

Prospect Heights School District 23 Board Memorandum Action Item

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Title: 2025-26 Fundraising and Service Learning Projects

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As required by Board Policy, all fundraising efforts are to be approved by the Board of Education. This memo serves as a summary of the fundraising and service learning projects being planned for the 2025-26 school year.

Overview:

Our Strategic Plan identifies the following belief statement:



Students grow as individuals when their learning is connected to the community through service.

This service is further embedded in the portrait of a graduate:



Each year, we encourage each grade level to identify and support service learning projects which are coordinated through the classroom teachers and range in scope from local to global service. At Ross, Sullivan, and MacArthur, leadership and service clubs provide additional opportunity for students to develop skills and collaborate to be of service.

In an effort to align and streamline processes and avoid duplication, the Administrative team communicates and strategically schedules District-wide projects that are led by each of the schools.

This further supports our efforts to build a community across the District while highlighting the importance of each school.

2025-26 Proposed Fundraising/Service Learning Projects

The following projects are proposed for this school year:

Project	Month	Sponsor	Beneficiaries
Sno Cone sales at Family Fest	September	MacArthur Student Senate	Veterans' Day Breakfast and Assembly
Toiletry Drive	October	IDEAS/ Ambassadors	Veteran's Path to Hope
Veterans Day Celebration	November	MacArthur	Hosting breakfast (Student Senate), designing decorations (6th grade)
Food Drive	November	MacArthur 8th Team	Food Baskets for local Food Banks
Holiday Giving	November/ December	Coordinated by Social Workers and Office staff	District 23 families
Book Drive & Donation	February	MacArthur 6/7 Teams	Bernie's Book Bank
Community Caring Cards	February	Eisenhower	Cards for seniors at local retirement homes
Food and Toiletry Drive	February	Sullivan	TBD - likely Wheeling Food Pantry, Journeys
Polar Plunge (Coolest School)	March	Student Services Department	Special Olympics of Illinois
IDEAS Projects	All Year	2nd-5th grades	Students design and implement small service learning projects in IDEA class

Recommendation:

Administration recommends the approval of these service learning projects for the 2025-26 school year.