was able to answer any specific questions on the course selection process and clarify any doubts on course topics.

The principal of Stevenson also visited Daniel Wright on January 20 at 7:00 pm with a panel of high school seniors who attended middle school here. This session was called “Simplifying Stevenson” and made sure families felt confident in their transition using a Q&A panel session. Multiple families attended and asked questions about SHS that were beneficial to everyone in the room. This time also gave guardians and students an idea of Stevenson through the student lens.

A Career Interest Inventory was held during the school day for 8th grade students. During Social Studies classes, Mrs. Blue, the school counselor at Daniel Wright, ensured that incoming freshmen understood the terminology used when exploring future career options. She introduced students to a career aptitude test that students were very interested in because it showed them some possible careers based on the questions they had answered. The jobs that were highlighted were based on the answers to questions on the test.

Mrs. Blue also arranges the “Future Quest” program which is available for 7th grade students. This field trip where students go to the Lake County Tech Campus. This is an opportunity for them to explore different careers and talk to students who are currently pursuing careers through hands-on activities and learning in a very engaging way. Some popular careers students chose to learn about included Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement, Cosmetology, and Early Education & Teaching.