

School Opening Report

River Forest Public Schools District 90

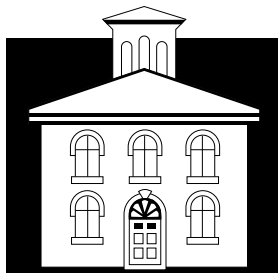
Committee of the Whole
Meeting

September 6, 2022



A special THANK YOU, to:

- D90 Educators
 - Nursing Team
 - District Office Staff
 - School Office Staff
 - Administrative Team
 - Maintenance Team
 - Board of Education Members
 - Community Partners
 - and
 - *Families and Students!*



School Opening Report Topics

- Student Enrollment
- Staffing Conditions
- School Safety and Wellness
- State of Facilities
- COVID-Related Matters
- Other Topics/Considerations
- Board of Education Questions



Primary Objectives for 2022-23 School Year

Maintain a safe, high-quality, equitable program of in-person instruction for all students

Re-engage with the D90 Strategic Plan (2020-25) to ensure ongoing District progress

Student Enrollment

- **Lincoln** – Total Enrollment: 339 students
- **Willard** – Total Enrollment: 349 students
- **Roosevelt** – Total Enrollment: 686 students

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| Grade 5 | 187 students |
| Grade 6 | 157 students |
| Grade 7 | 173 students |
| Grade 8 | 168 students |



Staffing Conditions

- **D90 School Staff** – All full-time positions are currently staffed. Two part-time ESP vacancies remain (.5 FTE Elementary, .5 Middle School)
- **Contract Employees (On-Site)** – All full-time contracted positions that work with students at our school sites are currently staffed. Substitute teachers remain in high demand.
- **Contracted Employees (Off-Site/Outside Vendors)** – Transportation and crossing guard vendors are experiencing staffing challenges but District 90 is not currently being impacted directly

School Safety and Wellness (School Community)

- **Trauma/SE Supports for School Community** – Trauma informed training for staff continues, as well as plans to implement the “actionable insights” from 2022 staff focus groups. School community focus on **belonging** is overarching element.
- **Behavioral Threat Assessment (BTA) Process Launch** – The BTA Team is formed and in place, with communications planned for community-wide launch by end of September



School Safety and Wellness (Students)

- **Social Emotional (SE) Learning for Students** – Elementary students are receiving SEL instruction through Second Step curriculum. RMS has reconstituted the Student Advisory Program to reflect changing student needs.
- **Student Clubs/Activities** – Extracurricular programs have been reinstated at all schools, and partnership with PTO organizations to support special activities has resumed.



State of Facilities

- **Elementary HVAC Projects** – HVAC systems are fully functional. Project punch list items are in process of being completed through local sub-contractors.
- **Summer Cleaning** – D90 maintenance staff did an outstanding job with summer cleaning efforts and preparing the schools for occupancy by students and staff this fall! COVID cleaning and disinfection procedures will continue in coming year.
- **Life Safety Work** – All LS projects planned for summer 2022 were successfully completed. Fall plans are on schedule.

COVID-Related Matters

- **COVID Testing** – District 90 has ceased optional screening testing due to low subscription rate. We have maintained our service agreement with SHIELD in case outbreak testing is directed by CCDPH. IDPH provided a bulk shipment of home antigen tests that we are distributing to families or staff experiencing symptoms.
- **Mandated Employee Vaccinations** – District 90 remains compliant with Governor J.B. Pritzker's Emergency Order requiring mandated employee vaccinations for all employees and any others who are on site for regular, designated periods of time, with specified exceptions.
- **Face Masks** – Face masks are not currently required in District 90 schools; masking recommendations comport with CDC guidance based on community level transmission

COVID-Related Matters

- **Remote Instructional Activities** – Access to remote instructional activities in D90 is limited to individuals with COVID-related symptoms or positive diagnosis. Qualifying students will be provided with daily learning activities and the ability to access school staff for assistance with technology needs or coordination of supplies/materials.
- **Changing Conditions** – Communications with families and staff members continue to reinforce the need for flexibility under the uncertainty of changing conditions and local health guidance.
- **Continuing Mitigations** – Include: promoting vaccinations, making masks available when conditions encourage them, ventilation/air circulation practices, school cleaning/disinfection, continuing handwash regimens, and others.

Other Topics/Considerations

- **Safety Drills/Exercises** – Opening drills completed or underway at all schools
- **Milk Service** – Milk service is being provided in D90 schools
- **Crossing Guards** – Crossing guards are in place at all designated intersections
- **Safe Routes to School** – Please see Student and Parent Handbook
- **School Open House Programs** – Elementary Open Houses are scheduled on Sept. 8, Middle School Open House on Sept. 15. Open House programs are open/encouraged for all parents/families.

Questions?



Thank You!