

Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 7:10 PM

Diamond Lake School Sparkle Center
25807 Diamond Lake Road
Mundelein, IL 60060

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call
 - I.A. Appoint Secretary Pro-tem **ACTION**
- II. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)
- III. Recognition(s)
 - III.A. Diamond Award(s):
Lisa Brickert
- IV. Superintendent/Administrative Report
 - IV.A. EOY Review: Goals and Priorities
- V. Business Agenda
 - V.A. Administrative: Approve Omnibus Vote Agenda **ACTION**
 - V.B. Administrative: Approve Personnel Report **ACTION**
 - V.B.1. New Hire(s):
Cortney Thomas; WOMS; Dean of Students
Kayla Rodriguez; WOIS; Administrative Assistant
 - V.B.2. Leave of Absence(s):
178446; DLS; Special Education Teacher
946594; WOIS; Administrative Assistant
 - V.C. Administrative: Approve Authorization of Interfund Transfer from Education Fund to Operations and Maintenance Fund **ACTION**
 - V.D. Administrative: Approve Authorization of Interfund Transfer from Operations and Maintenance to Capital Projects Fund **ACTION**
 - V.E. Administrative: Approve Resolution to Designate Interest Earnings for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 **ACTION**
 - V.F. Administrative: Approve 2026-2027 Consolidated District Plan **ACTION**
 - V.G. Administrative: Approve Superintendent Bonus **ACTION**
 - V.H. Administrative: Review PRESS Plus 121 Policy and Legal Updates
REVIEW
- VI. Freedom of Information Requests (5)
- VII. Notices and Communications
- VIII. Public Comments and Petitions (Non-Agenda Items)
- IX. Others

X. Executive Session:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

XI. Adjournment



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AGENDA ITEM I.A
Appoint Secretary Pro-tem *ACTION*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Diamond Lake 76 Board of Education accepts and
approves the appointment of the Secretary Pro-tem as listed below:

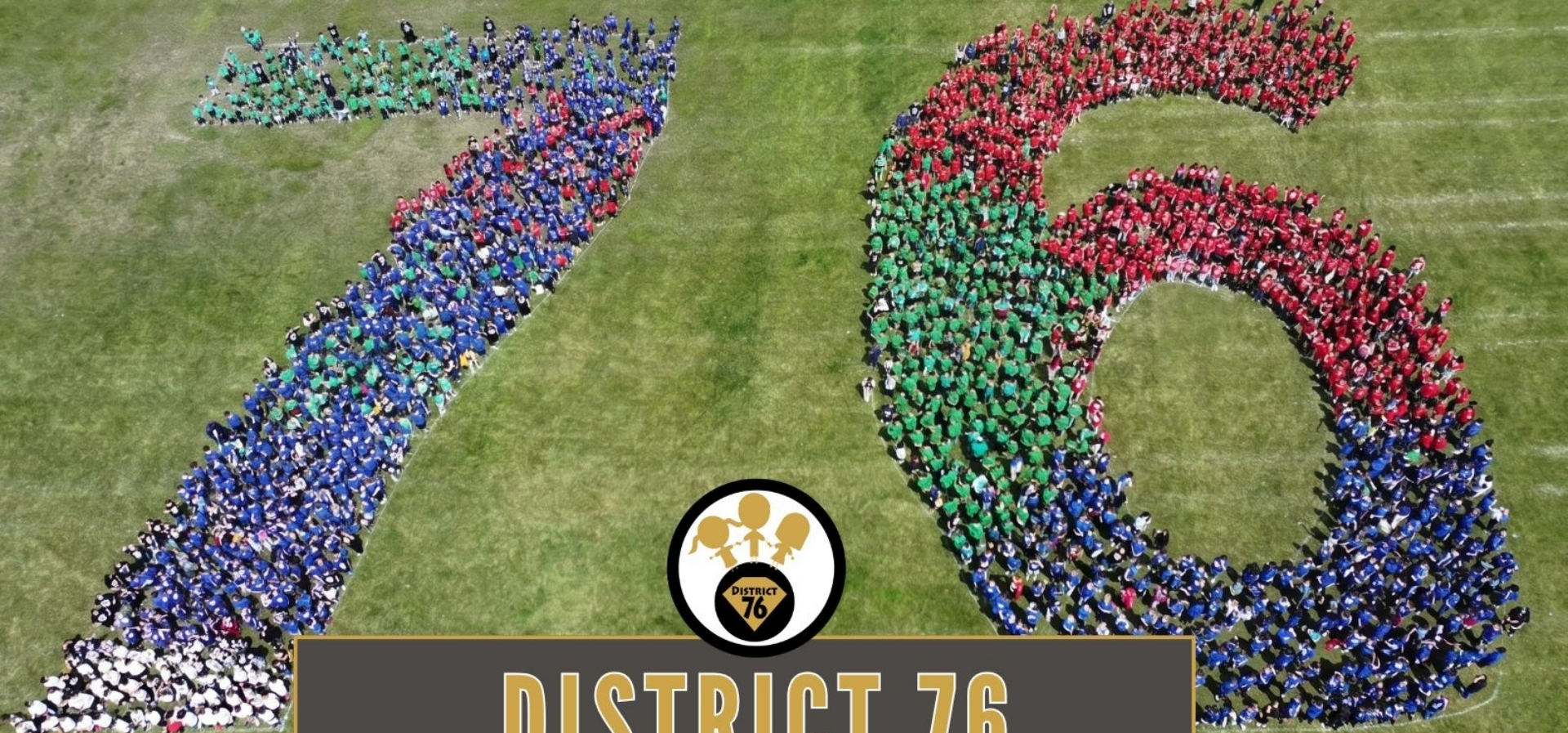
1. Board Secretary Pro-tem.

Diamond Lake School District 76

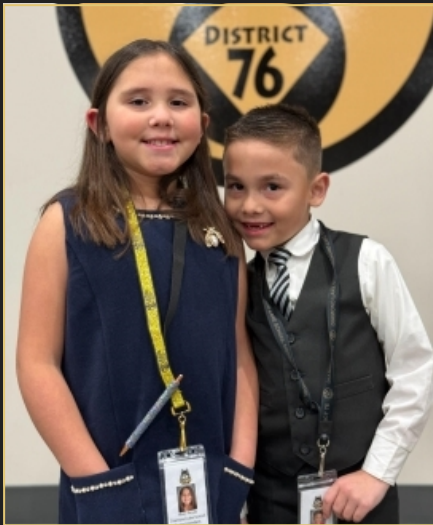


End-of-Year Goals Update

EMBRACE EMPOWER EXCEL *Each Child Each Day*



DISTRICT 76
2025 - 2026 UPDATE



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DISTRICT 76 GOALS
PLC, PBIS, PRESENCE

SCHOOL GOALS
PLC, PBIS, PRESENCE

TEAM GOALS
PLC, PBIS, PRESENCE

CLASSROOM GOALS
PLC, PBIS, PRESENCE

**STUDENT
GOALS**





PLC's



The Four Questions of PLCs

QUESTION 1

What do we want our students to know and be able to do?

QUESTION 2

How will we know when they have learned it?

QUESTION 3

What will we do when they don't learn it?

QUESTION 4

What will we do when they do learn it?

STAR Growth - Fall to Spring



Subject	Star Reading Current Student Growth Percentile (SGP)	Star Lectura Current Student Growth Percentile (SGP)	Star Math Current Student Growth Percentile (SGP)	Star Matemáticas Current Student Growth Percentile (SGP)
District Overall	66.6%	70.3%	62.6%	54.5%
Diamond Lake School	63.4%	66.7%	66.2%	
West Oak Intermediate School	71.3%	72.5%	62.2%	33.3%
West Oak Middle School	64.0%	69.5%	60.1%	54.5%



Scales Work and CFA's

- Proficiency Scales have been mapped for clarity - 8th Grade ELA Example
 - All maps will be placed on our website in August

Timeline	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
		Unit One	Unit Three Unit Four Unit Two
Scales	Constructing Ideas & Concepts - (W.8.2, a-f, SL.8.4)	Constructing Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning - (W.8.1, a-e) Constructing Ideas & Concepts - (W.8.2, a-f, SL.8.4)	Constructing Claims, Evidence, & Reasoning (W.8.1, a-e) <input type="checkbox"/> Sources & Research - (W.8.7, W.8.8, NM 8.DI, NM 8.D2)
Scales to Be Covered All-Year:	Analyze Language - (RL.8.4, RI.8.4, L.8.5, a-c, NM.8.EI) Analyzing Text Elements - (RL.8.3, RI.8.3) Analyzing Point of View - (RL.8.6, RI.8.6) Editing - (L.8.1, a-d, L.8.2, a-c, L.8.3, a) Audience, Purpose, & Task - (W.8.10, SL.8.1, a-d, SL.8.5, NM 8.E3)		



PBIS



Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

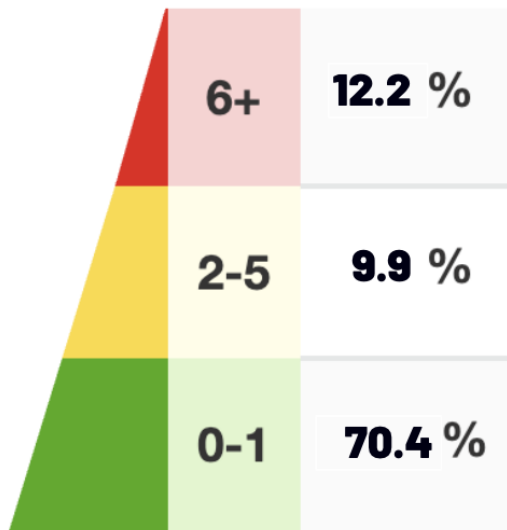
- **Data-Driven Decisions:** Schools collect and analyze behavioral data (e.g., office referrals, attendance, PBIS points) to evaluate how well their systems are working and identify areas of need.
- **Positive Recognition:** Instead of waiting for a student to misstep, teachers "catch" students doing the right thing, often issuing digital or physical "PBIS points" or tickets that can be redeemed for privileges or small prizes.
- **Teaching Behavior:** Expected behaviors are treated just like academic subjects—they are defined, modeled, practiced, and retaught when necessary.



Tiered Behavioral Data

24-25 School Year

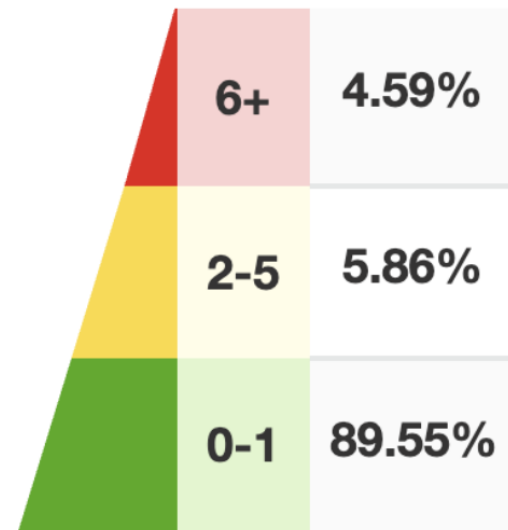
Student Referrals



Referrals Year-to-Date

25-26 School Year

Student Referrals



Referrals Year-to-Date

-7.6%

-4.04%

+19.5%



WOMS Homerooms

Daily Structure & Topics

Every teacher will have a Homeroom that meets daily with a consistent schedule:

- SEL (CharacterStrong)
- PBIS Reteaching
- Executive Functioning
- Team and Class Builders
- Academic Goal-Setting

Note: Homeroom replaces Advisory. Intervention and Enrichment will take its place.

The Goal

groups

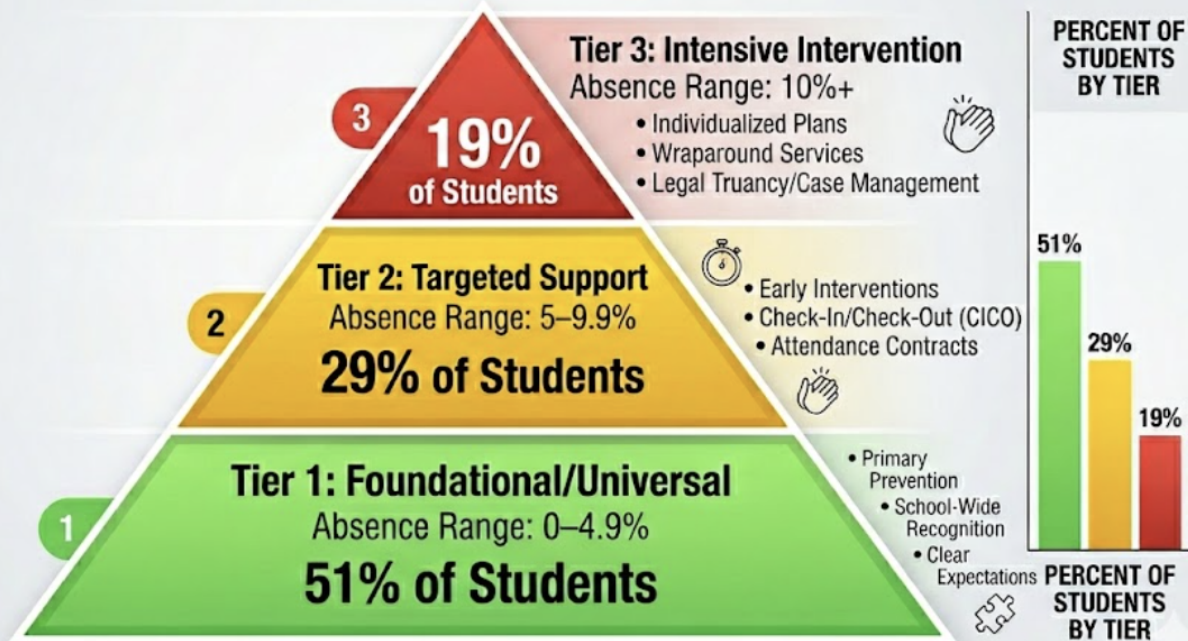
To ensure every student has a caring adult and community of students that greets them every morning.



PRESENCE



Tiered Attendance Data



Students who missed 10 or more days of school:

24/25: 48%

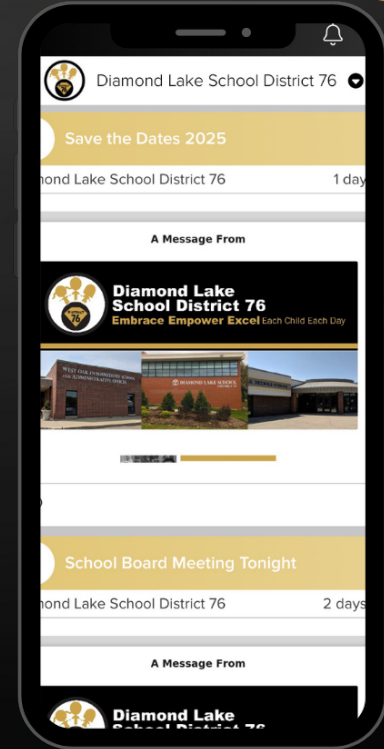
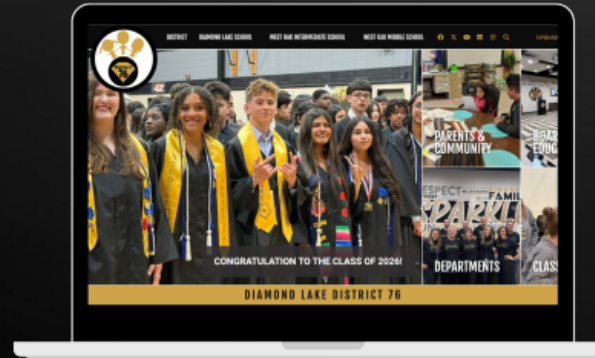
25/26: 30%



Communication Update

Presence:

Our continued use of the district website, social media, and ParentSquare helps keep families informed, strengthens community connections, and supports strong partnerships between schools and parents through clear and consistent communication.





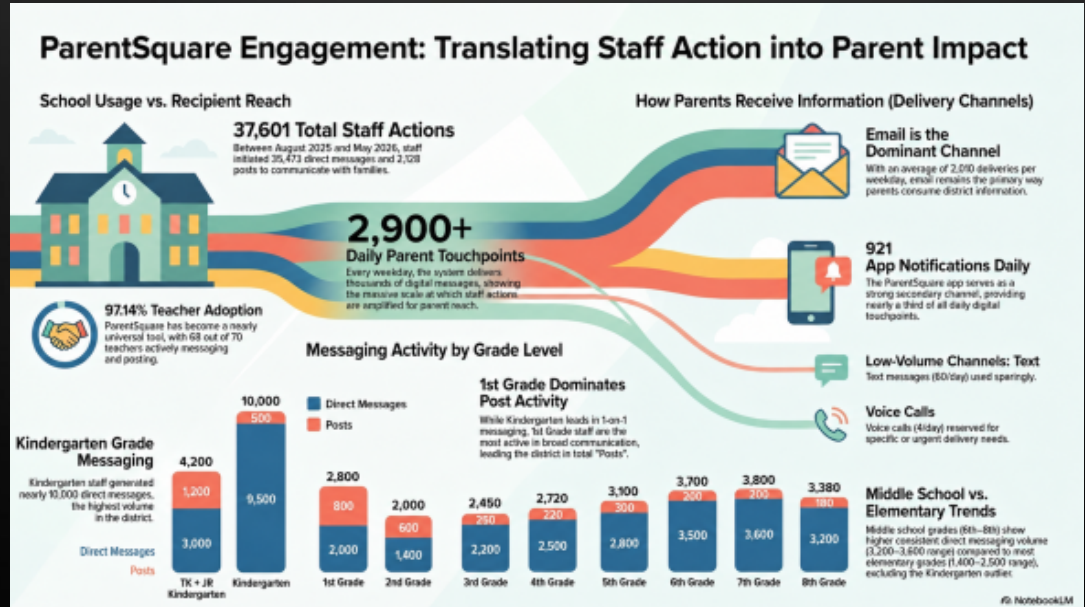
Presence through Communications

ParentSquare:

- Over 37K communications shared via ParentSquare from schools and staff.

25/26 SY Social Media Growth:

- Facebook: 1,004 **11%**
- Instagram: 687 **9%**
- YouTube: 337 **12%**
- LinkedIn: 283 **29%**
- X: 634 **-2%**





Portrait of Excellence

Key Improvements Developed in Collaboration with the Report Card Task Force

- Flexible format based on school and/or grade level
- Exemplifies the whole student (not just academics)
- Easily digestible for parents to understand how their student is progressing over the school year

Attendance		T1	T2	T3
Absent		3	1.5	2
Present		53	48.5	68
Tardy		0	0	0
Enrolled		54	50	70

Social Emotional Learning		Performance Level	Scale Score
SALPDS		Low Risk	97

Local Assessment		Score	Performance Level
STAR Reading	1081		At/Above
STAR Math	1082		At/Above

STEAM Levy		T1	T2	T3
Standard Mastery		4	4	4

Wellness Word		T1	T2	T3
Standard Mastery		4	4	4

Band Meas		T1	T2	T3
Jard Mastery		2	4	4

Language Arts Uzzardi		T1	T2	T3
Jard Mastery		4	4	4

Math Uzzardi		T1	T2	T3
Jard Mastery		2	3	4

Music Stanish		T1	T2	T3
Jard Mastery		3	3	4

Physical Education Campbell		T1	T2	T3
Jard Mastery		4	4	4

Science Uzzardi		T1	T2	T3
Jard Mastery		4	5	4

Social Studies Uzzardi		T1	T2	T3
Jard Mastery		2	3	4

Comments	
T3	<p>Anya has been a joy to teach this year! Her dedication to learning has been admirable. She has made excellent progress in Reading and Writing this year, consistently delivering high-quality work. Although Anya faced some challenges in math she persevered and showed steady progress. Keep up the determination! To build on this year's success, I encourage Anya to read daily and practice writing her ideas during the summer break.</p>

Scoring Description	
4	exceeds: Student demonstrates an in-depth understanding of concepts, skills and processes taught in this reporting period and exceeds a required performance.
3	meets: Student has mastered the concepts, skills and process taught in this reporting period.
2	approaches: Student is beginning to demonstrate an understanding of concepts, skills and processes taught in this reporting period.
1	partial success at score 2.0 content and possibly errors or omissions regarding score 3.0 concepts and processes.
0	not yet demonstrated: Student does not yet demonstrate an understanding of concepts, skills and processes taught in this reporting period.
Not Evaluated	



OPERATIONS



Operations Update

Future Projects & Funding

- WOC Track/Soccer Field Area (~\$2.0M - \$5.0M)
- WOIS Courtyard Project (~\$4.0M)
- D76 Community Center (~\$500K)
- WOC Air Handler Replacements (~\$1.5M)

Wold to conduct required 10-year life safety study update and present additional future facility recommendations (Summer 2026). This could add to the list of essential facility projects.

Current Financial Status

Projects could be funded with a mix of Capital Projects and/or Working Cash Funds.

Current balances: ~\$6.0MM

\$1.5MM approved transfer to Capital Projects Fund.

Exploring Additional Funding

To bridge any remaining funding gaps, the district is exploring:

- Transfers from the Education Fund
- State and federal grant opportunities
- Countywide voter-approved 1% sales tax initiative



Actualización de Operaciones (Proyectos Futuros y Financiamiento)

Proyectos Futuros Posibles y Consideraciones de Financiamiento:

- WOC Track/Soccer Field Area (~\$2.0M - \$5.0M)
- WOIS Courtyard Project (~\$4.0M)
- D76 Community Center (~\$500K)
- WOC Air Handler Replacements (~\$1.5M)

Estudio de Seguridad: Wold llevará a cabo la actualización obligatoria del estudio de seguridad humana de 10 años y presentará recomendaciones adicionales para el futuro de las instalaciones (Verano de 2026). Esto podría sumarse a la lista de proyectos esenciales de infraestructura.

Estado Financiero Actual

Los proyectos podrían financiarse con una combinación de Fondos para Proyectos de Capital y/o Fondos de Caja de Trabajo.

Los saldos actuales son de ~\$6.0M.

Se aprobó una transferencia adicional de \$1.5M al Fondo de Proyectos de Capital.

Buscando Financiamiento Adicional:

Para cerrar cualquier brecha financiera restante, el distrito está explorando:

- Transferencias del Fondo de Educación.
- Oportunidades de subvenciones estatales y federales.
- Una iniciativa de impuesto a las ventas del 1% aprobado por los votantes a nivel de todo el condado.



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AGENDA ITEM V-A

Administrative: Approve Omnibus Vote Agenda **ACTION**

Items under the Omnibus Vote Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If any one Board member, staff, administrator, or citizen wishes to have a separate vote on any item or items, that item or items will be pulled from the Omnibus Vote Agenda and voted on separately.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Diamond Lake 76 Board of Education accepts and approves the Omnibus Vote Agenda, Items A thru D as listed:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| A. Approval of Minutes
Business Meeting | 05.19.26 |
| B. Approval of Payrolls | 07.15.2026 & 07.31.2026* |
| C. Pre-approval of Treasure's Report | 05.2026 |
| D. Pre-approval of Current Bills | 05.2026-6.2026** |

*Pre-approval of Payrolls not to exceed \$500,000.00 each.

** Pre-approval of Current Bills not to exceed \$750,000.00 each.



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AGENDA ITEM V-C

**Administrative: Resolution authorizing transfer from Education Fund to Operations and
Maintenance Fund ACTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, the Diamond Lake School District 76 Board of Education approves a
\$1,500,000 interfund transfer from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
DIAMOND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM THE EDUCATIONAL FUND
TO THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17-2A of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/17-2A), the Board of Education ("Board") of the Diamond Lake School District No. 76, Lake County, Illinois ("School District"), by proper resolution, may authorize the Treasurer of the School District to make interfund transfers between the Education, Operations and Maintenance, and Transportation Funds, and from the Tort Immunity to the Operations and Maintenance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of such resolution must follow a public hearing set by the Board or Board President; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was required to be preceded by at least one published notice occurring at least seven (7) days and not more than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the School District, and a notice posted at least forty-eight (48) hours before the hearing, with both notices setting forth the time, date, place and subject matter of the hearing.

WHEREAS, such hearing was held on June 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at Diamond Lake Elementary School, 25807 Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein IL 60060, pursuant to the notice published on May 20, 2026, in the Daily Herald and the notice posted on May 20, 2026, at the district office; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to transfer money currently in the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Diamond Lake School District No. 76 as follows:

Section 1. The Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to transfer the following amounts between the following funds:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>
\$1,500,000	Educational Fund	Operations and Maintenance Fund

Section 2. The Treasurer is authorized to transfer said amount and record the transfer on the books of the School District.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYE:

NAY:

ABSENT:

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

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Diamond Lake School District 76

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AGENDA ITEM V-D

Administrative: Resolution authorizing transfer from Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Diamond Lake School District 76 Board of Education approves a \$1,500,000 interfund transfer from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
DIAMOND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 76
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 2-3, 2-3.27, and 2-3.28 of the *School Code*, the Illinois State Board of Education (“ISBE”) has the power and duty to formulate and approve forms, procedures, and regulations for school district accounts and budgets; and

WHEREAS, ISBE Regulation Section 100.50(d)(2) provides that when revenues or other sources of funds are pledged to pay for a capital project or acquisition, the moneys shall be transferred into the Capital Projects Fund, except in case of acquisition of any equipment that must be financed from the transportation fund pursuant to Section 17-8 of the *School Code*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) of Diamond Lake School District No. 76, Lake County, Illinois (“District”), has previously established a Capital Projects Fund in compliance with these regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Board of Education of Diamond Lake School District No. 76 that:

- Section 1:** The Preamble above is hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution.
- Section 2:** The Board hereby pledges the amount of One Million Five-Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) in the Operations and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of improving the sites of, building and equipping additions to and/or altering, repairing and equipping existing facilities of the District, and further approves the transfer of revenues from the Operations and Maintenance Fund into the Capital Projects Fund by the Treasurer pursuant to such pledge.
- Section 3:** All such accounting transfers shall be reflected in District financial reports in accordance with ISBE regulations.
- Section 4:** All expenditures from District Funds shall continue to be approved by the Board in accordance with law and Board Policy.
- Section 5:** All inter-fund transfers expressly authorized by statute shall continue to be approved by the Board as provided in the applicable statute.
- Section 6:** The Treasurer is directed to implement this Resolution.
- Section 7:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NAY:

ABSENT:

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

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AGENDA ITEM V-E

Administrative: Approve Resolution to Designate Interest Earnings for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 *ACTION*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Diamond Lake 76 Board of Education accepts and approves the Designation of Interest Earnings for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as recommended.

**RESOLUTION TO
DESIGNATE INTEREST EARNINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

WHEREAS, by regulation (23 Ill. Administrative Code 100.5(a)(4)), the Illinois State Board of Education now specifies that, unless a statute or school board resolution provides otherwise, interest earnings on school district funds shall be added to and become part of principal as of June 30 of each fiscal year;

WHEREAS, this Board of Education of DIAMOND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 76, Lake County, State of Illinois, wishes to retain the option of later transferring some or all of the interest earned during the fiscal year and previous fiscal years under Section 10-22.44 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-22.44);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of DIAMOND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 76, Lake County, State of Illinois, as follows:

- Section 1.** All interest earned in each fund of this School District during the current fiscal year is hereby designated as interest and not as the principal balance in that fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and is subject to being transferred as interest to the extent permitted by law.
- Section 2.** All interest earned in each fund of this School District during any prior fiscal year and retained in the School District fund for which it accrued is hereby designated as interest and not as part of the principal balance in that fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and is subject to being transferred as interest to the extent permitted by law.
- Section 3.** The School Treasurer is directed to maintain a record of the total of all interest earnings so designated for each School District fund as of July 1, 2025, and to provide a report of that record to the Board.
- Section 4.** This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

Section 5: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby repealed, and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately and forthwith upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2026, upon motion, a second, and a roll call vote taken and the members voted as follows:

	Motion	2 nd	Members Voting Aye	Members Voting Nay	Members Abstaining	Members Absent
Joy Hail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Sullivan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elisa Bailis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elizabeth Reyes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tina Holland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emily Crutchfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Becker	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ATTEST:

Joy Hail , President | Board of Education
Diamond Lake School District 76

Elisa Bailis , Secretary | Board of Education
Diamond Lake School District 76

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LAKE)

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of DIAMOND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 76, Lake County, State of Illinois, do further certify that on the 4th day of June, 2024, there was a resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION TO
DESIGNATE INTEREST EARNINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

duly adopted by the Board of Education of DIAMOND LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 76, Lake County, State of Illinois, on the 4th day of June, 2024, at an official meeting of the Board of Education.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all the procedural rules of the Board in conduct of said meeting and in the adoption of said resolution.

Dated this the 4th day of June, 2024.

Elisa Bailis , Secretary | Board of Education
Diamond Lake School District 76



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AGENDA ITEM V-F

Administrative: Approve 2026-2027 Consolidated District Plan *ACTION*

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Diamond Lake 76 Board of Education accepts and approves the 2026-2027 Consolidated District Plan as presented.

eGrant Management System

Printed Copy of Application

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Application: Consolidated District Plan - 00

Cycle: Original Application

Sponsor/District: DIAMOND LAKE SD 76

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Overview

All entities seeking grant funding must have an active UEI registration in SAM.gov throughout the lifecycle of the grant.

PROGRAM:

Consolidated District Plan

PURPOSE:

The District Plan shall be developed with timely and meaningful consultation with teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, charter school leaders, administrators, other appropriate school personnel, and parents of children in schools served under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) legislation, and as appropriate, is coordinated with other programs under ESSA, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (20 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3103 et seq.), the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.), the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (29 U.S.C. 3271 et seq.), and other Acts as appropriate.

BOARD GOALS:

Student Learning: Every child will make significant academic gains each year, increasing their knowledge, skills, and opportunities so they graduate equipped to pursue a successful future, with the state paying special attention to addressing historic inequities.

Learning Conditions: All schools will receive the resources necessary to create safe, healthy, and welcoming learning environments, and will be equipped to meet the unique academic and social and emotional needs of each and every child.

Elevating Educators: Illinois diverse student population will have educators who are prepared through multiple pathways and are supported in and celebrated for their efforts to provide each and every child an education that meets their needs.

FY 2027

Included

Programs:

Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs

Title I, Part A - School Improvement Part 1003

Title I, Part D - Delinquent

Title I, Part D - Neglected

Title I, Part D - State Neglected/Delinquent

Title II, Part A - Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders

Title III - Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP)

Title III - Immigrant Student Education Program (ISEP)

EL - Bilingual Service Plan (BSP)

Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Title V, Part B - Rural and Low Income Schools

IDEA, Part B - Flow-Through

IDEA, Part B - Preschool

Foster Care Transportation Plan

LEGISLATION:

[Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#)

[Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)

[Rehabilitation Act](#)

[Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act](#)

[Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act](#)

[Head Start Act](#)

[McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#)

[Adult Education and Family Literacy Act](#)

[105 ILCS 5/ Illinois School Code Article 14C. Transitional Bilingual Education](#)

[23 Illinois Administrative Code 228 Transitional Bilingual Education](#)

DUE DATE:

District plans must be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education and approved before any FY 2027 grant applications for included programs can be approved.

Submission by April 1 is recommended.

DURATION:

The District Plan is submitted for the school year 2026-2027 and must be updated annually thereafter.

AMENDMENTS:

Each Local Education Agency (LEA) shall periodically review and, as necessary, revise the plan throughout the year. Plan amendments may necessitate amendment of the associated grant application(s) as well.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Instructions in PDF format

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS:

ESSA - Every Student Succeeds Act (also referenced as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act [ESEA] of 1965 as Amended)

IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

ISBE - Illinois State Board of Education

LEA - Local Educational Agency

LIEP - Language Instruction Educational Program

SEA - State Education Agency

BSP - Bilingual Service Plan

1. Contact Information for Person Completing This Form

Last Name*	First Name*	Middle Initial
<input type="text" value="Cunningham"/>	<input type="text" value="Peter"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone*	Extension	Email*
<input type="text" value="847"/> <input type="text" value="566"/> <input type="text" value="9221"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="pcunningham@dist76.org"/>

2. General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) Section 427 *

Section 427 of GEPA (20 U.S.C. 1228a) affects all applicants submitting proposals under this program. This section requires each applicant to include in its proposal a description of the steps the applicant proposes to take to ensure equitable access to, and participate in, its federally assisted program for students, teachers, and other program beneficiaries with special needs.

This provision allows applicants discretion in developing the required description. The statute highlights six types of barriers that can impede equitable access or participation: gender, race, national origin, color, disability, or age. The applicant should determine whether these or other barriers may prevent students, teachers, etc. from such access to, or participation in, the federally funded project or activity. The description of steps to be taken to overcome these barriers need not be lengthy; the school district may provide a clear and succinct description of how it plans to address those barriers that are applicable to its circumstances. In addition, the information may be provided in a single narration, or, if appropriate, may be discussed in connection with related topics in the application.

Section 427 is not intended to duplicate the requirements of the civil rights statutes, but rather to ensure that, in designing their programs, applicants for federal funds address equity concerns that may affect the ability of certain beneficiaries to fully participate in the program and to achieve high standards. Consistent with requirements and its approved proposal, an applicant may use the federal funds awarded to it to eliminate barriers it identifies.

Describe the steps that will be taken to overcome barriers to equitable program participation of students, teachers, and other beneficiaries with special needs.

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Diamond Lake SD has no barriers to its educational programs. All programs (including Title Grants) are available to students without consideration of the race, gender, national origin, color, disability or age. D76 employs a comprehensive system of supports along with research-based methods of student needs identification. D76 identifies student needs based upon our comprehensive assessment system and determines student needs in accordance with RTI and SPED guidelines irrespective of race, gender, national origin, color, disability or age. BOARD POLICY: Equal Educational Opportunities Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to color, race, nationality, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, gender identity, status of being homeless, immigration status, order of protection status, actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy. Further, the District will not knowingly enter into agreements with any entity or any individual that discriminates against students on the basis of sex or any other protected status, except that the District remains viewpoint neutral when granting access to school facilities under School Board policy 8:20, Community Use of School Facilities. Any student may file a discrimination grievance by using Board policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure

3. Bilingual Director (Administrator overseeing EL Services) Assurance

Please take note of the following, which is determined by your district's English Learner (EL) count, shown below:

If the district has 1 or more EL students, the Bilingual Director (Administrator overseeing EL Services) must participate in the completion of the Bilingual Service Plan (BSP). The Bilingual Director (Administrator overseeing EL Services) must also participate in the completion of Title III sections, as applicable. Districts with 0 ELs do not need to complete the Bilingual Service Plan (BSP).

4. District Migrant Education Program Liaison

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial
<input type="text" value="Cunningham"/>	<input type="text" value="Peter"/>	<input type="text"/>
Phone	Extension	Email
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The district individual above will be the contact person in the event that a migratory child is or migratory children are believed to have enrolled in the district. The District Migrant Program Liaison may notify ISBE at 312-814-3850 or Multilingual@isbe.net if they are aware that a child could be a potential or active agricultural migrant. ISBE may also contact the above individual if it has information that a migratory child resides in the district and is eligible for supplemental instructional and/or support services under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (Reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015) - Title I, Part C Education of Migratory Children.

5. General Completion Instructions

Work through the tabs from left to right. Save each page before moving to the next tab.

Required fields on each page are dependent upon funding sources selected on the Needs Assessment and Programs tab.

Many pages have notes at the bottom indicating for which programs the page is required.

To determine if a page is required for the funding sources selected earlier in the application, save the page before completing and look for error messages. If none, the page is not required for the program(s) selected.

How to Complete Pages with Pre-populated Fields

Several pages have two boxes below the narrative questions - one has the response from the prior year plan and the other allows responses for the updated plan. Copy the response from the re-display and paste it into the updated plan box, revising the description as necessary. Be sure to save the page once this has been completed for all questions on the page.

*Required field, applicable for all funding sources

Amendments

Indicate whether this is the first submission for the fiscal year or an amendment to the APPROVED initial plan for the fiscal year.*

NOTE: This page must be completed each time a new plan version within the fiscal year is submitted to ISBE.

- Initial submission for the fiscal year
- Amendment to approved plan for the fiscal year

*Required field, applicable for all funding sources

1. Consolidated planning includes how anticipated programs will be funded. Indicate below for which programs the LEA anticipates receiving funding for school year 2026-2027.* [1]

NOTE: All funding sources should be reviewed after October 1, and the plan should be amended and resubmitted to ISBE if funding sources have been added or removed due to actual grant awards.

- Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part A - School Improvement Part 1003
- Title I, Part D - Delinquent
- Title I, Part D - Neglected
- Title I, Part D - State Neglected/Delinquent
- Title II, Part A - Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders
- Title III - Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP)
- Title III - Immigrant Student Education Program (ISEP)
- Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- Title V, Part B - Rural and Low Income Schools
- IDEA, Part B - Flow-Through
- IDEA, Part B - Preschool

2. Describe how the LEA will align federal resources, including but not limited to the programs in the CDP, with state and local resources to carry out activities supported in whole or in part with funding from the programs selected.* [2] For your convenience, the prior year Consolidated District Plan approved response is provided below. It may be copied and modified to address the Consolidated District Plan needs. *DO NOT use special characters, numbered or bulleted lists copied from Word, 'see above,' or N/A as this may delay the submission or approval of your plan.* ([count] of 7500 maximum characters used)

Diamond Lake SD will identify programs, personnel and resources to provide a high quality education for all student and appropriately align and appropriate income streams to meet those ends. Local Funds are aligned with Federal resources to staff intervention programs and personnel to ensure that student academic needs are addressed both individually and for district students as a whole. Aligned Funds support teaching staff, educational resources and student evaluation tools allowing us to prescribe tier I, II and III academic programs to our students. Local and federal funds are aligned to support our IEP students with the individualized resource needs prescribed in their individual IEPs. Additionally, local and federal funds are aligned to support our EL students with individual and programmatic needs. Staffing and instructional resources are supplied to meet these ends.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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3. Will the LEA braid funding?* Indicate the funds that will be braided, and select the programs or initiatives that will be supported by braiding. If no programs/initiatives are supported by braiding, select no.

Braiding of Funds

- Yes No

4. Will the LEA hybrid-blend Title II and/or Title IV funding?* Indicate all that apply, and select the programs or initiatives that will be supported by hybrid blending. If no programs/initiatives are supported by the full/partial transfer of funds, select no.

Transfer of Funds

- Yes No

5. Provide a Summary of the LEA's Needs Assessment.*

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The District has used student assessment data along with data related to our under-resourced populations to identify our district needs and supports. We use the Star Reading and Math assessment along with our FastTrack Reading and Math assessments to monitor student growth and progress. These data sets allow us to identify our needs and direct our system of supports. Additionally, we use our F/R lunch numbers to identify students who may be in need of more intensive supports.

Legislative References:

[1] Title I, Part A, Reference Section 1112(a) (1)

[2] Title I, Part A, Reference Section 1112(a) (1)

*Required field, applicable for all funding sources

1. Indicate which of the instruments below were used in the LEA needs assessment process.*

- A. School and/or district report card(s)
- B. Five Essentials Survey
- C. Student achievement data (disaggregated by student groups)
- D. Current recruitment and retention efforts and effectiveness data
- E. Professional development plan(s)
- F. School improvement plan(s)
- G. ESSA site based expenditure data
- H. ED School Climate Survey (EDSCLS)
- I. CDC School Health Index
- J. National School Climate Center
- K. ASCD School Improvement Tool
- L. Illinois Quality Framework and Supporting Rubric
- M. Other

List and describe other instruments and/or processes that were used in the needs assessment.

We coordinate the efforts of two major committees i.e. the Instructional Leadership Team and the Professional Advisory Council to regularly assess programs and student needs. Assessments used include: F&P, Star Reading and Math, Fastbridge, IAR, ACCESS, LLI and local assessments. Each school implements our RtI/MTSS Process which includes a six week data review cycle which evaluates student progress. Students identified as below the 29th %ile are provided additional reading and/or math supports along with EL resource supports if necessary.

2. For each program for which funding is anticipated, provide a summary of the needs assessment results. Include the program goal(s) identified through the needs assessment process, as applicable.* Writing space appears if a program was selected on the Needs Assessment and Programs page; to make changes in program funding, return to that page, revise, save the page, and return to this page.

- i. Identify areas of need related to student achievement, subgroup performance, and resource inequities.
- ii. Include any additional information relevant to this planning document. Provide targeted responses where noted.
- iii. Describe how the needs assessment information will be used for identifying program goals and planning grant activities for each program as applicable.

A. Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs

Identify needs assessment results, including programs and activities planned as a result of the needs assessment, a description of strategies for closing any achievement gaps, key professional development opportunities for teachers and principals, and nonpublic equitable share (if applicable)

Through our needs assessment we have identified the need for additional instructional supports for our Low Income Students in the areas of literacy and math. We complete our needs assessment by analyzing student assessment data on several measures ie. STAR, IAR, Fastbridge, ACCESS, F&P and then provide appropriate intervention and support minutes in either push-in, pull-out or after-school/summer school reading and math programs.

B. Title I, Part A - School Improvement Part 1003**C. Title I, Part D - Delinquent****D. Title I, Part D - Neglected****E. Title I, Part D - State Neglected/Delinquent****F. Title II, Part A - Preparing, Training, and Recruiting**

Identify needs assessment results, including programs and activities planned as a result of the needs assessment, a description of strategies for closing any achievement gaps, reducing class size, key professional development opportunities for teachers and principals, and nonpublic equitable share (if applicable).

We utilize human resource data to plan our mentor programs, provide instructional coaching and provide professional development opportunities to our teaching staff based the Marzano High-Reliability Schools Framework. We offer regular professional development opportunities related to resource usage, instructional technology, SEL, and curriculum development and implementation. In terms of closing the achievement gap, we utilize the assessment data related to the assessments listed above to identify our minority, EL and underachieving students performing below the 25th %ile and provide those students with Reading, Math and EL supports.

G. Title III - LIEP

We use ACCESS data along with other local measures listed above to assess student needs and provide appropriate language services through our EL Resource program and our two-way dual language program. In the past our Low-income and EL populations have performed below state averages which require us to provide reading, math, and language supports in terms of additional minutes of instruction provided by our reading and math interventionists, after-school and summer school programming and EL resource supports.

H. Title III - ISEP

I. Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Identify needs assessment results, including programs and activities planned as a result of the needs assessment, a description of strategies for closing any achievement gaps through well-rounded education, improving school conditions for student learning and improving the use of technology, and nonpublic equitable share (if applicable).

Using the STAR and Fastbridge assessments, we were able to identify the resources needed to support our students at all Tiers of instruction. The district will be using Envision 2.0 and Magma Math resources to support Tier I students while also using assessment results to identify and support students in need of intervention with after-school services.

J. Title V, Part B - Rural and Low Income Schools

K. IDEA, Part B - Flow-Through [1]

Through our needs assessment, we identified professional development opportunities to support students with special needs throughout the district. We provide professional development opportunities for our special education teachers that targets supporting student needs and also to our general teaching staff to ensure a positive school experience for students that have been identified as needing special education support and are in the least restrictive environment, the general education classroom.

L. IDEA, Part B - Preschool

Our needs assessment allows us to consider how we partner with community organizations in order to complete child find requirements.

Legislative Requirement:

[1] IDEA - 23 IAC Section 1.420(q)

*Required field, applicable for all funding sources selected

INSTRUCTIONS: Select the goal(s) below that align with the District responses provided in the required information below. A minimum of one ISBE or District Goal must be selected.*

ISBE Goals:

- Student Learning: Every child will make significant academic gains each year, increasing their knowledge, skills, and opportunities so they graduate equipped to pursue a successful future, with the state paying special attention to addressing historic inequities.
- Learning Conditions: All schools will receive the resources necessary to create safe, healthy, and welcoming learning environments, and will be equipped to meet the unique academic and social and emotional needs of each and every child.
- Elevating Educators: Illinois diverse student population will have educators who are prepared through multiple pathways and are supported in and celebrated for their efforts to provide each and every child an education that meets their needs.

District Goal(s):

- Select the checkbox, then enter the District Goal(s) that align to the responses below in the text area.

It is our goal to improve student outcomes through targeted support which will include: reading and math intervention support, and after school reading programs and summer programs. Additionally, monies will be used to support teacher growth and efficacy through ongoing professional development and professional collaboration.

1. Select the types of personnel/groups that were included in the planning process (required stakeholders for various programs as footnoted below).*
Check all that apply.

- A. Teachers (1,7,8)
- B. Principals (1,7,8)
- C. Other school leaders (1,8)
- D. Paraprofessionals (1)
- E. Specialized instructional support personnel (1,2,3,4,8)
- F. Charter school leaders (in a local educational agency that has charter schools) (1)
- G. Parents and family members of children in attendance centers covered by included programs (1,2,3,4,7,8)
- H. Parent liaisons
- I. Title I director (1)
- J. Title II director (1)
- K. Bilingual director (Administrator overseeing EL Services) (1,6,8)
- L. Title IV director (1)
- M. Special Education director
- N. Guidance staff
- O. Community members and community based organizations (7)
- P. Business representatives (2,3,4)
- Q. Researchers (7)
- R. Institutions of Higher Education (7)
- S. Homeless Liaison (1)
- T. Other - specify
- U. Additional Other - specify

Program Footnotes:

- 1 = Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs
 2 = Title I, Part D - Neglected
 3 = Title I, Part D - Delinquent

- 4 = Title I, Part D - State Neglected/Delinquent
- 5 = Title II, Part A - Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals, and Other School Leaders
- 6 = Title III, including LIEP and ISEP
- 7 = Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- 8 = EL - BSP

2. Articulate how the LEA consulted with the stakeholders identified above in the development of this plan. Describe how stakeholders' input impacted the final plan submission, as well as references to particular meetings. Note that documentation of stakeholder engagement may be requested during monitoring; keep documentation on file. [1]**

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DLT: : District Leadership met to discuss the parameters of the Consolidated District Plan. The Leadership Team includes: Superintendent, Principals, District Coordinators and Directors. The Leadership Team reviewed the parameters of the plan and included information necessary for the above narrative. ILT: : The Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) met in April 2026 to discuss the parameters of the District Consolidated Plan. The ILT includes grade level leaders, instructional specialists in special education, advanced programs, transitional bilingual education and reading intervention. The Instructional Leadership Team reviewed the parameters of the plan and included information necessary for the above narrative. Parents: The parents were surveyed to identify regarding how well the school informs the parents regarding their progress of their child. Based on the parent response, the district has made sure to send timely information home about student progress in any intervention provided and with regard to any standardized assessment. The district also worked closely with the PTO and the BPAC to arrive at collaborative decisions related to curriculum, instruction and community outreach. Based on the feedback, the district offers several "Parent Universities" to bridge the communication gap by educating parents on topics around curriculum, instruction, assessment, technology, health, wellness and others. Additionally, the specific needs of the English Learner and Immigrant parents and family members are supported through specific topics and events identified by BPAC that include family reading events, cultural nights, topics offered in different languages, and the use and support of a community liaison. BOE: : The BOE which consists of parents and community members reviewed the plan and approved on 5.19.26

Response from the prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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3. Describe the approaches the district will use to include parents and family members in the development of LEA plans including the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy so that the plans and related activities represent the needs of varied and diverse populations. ** [2]

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The District regularly includes both the Parent Teacher Organization and Bilingual Parent Advisory Council in collaborative decisions related to curriculum, instruction and community outreach. The district administration and teachers meet with the PTO on a monthly basis to discuss district topics and receive input from parents and community members. Additionally, yearly Title plans and District/School Improvement Plans are approved by the district's Board of Education. The District Administration also provides virtual and in-person events related to topics of interest throughout the school year. For example, this past year parents formed a Report Card committee that helped inform how the district reports the progress of each student. These are designed to bridge the communication gap between parents and the school by educating parents on topics around curriculum, instruction, assessment, technology, health, wellness and others. Additionally, each school conducts school specific events that are focused on community outreach such as reading nights, curriculum nights, cultural events and others.

Response from the prior year Consolidated District Plan.

The District regularly includes both the Parent Teacher Organization and Bilingual Parent Advisory Council in collaborative decisions related to curriculum, instruction and community outreach. The district administration and teachers meet with the PTO on a monthly basis to discuss district topics and receive input from parents and

community members. Additionally, yearly Title plans and District/School Improvement Plans are approved by the district's Board of Education. The District Administration also holds several "Parent Universities" throughout the school year. Parent universities are designed to bridge the communication gap between parents and the school by educating parents on topics around curriculum, instruction, assessment, technology, health, wellness and others. Additionally, each school conducts school specific events that are focused on community outreach such as reading nights, curriculum nights, cultural events and others.

4. Describe the activities/strategies the LEA will implement for effective parent and family engagement. Include Title I parent and family engagement required meetings and activities. Also include a description of any activities/strategies that will be implemented for effective English learner and immigrant parent family engagement, as applicable. ** [3]

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We have utilize a multi-pronged approach to include parents and engage families. Our school community sponsors several outreach events and communications including: weekly and monthly newsletters, district web communications, parent teacher conferences, open team meetings, PTO events, Dual Language Events (ie, Dia De Los Muertos, Dual Language Family Night), committees like the Report Card team, parent universities, and others. Additionally, the district has employed a Family Community Liaison to provide information and resources to underserved students and families.

Response from the prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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Title I Requirement:

An LEA must develop the Title I Plan with timely and meaningful consultation with the stakeholders identified below.

[ESEA section 1113\(c\)\(3\)\(A\)](#)

Title III Requirement:

An LEA must develop and implement the plan in consultation with teachers, researchers, school administrators, parent and family members, community members, public or private entities, and institutions of higher education. (Section 3121(b)(4)(C))

Legislative References:

[1] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(a) (1) (A and B) and Section 3121 (b) (4)(C)

[2] Title I, Part A, Section 1116(a)(2)

[3] Title I, Part A, Section 1116(a)(2) and Section 1112(b)(7)

*Required field

**Required if funding selected for Title I, Part A; Title I, Part D; Title II, Part A; Title III; and/or Title IV, Part A

Parent and Family Engagement

ESEA Section 1116(a)(2)

Each Local Educational Agency (LEA) that receives Title I funds shall develop jointly with, agree on with, and distribute to parents and family members of participating children: a written parent and family engagement policy. The policy shall be incorporated into the LEAs Consolidated District Plan, establish the LEAs expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement, and describe how the LEA will

- (A) Involve parents and family members in jointly developing the LEA Consolidated District Plan, and the development of support and improvement plans.
 - (B) Provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the LEA in planning and implementing effective parent and family involvement activities to improve student academic achievement and school performance, which may include meaningful consultation with employers, business leaders, and philanthropic organizations, or individuals with expertise in effectively engaging parents and family members in education.
 - (C) Coordinate and integrate parent and family engagement strategies with other relevant federal, state and local laws and programs.
 - (D) Conduct an annual meeting and evaluate the content and effectiveness of the policy in improving the academic quality of Title I schools, including identifying barriers to greater participation by families and the needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children; and, strategies to support successful school and family interactions.
 - (E) Use the findings of the evaluation (D) to design evidence-based strategies for more effective (E) parental involvement, and to revise, if necessary the parent and family engagement policies.
 - (F) Involve parents in the activities of the Title I schools, which may include establishing a parent advisory board comprised of a sufficient number and representative group of parents or family members served by LEA to adequately represent the needs of the population served by such agency for the purposes of developing, revising, and reviewing the parent and family engagement policy.
- By checking this box, the applicant hereby certifies that they have read, understood, and will comply with the parent and family engagement policy requirements.

Resources:

- [U.S. Department of Education-Parent and Family Engagement Non-Regulatory Guidance](#)
- [Title Grants Administration Parent and Family Engagement Website](#)
- [Parent and Family Engagement Policy Template](#)

Upload a PDF of the District's Parent and Family Engagement Policy. Please use the naming system as noted below.

- Convert all the necessary documentation into a single PDF.
- Label the document with the region-county-district-type code number of the applicant, followed by a hyphen, then the name of the applicant, followed by a hyphen, followed by PFEPolicy.
- *Example: ABC School District would name the upload as 01-234-5678-90-ABC-PFEPolicy*

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- Double-click to display it in the Browser window.
- Click on the Upload button.
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- Check this box to confirm that the District's Parent and Family Engagement Policy has been uploaded.*

*Required field

Private School Participation

File Upload instructions are linked below. Click here for general page instructions.

NOTE: This page may remain blank if no private schools are listed or participating in the programs
NOTE: This page is not applicable to state schools or state-authorized charter schools.

Using the latest available verified data, private schools within the districts boundaries that are registered with ISBE are pre-populated in the table below. Timely and meaningful consultation with these schools is required by legislation for ESEA Titles I, II, and IV, as well as both IDEA grants. Any additional newer schools can be added by selecting Create Additional Entries. See separate sections below for more detailed information on completing the table.

Will Private Schools participate in the Program?

- Yes No

Private School Name	School Closing	Title I	Title II	Title IV	Nonpublic Consultation Form
School of St. Mary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Number of Low-Income Student(s): <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Total Enrollment Number Student(s): <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Total Enrollment Number Student(s): <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> <input type="text" value="No file chosen"/> <input type="button" value="Non Public-Consult-Participation - St. Mary FY27.pdf"/>
St. Joseph School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Number of Low-Income Student(s): <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Total Enrollment Number Student(s): <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Total Enrollment Number Student(s): <input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> <input type="text" value="No file chosen"/> <input type="button" value="Non Public-Consult-Participation - St. Joseph FY27.pdf"/>
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Comments:

We have made attempts to contact the following schools and did not receive any response: Montessori School of Lake Forest; Riverwoods Montessori School; Sager Solomon Schechter Day School.

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District Goal(s):

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To provide funds for early childhood and family education programs and services that will help young children enter school ready to learn.The program funded for three to five year olds by this initiative is the Preschool for All Children Program. This program provides screening and educational programs for 3-5 year olds based on the following priorities: 1) children who have been identified as being at risk of academic failure, 2) children whose family's income is less than four times the poverty guidelines, and 3) other children.

Describe how the district will support, coordinate, and integrate services provided under this part with early childhood education programs at the district or individual school level, including plans for the transition of participants in such programs to local elementary school programs.* [1]

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If the district does not offer early childhood education programs, enter

No Preschool Programs

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District 76 provides early childhood education to both 3 year old and 4 year old students. Students are provided a play based curriculum in developing their pre operational skills. Students receiving early childhood education are screened for appropriate educational supports upon entering Kindergarten. It should be noted that the D76 Preschool center is housed in the same facility as Kindergarten and led by the same administration for transitional ease. In order to create a seamless transition, preschool students visit Kindergarten classrooms where they meet the teachers at the end of the school year prior to entering Kindergarten. They are also invited to a Back-to-School event where they have an opportunity to tour the building, visit their classroom, and meet the teacher.

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Title I Requirement

Coordination of services with preschool education programs

Legislative References:

[1] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(8)

*Required field for Title I and/or IDEA Preschool

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District Goal(s):

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Our District 76 Strategic plan is created with the goals of increasing student growth and attainment. We seek to have a student growth percentile about the 50th %ile and all of our students at or above grade level on state and local standardized assessments.

1. Describe the well-rounded instructional program to meet the academic and language needs of all students and how the district will develop and implement the program(s).* [1]

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Diamond Lake School District 76 provides a comprehensive standards based education in the areas of Math, Science, English Language Arts, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Music and STEM. The District has built its academic foundation on the utilization of our professional learning communities (PLCs). Each academic area and grade level include a professional learning community aimed at the development of a consistent and viable curriculum inclusive of common assessments, interventions and enrichment. The PLCs operate in accordance with a 5 year curriculum cycle designed for regular monitoring and improvement of curriculum, instruction and assessment. The grade level and curricular PLCs are responsible for developing curricula that align to the Illinois State Standards. PLCs develop curricula in accordance with Marzano Resources Unit Plan format in which each standard is dissected to produce essential question, relevant standards, required vocabulary, resources, common assessment and learning plans. Curriculum is developed by the grade and subject matter PLC for the purpose of greater understanding, effective implementation, and ownership both collectively and individually.

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2. List and describe the measures the district takes to use and create the identification criteria for students at risk of failure.* Include criteria for low-income, EL, special education, neglected, and delinquent as applicable to the district. [2]

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District 76 utilizes a balanced assessment system including STAR, F&P, IAR, Fastbridge, ACCESS, and local reading and math assessments, dependent on triangulated student data to assess and monitor student achievement. Students who perform in the 29th%ile and below on state and local assessments are identified for additional instructional minutes in their area of deficit. Students identified for needing interventions or additional instructional minutes received further diagnostic assessment to greater clarify the area of deficit. Student interventions are provided specifically to the student's area of deficit i.e., reading comprehension, reading fluency, math skill fluency or number sense. While students are receiving such targeted interventions they are continuously monitored for academic progress and growth. Interventions and progress monitoring are maintained on a continual and ongoing basis while the student presents academic deficiencies.

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3. Describe the additional and supplemental education assistance (resources and/or programming) to be provided to individual students needing additional help meeting the challenging State academic and language standards. This includes a description of any additional and supplemental instructional assistance designed to assist English learners and immigrant students to access academic content and develop language proficiency, as applicable.* [3]

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4. Describe the instructional and additional strategies intended to strengthen academic and language programs and improve school conditions for student learning and how these are implemented. This includes a description of any additional supplemental instructional activities and strategies designed to strengthen academic and language programs for English learners and immigrant students, as applicable.* [4]

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5. Explain the process through which the district will identify and address any disparities that result in low-income and/or minority students being taught at higher rates than other students by ineffective, inexperienced, or out-of-field teachers.[5]**

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Diamond Lake School District is designed into grade level centers that contain heterogeneous student populations to ensure that students receive the same quality education independent of race or socioeconomic background. All of our teachers are appropriately certified and receive professional learning opportunities to grow their skill sets in meeting student educational needs. Additionally, all teachers are provided mentorship in their first two years of teaching with the district. Further, the teachers and the administration have collaboratively developed the teacher evaluation program to assist and grow teacher skill sets in the areas of planning, preparation, instruction, assessment and professional learning.

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6. Describe the measures the district takes in assisting schools in developing effective school library programs that provide students an opportunity to develop digital literacy skills and improve academic achievement. [6]**

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District 76 is a 1:1 Student:Device district. Each of our Instructional Media Arts Specialists serve to expose the student population to content across multiple mediums. Our Instructional Media Art Specialists work together with grade level curricular teams to ensure the infusion of technology into classroom instruction across all curricular areas. Students receive 1 hour of instruction per week with the Instructional Media Arts Specialist in which students are exposed to the library and media services. Additionally, Our District Instructional Technology Committee has worked to develop an Instructional Technology framework that provides teachers and staff the learning standard as they relate to instructional technology and how those standards are implemented in the regular classroom setting. Our IT committee is well versed in the SAMR model and provides suggested IT implementation strategies for all teachers and grade levels.

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7. Describe how the district will identify and serve gifted and talented students by using objective criteria. [7]**

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District 76 identifies students for our Advanced Programs by utilizing several data points including the STAR Assessment, Fastbridge, IAR Assessments, Local Assessment and Behavioral Assessments. Students identified for our Advanced Program receive enriched instruction in the areas of Math, ELA and STEM. The curriculum is aligned to challenging state standards and exposes student to in-depth and extended content.

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Title I Requirements:

Ensure that all children receive a high-quality education.

Close the achievement gap between children meeting the challenging State academic standards and those children who are not meeting such standards.

Legislative References:

[1] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(1)(A)

[2] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(1)(B); 34 CFR 300.226 and 300.646

[3] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(1)(C); 34 CFR 300.226 and 300.646

[4] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(1)(D); 34 CFR 300.226 and 300.646

[5] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(2)

[6] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(13)(B)

[7] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(13)(A)

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**Required field for only Title I, Part A

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D76 goals are focused on ensuring all students are achieving at grade level in ELA and Math in order to be appropriately prepared for their high school academic programs.

1. Describe how the district will facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including, if applicable, through:* [1]

i. Coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and other local partners;* and

ii. Increased student access to early college, high school or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities, or career counseling to identify student interests and skills.*

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2. If applicable, describe the district's support for programs that coordinate and integrate the following:* [2]

Academic and career and technical education content through coordinated instructional strategies, that may incorporate experimental learning opportunities and promote skills attainment important to in-demand occupations or industries in the State; and work-based learning opportunities that provide students in-depth integration with industry professionals and, if appropriate, academic credit.

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NOTE: If not applicable because district serves only grades K-8, enter *Elementary District*

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D76 offers several STEM opportunities to facilitate student inquiry in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students in grades 2nd-8th are exposed to STEM based curriculum which embeds problem and project-based learning. District 76 implements a digital media arts curricula as well as a Project Lead the Way curricula related for computer science, design, media technology, robotics and innovation.

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Legislative References:

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[2] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(12)(A and B)

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We have in place a high quality comprehensive professional development plan based on Marzano's High-Reliability Schools and Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching.

For each program for which funding is anticipated for the 2026-2027 school year, provide a brief description of professional development activities to be funded by the program as applicable.* [1]

NOTE: - If Professional Development will not be provided for a funded program below, enter **NOT PROVIDING**.

- Be sure to include information on how participating private schools will be included in the professional development plans.
- NOTE - writing space appears only if a program was selected on the Needs Assessment and Programs page; to make changes in program funding, return to that page, revise, save the page, and return to this page.

Program and Description

A. Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs

We have a plan that supports teacher leadership, professional learning communities and high quality curriculum development. Teachers attend the summer professional development institute that offers courses in balanced literacy and guided reading. Additionally teachers attend the regional conferences like the Raising Student Achievement conference along with other literacy, math and SEL based PD opportunities.

B. Title I, Part A - School Improvement Part 1003

C. Title I, Part D - Delinquent

D. Title I, Part D - Neglected

E. Title I, Part D - State Neglected/Delinquent

F. Title II, Part A - Preparing, Training, and Recruiting

We have in place a strong two year mentoring program that includes mentorship, instructional coaching and, peer observations.

G. Title III - LIEP

Our PD plan supports all teachers in the development and understanding of sound instructional design and implementation. Additionally our EL teachers attend the annual bilingual conference (or have an annual training brought to the district) along with our summer professional development institute which offers bilingual specific PD focused on curriculum and instructional methodologies.

H. Title III - ISEP

I. Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Our PD plan supports all teachers in the development and understanding of sound instructional design and implementation. Teachers attend weekly PLC trainings and monthly late-start trainings that are aligned to best practices in reading, math and SEL.

J. Title V, Part B - Rural and Low Income Schools

K. IDEA, Part B - Flow-Through [2]

Our PD plan supports all teachers in the development and understanding of sound instructional design and implementation. Teachers regularly attend district SPED trainings related to SPED and behavior management. Additionally our goals serve to prepare all SPED and regular ed teachers with the professional competencies that support the various individual needs presented in IEPs.

L. IDEA, Part B - Preschool

Our PD plan supports all teachers in the development and understanding of sound instructional design and implementation. Teachers regularly attend district SPED trainings related to SPED and behavior management.

Legislative Requirement:

[1] Title III, Section 3115(c)(2)

[2] 34 CFR 300.207 ; 2122(b)(4-9) of ESSA

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Our approach to our a safe and healthy learning environment includes our PBIS program and our student health and wellness programs.

1. Describe the process through which the districts will:*

i. reduce incidences of bullying and harassment;

ii. reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom [1];

iii. reduce the use of aversive behavioral interventions that compromise student health and safety; disaggregated by each subgroup of student as defined below [2]:

- a. each major racial and ethnic group;
- b. economically disadvantaged students as compared to students who are not economically disadvantaged;
- c. children with disabilities as compared to children without disabilities;
- d. English proficiency status;
- e. gender; and
- f. migrant status.

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District 76 implements the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework which serves to provide behavioral interventions void of aversive practices. The PBIS framework includes the SWIS data management system that allows district administration to input and track student behavioral data that is disaggregated by race, gender, SES, IEP and migrant status. Further, the district handbook and BOE Policy manuals include harassment and bullying policies (7:20) which states: "No person, including a District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully a student on the basis of actual or perceived: race; color; national origin; military status; unfavorable discharge status from military service; sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; gender-related identity or expression; ancestry; age; religion; physical or mental disability; order of protection status; status of being homeless; actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic."

Response from the prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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2. Describe the services the district will provide homeless children and youth, including services provided with funds reserved to support the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youth, in coordination with the services the district is providing under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. [3]

[\(42 U.S.C. 11301 et seq.\):*](#)

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Diamond Lake School District provides comprehensive services to students identified as homeless. In each building, we have the appropriate information and signage informing homeless individuals of their rights. We have removed all barriers to registration and allow homeless students to register accordingly. We have included transportation plans for homeless students to ensure regular attendance. Our district supports the needs of homeless children by providing school supplies, backpacks and other necessary items such as home supplies, clothing, food, etc. Homeless students immediately receive free lunch. Academically speaking, homeless students receive the same foundational educational services in accordance with our tertiary RTI Program. Student academic records are promptly acquired to ensure seamless continuation of necessary academic services and interventions.

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Title I Requirement:

To ensure that all children receive a high-quality education, and to close the achievement gap between children meeting the challenging State academic standards and those children who are not meeting such standards

Legislative Requirements:

[1] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(11)

[2] Title I, Part A, Section 1111(c)(2); 34 CFR 300.226 and 300.646

[3] Title I, Part A, Section 1112(b)(6)

*Required if funding selected for Title I, Part A and/or Title IV, Part A

Attendance Center Designation[Instructions](#)**Attendance Center Designation**

Attendance Center	Schoolwide	Targeted Assistance	Not Served	Closed	Board Approved Date
1003 - WEST OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5/18/2021
2003 - DIAMOND LAKE ELEM SCHOOL	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5/18/2021
2004 - FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	5/18/2021

Describe anticipated Reorganizations: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS:Select the goal(s) below that align with the District responses provided in the required information below.A minimum of one ISBE or District Goal must be selected.*

ISBE Goals:

- Student Learning: Every child will make significant academic gains each year, increasing their knowledge, skills, and opportunities so they graduate equipped to pursue a successful future, with the state paying special attention to addressing historic inequities.
- Learning Conditions: All schools will receive the resources necessary to create safe, healthy, and welcoming learning environments, and will be equipped to meet the unique academic and social and emotional needs of each and every child.
- Elevating Educators: Illinois diverse student population will have educators who are prepared through multiple pathways and are supported in and celebrated for their efforts to provide each and every child an education that meets their needs.

District Goal(s): Select the checkbox, then enter the District Goal(s) that align to the responses below in the text area.

- All Kindergarten Students are assessed under the KIDS assessment. Our Tier I, II and III programs are dedicated to student literacy and meeting the needs of each individual child through our student specific educational programs and services. Our Tiered approach to math and math intervention supports our drive to have all K-5th grade students meeting expectations in math.

1. School Improvement 1003: Describe how the district will carry out its responsibilities to support and improve schools identified as comprehensive or targeted under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1111(d).* (Section 1112(b)(3))

[Section 1111\(d\)](#)

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If the district does not have any schools identified as comprehensive or targeted, enter

No schools identified under this part

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No schools identified under this part

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No schools identified under this part

2. Does the district serve eligible children in an institution or community day program for neglected or delinquent children or in an adult correctional institution?* (Section 1112(b)(5))

- Yes
- No

3. Select the poverty criteria below that will be used to rank school attendance centers.A district shall use the same measure(s) of poverty, which measure the number of children aged 5 through 17 in poverty counted in the most recent census data, with respect to ALL school attendance centers in the LEA.* (Section 1112(b)(4))

[Measures of Poverty from 1113\(5\)\(A\) and \(B\)](#)

- School Lunch: the number of children eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.),
- TANF: the number of children in families receiving assistance under the State program funded under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act,
- Medicaid: the number of children eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid Program, and/or
- Direct Certification.

4. Describe, in general, the targeted assistance (section 1115) and/or schoolwide programs (section 1114) the district will operate, as well as the goal of those programs.Where appropriate, please explain educational services outside such schools for children living in local institutions or community day programs for neglected or delinquent children.* (Section 1112(b)(5))

[Section 1114 and 1115](#)

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The intervention program provided within D76 aligns with the RTI intervention model and is implemented in each of our three school buildings. The District RTI program aligns to our District and School Improvement Plans as described in Part 2. At Diamond Lake Elementary (DLS), which is grades K-2, students are identified as being in need of intervention based on local assessments in math and reading. Student identified and needing interventions are provided up to 30 additional minutes each day in their area of deficit with a trained interventionist utilizing research based interventions. At DLS interventionists use F&P's Level Literacy interventions, STAR, Foundations, Being a Reader, Envisions, and others to support intervention minutes. At West Oak Intermediate (WOIS), which is 3-5, students are identified as being in need of intervention based on local assessments in math and reading. Students are exposed to several assessments including Fastbridge, STAR and IAR. Students identified as needing interventions are provided up to an 30 additional minutes each day in their area of deficit with a trained interventionist utilizing research based interventions. At WOIS interventionists use F&P's Leveled Literacy intervention, Wilson Reading, Being a Reader, Envisions, SuccessMaker, Math Edge, Reading Edge and others to support intervention minutes. At West Oak Middle School, which is grade 6-8, students are identified as being in need of intervention based on local assessments in math and reading. Students are assessed using several assessments including Fastbridge, STAR and IAR. Students identified as needing interventions are provided 50 additional minutes each day in their area of deficit with a trained interventionist utilizing research based interventions. At West Oak Middle School interventionists use Academy of Math, MCI, Number World, Magma Math, Math Edge, LLI and others to support intervention minutes.

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5. In schools operating a targeted assistance program, please describe the objective criteria the district has established to identify the target populations, AND how teachers and school leaders will include parents, administrators, paraprofessionals, and instructional support personnel in their identification of the target population.* (Section 1112(b)(9))

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*If the district does not serve any schools identified as targeted assistance, enter **Schoolwide Program Only***

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Schoolwide Program Only

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Schoolwide Program Only

Title I Requirement:

To ensure that all children receive a high-quality education, and to close the achievement gap between children meeting the challenging State academic standards and those children who are not meeting such standards.

*Required field

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INSTRUCTIONS: Select the goal(s) below that align with the District responses provided in the required information below. A minimum of one ISBE or District Goal must be selected.

ISBE Goals:

- Student Learning: Every child will make significant academic gains each year, increasing their knowledge, skills, and opportunities so they graduate equipped to pursue a successful future, with the state paying special attention to addressing historic inequities.
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1. How was the comprehensive needs assessment information used for planning grant activities? *This section should include the comprehensive needs identified that will be targeted by the activities and programs funded by IDEA.

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D76 examined the Special Education needs assessment and determined that continued support in creating a LRE was necessary. Therefore, we are continuing the usage of in class teachers aides to support the needs of our students with special needs.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

D76 examined the Special education needs assessment and determined that continued support in creating a LRE was necessary. Therefore, we are continuing the usage of in class teachers aides to support the needs of our students with special needs.

2. Summarize the activities and programs to be funded within the grant application.*

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IDEA monies will be used on in class teacher aides as well as continued professional development in best instructional and SEL practices in education.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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3. Describe any changes in the scope or nature of services from the prior fiscal year.*

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There are no intended changes from prior fiscal year.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

There are no intended changes from prior fiscal year.

4. How are funds being used to support district performance on the State Performance Plan Indicators? Please provide a brief narrative below for each indicator that's applicable. For a listing of State Performance Plan (SPP) Indicators, please click on the hyperlink below.

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Special-Education-Programs.aspx>

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District 76 has used IDEA funding to provide specialized equipment, sensory tools, staff professional development, academic and Social emotional curriculum, bilingual assessments, behavior consultant, professional salaries, and providing supports to students to ensure they are in the least restrictive environment. The professional salaries, behavioral consultant, sensory items, and professional development assist in supporting our students in being in the least restrictive environment and align to indicator 5 and 6. The purchase of ELA curriculums align to indicator 17. We have purchased additional ELA curriculums to meet our students educational needs in ELA and improve their literacy skills. The district has collaborated with the Special Education District of Lake County to complete our bilingual cognitive and communication assessments. This aligns to indicator 9 and 10, the district is ensuring we are using culturally responsive assessments to evaluate bilingual students and are not misidentifying student needs.

*Required field

Overview

***Note: This plan section is not required for the Department of Juvenile Justice.**

PROGRAM:	Youth in Care Stability
PURPOSE:	To comply with ESSA requirements for educational stability for students who are Youth in Care.
REQUIRED FOR:	All Illinois school districts and state-authorized charter schools
RESOURCES:	ED and HHS Letter to Chief State School Officers and Child Welfare Directors on Implementing the Fostering Connections Act of May 30, 2014 US Department of Education (USDE) web page for Students in Foster Care The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-351) Educational Stability Requirements (Effective October 7, 2008) Public Act 099-0781 (effective 8/12/2016) USDE Non-Regulatory Guidance: Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (June 23, 2016) Finance, Budgets & Funding Transportation Programs (scroll to Foster Care Transportation section) ESEA of 1965 as Amended, Section 6312(c)

BACKGROUND

Section 6312(5)(B) of ESEA of 1965 as Amended by ESSA requires that the local educational agency (LEA) collaborate with the state or local child welfare agency to develop and implement clear written procedures governing how transportation to maintain students who are Youth in Care in the school of origin when in their best interests will be provided, arranged, and funded for the duration of the time as Youth in Care.

DEFINITION AND REFERENCES

First Division vehicles are defined in the Illinois Vehicle Code as motor vehicles designed to carry no more than 10 persons total.

First Division vehicles can be used to transport 10 or fewer persons, including the driver, on regular routes for any and all school-sponsored activities, including curriculum-related trips. Examples of First Division vehicles include cars, station wagons, mini-vans (10 passengers or less which includes the driver), taxi cabs, medical carrier or medi-car, and Suburbans. The manufacturer sticker (Federal Certification Label) located on the inside of the drivers side door will stipulate MPV for Multi-Passenger Vehicle, MPPV (MultiPurpose Passenger Vehicle), or Passenger Car [49 CFR 571.3]

Vehicle Usage:

https://www.isbe.net/Documents/school_vehicle_guidance.pdf

https://www.isbe.net/Documents/vehicle_use_summary.pdf

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBF-Visual-Vehicle-Use-Guide.pdf>

Transportation Programs:

<https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Funding-and-Disbursements-Transportation-Programs.aspx>

REQUIREMENTS

A. The following factors should be considered when developing the transportation procedures for a student that is Youth in Care/in foster care:

1. Safety
2. Duration of the need for services
3. The time/length of travel time for the student each day
4. Time of placement change
5. Type of transportation available (yellow school bus, taxi cab, First Division vehicle, etc.)
6. Traffic patterns
7. Flexibility in school schedule
8. Impact of extracurricular activities on transportation options.
9. Maturity and behavioral capacity of student

B. The following low-cost/no-cost options should be considered when developing the transportation procedures:

1. Pre-existing transportation route
2. New transportation route
3. Route-to-Route hand-offs
4. District-to-district boundary hand-offs
5. Eligibility of the student for transportation through other services such as, but not limited to, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
6. Alternatives not directly provided by the district/school such as:
 - a. Contracted services - taxis, student transport companies, etc. - see note below
 - b. Public transportation such as city buses, rails, etc.
 - c. Carpools - see note below
 - d. School/District staff - see note below
 - e. Options presented by DCFS outside of those provided by the district/school, such as reimbursing the foster parents for transportation costs, or including transport in contracts with licensed child placing agencies or group homes

NOTE: A school bus driver permit is REQUIRED for these options! IMPORTANT: All drivers transporting students (other than parents or legal guardians transporting their own students) in First Division vehicles MUST possess a valid school bus driver permit per Section 6-104(d) of the Vehicle Code. THIS INCLUDES TAXI CAB DRIVERS.

REMINDER: A multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB) can NEVER be used to transport home-to-school or school-to-home [625 ILCS 5/1-148.3a-5]

C. The following funding options should be considered when developing the transportation procedures for a student that is Youth in Care/in foster care:

1. Title IV-E of the Social Security Act if the student is eligible
2. Title I of the ESEA of 1965 as Amended by ESSA (except that funds reserved for comparable services for homeless children and youth may NOT be used for transportation)
3. IDEA funds, if the student has an Individual Educational Program (IEP) that includes provisions for specialized transportation
4. State special education transportation funds, if the student has an IEP
5. Local funds

Contact Information

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As part of the Youth in Care Stability Plan development process, several stakeholders should be involved. These may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Local educational agency (LEA) point of contact for Youth in Care/Foster Care students (LEA-POC)
- b. LEA transportation director
- c. Child welfare agency point of contact
- d. LEA Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) liaison as permitted by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.58, if applicable
- e. Title I director
- f. School social worker
- g. Guidance counselor
- h. Special education personnel

Provide contact information for all personnel included in the development of the plan. The LEA-POC and transportation director are required; others are optional and should be included as applicable.

1. Youth in Care/Foster Care LEA-POC - required*

Last Name*	First Name*	Position/Title*	Email*
Klipp	Robyn	Director of Student Services	rklipp@dist76.org
Phone*			
847	566	9221	

[Click here to add information for an additional Youth in Care/Foster Care LEA-POC.](#)

2. LEA Transportation Director - required*

Last Name*	First Name*	Position/Title*	Email*
Rogers	Eric	Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations	erogers@dist76.org
Phone*			
847	566	9221	

[Click here to add information for other personnel involved in the plan development.](#)

*Required field

Best Interest Determination as it relates to School Stability

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1. Describe the process for determining the best interest of the affected student's placement if the student becomes a Youth in Care or changes residences while they are a Youth in Care. Include the positions of all district personnel and other stakeholders involved.*

Be sure to include the factors that should be considered in determining whether remaining in a child's school of origin is in their best interest, as it relates to ensuring school stability.

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The District 76 Director of Student Services and the Principal of the school the child will complete a file review and discuss possible options with the child's support team (Foster Parent and/or Guardian and/or Guardian Ad Litem). Decisions will be based on individual student needs in regards to safety, the duration of the need for service, the time/length of travel for the student, the time of the placement change, the type of transportation available, extra curricular activities and the impact of transportation, and the maturity of the student.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

The District 76 Director of Student Services and the Principal of the school the child will complete a file review and discuss possible options with the child's support team (Foster Parent and/or Guardian and/or Guardian Ad Litem). Decisions will be based on individual student needs in regards to safety, the duration of the need for service, the time/length of travel for the student, the time of the placement change, the type of transportation available, extra curricular activities and the impact of transportation, and the maturity of the student.

2. Describe any special considerations and legal requirements taken into account for children with disabilities under IDEA and students with disabilities under Section 504.*

See IDEA legislation here See Section 504 here

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If the child has an IEP or 504 plan, the child's plan including goals, accommodations, and program and services will be considered as well as the need for door to door transportation.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

If the child has an IEP or 504 plan, the child's plan including goals, accommodations, and program and services will be considered as well as the need for door to door transportation.

3. Describe any special consideration and legal requirements taken into account for children who are English learners.*

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Students that are English learners will be recommended for programs that support their transitional bilingual education needs.

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4. Describe the dispute resolution process should there be disagreement among education decision makers, and other stakeholders regarding the best interest determination.*

Be sure to include the step-by-step process if one would want to initiate a dispute about the Best Interest Determination decision. NOTE: include that DCFS has the final say if a resolution cannot be determined.

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DCFS has the final say in the BID. The GAL can be part of the dispute process, but they do not have the final say.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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5. Describe how the district/school will ensure that all appropriate school personnel are aware of the ESSA requirements for educational stability for students who are identified as Youth in Care.

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Diamond Lake School District 76 will provide professional development to train staff on ESSA requirements for students identified as Youth in Care, including school of origin, importance of minimizing school changes, procedures for immediate enrollment and record transfer, collaboration with child welfare agencies, and the best interest determination process for school transitions. Important information will also be disseminated through faculty meetings.

*Required field

Youth in Care Stability Plan Development

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1. Describe the process for determining how transportation will be provided to students who qualify, including the position of all individuals involved in the process.*

Be sure to include the factors that should be considered when developing the transportation procedures for a student who is Youth in Care.

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2. Indicate which options will be considered when developing the transportation plan. Check all that apply.*

- a. Pre-existing transportation route
- b. New transportation route
- c. Route-to-route hand-offs
- d. District-to-district boundary hand-offs
- e. Other services for which student is eligible, such as IDEA transportation options
- f. Options presented by DCFS worker
- g. Alternatives not directly provided by the district/school such as taxis, carpools, public transportation, etc.

IMPORTANT: All drivers transporting students (other than parents or legal guardians transporting their own students) in First Division vehicles MUST possess a valid school bus driver permit per Section 6-104(d) of the Vehicle Code. THIS INCLUDES TAXI CAB DRIVERS.

- h. Other - describe _____
- i. Other - describe _____
- j. Other - describe _____

3. Describe how all funding options selected above will be considered and coordinated when developing the transportation plan.*

Be sure to include the funding options that should be considered when developing the transportation procedures for a student who is Youth in Care.

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Our transportation department will cooperate with partner districts as necessary to use any or all of the following general funds, grant funding and transportation, to provide transportation based on the student needs.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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4. Describe the dispute resolution process to be utilized if the district/school and DCFS have difficulty coming to agreement on how to provide transportation for a particular student in need.*

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If there is a dispute among decision makers about recommendations about the best interest for the child, the decision makers will follow the BOE policy for settling disputes. Additionally, if needed, DCFS will be consulted to make final decisions on best interest determination.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

If there is a dispute among decision makers about recommendations about the best interest for the child, the decision makers will follow the BOE policy for settling disputes. Additionally, if needed, DCFS will be consulted to make final decisions on best interest determination.

5. Describe how the district/school will provide or arrange for adequate and appropriate transportation to and from the school of origin while any disputes are being resolved.*

NOTE: Include that the School Of Origin [SOO] is responsible for the transportation while all disputes are being resolved.

For your convenience, the prior year approved response is provided below. It may be copied and modified to address the Youth in Care Stability Plan needs.

DO NOT use special characters, numbered or bulleted lists copied from Word, 'see above,' or N/A as this may delay the submission or approval of your plan.

If there is a dispute among decision makers about recommendations about the best interest for the child, the decision makers will follow the BOE policy for settling disputes. Additionally, while disputes are being resolved the School of Origin will maintain responsibility for transportation until such time as a resolution can be made.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

If there is a dispute among decision makers about recommendations about the best interest for the child, the decision makers will follow the BOE policy for settling disputes. Additionally, while disputes are being resolved the School of Origin will maintain responsibility for transportation until such time as a resolution can be made.

6. Describe how the district/school will ensure that all school personnel are aware of the transportation plan process and can initiate the process if they become aware of a student who is eligible for such services.*

For your convenience, the prior year approved response is provided below. It may be copied and modified to address the Youth in Care Stability Plan needs.

DO NOT use special characters, numbered or bulleted lists copied from Word, 'see above,' or N/A as this may delay the submission or approval of your plan.

The D76 Student Services Director will inform all staff (certified and non-certified) of the foster care plan and services during via email the first week of school. The plan will also be available in the school handbook, and the building level admin associates and principals will be informed explicitly so the process can be initiated as soon as one becomes aware of a student eligible for services.

Response from the approved prior year Consolidated District Plan.

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*Required field

BSP Overview

Program Name:	EL - Bilingual Service Plan
Purpose:	The purpose of the EL - Bilingual Service Plan is to ensure that English learner programs are implemented in accordance with Illinois School Code Article 14C and 23 IL Administrative Code Part 228 Transitional Bilingual Education. In addition, this data collection will help the Multilingual Department better support school districts in providing services for English learners to attain English proficiency and meet the same challenging academic standards as all children are expected to meet in Illinois.
Rules:	23 Ill. Admin. Code, Part 228.50
Contact:	Multilingual Department at 312-814-3850 multilingual@isbe.net

BSP Contact Information

348 English Learners (ELs) are in the district (This number was current as of the date the application was published and became available for application.)

Provide information below for the Bilingual Director (Administrator overseeing EL Services)

Last Name*

Phone*

First Name*

Middle
Initial

Email*

EL Program Director Requirements:

- a. Administrative Endorsement
AND
- b. ESL/Bilingual Endorsement
OR
- Eight (8) Hours of Professional Development Related to EL Education

*Required field

Attendance Center Enrollment Information

Instructions

348 English Learners (ELs) are in the district (This number was current as of the date the application was published and became available for application.)

Types of Instructional Design Offered in Your District (Mark all that apply.)

- Dual Language One-Way
- Dual Language Two-Way
- Transitional Bilingual Education Program
- Transitional Program of Instruction

Staffing Levels in Your District (Mark all that apply.)

- We have sufficient ESL-certified staff to provide services.
- We have sufficient bilingual-endorsed staff to provide services.
- We do not have sufficient staff and are working to increase the number of bilingual/ESL-endorsed staff to meet district needs.

348 English Learners (ELs) are in the district (This number was current as of the date the application was published and became available for application.)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Professional development activities must be provided to all staff working with EL students at least twice yearly. If your district has a full-time TBE Spanish program, Spanish language arts PD must be offered annually to the TBE Spanish instructional staff.

*The required professional development will be provided.

Yes

No

If the district has any additional comments or explanations they would like to provide, please do so here: (Optional)

*Required field

BSP TBE RequirementsInstructions

348 English Learners (ELs) are in the district (This number was current as of the date the application was published and became available for application.)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Does your district offer a TBE program?

Yes No

Indicate if the district is placing students in part-time TBE based on the criteria found in Section 228.30(c)(3).

Yes No

Does your district have a full-time TBE Spanish program?

Yes No

Does your district use Spanish Language Arts Standards?

Yes No

*Required field

TBE Parent Advisory CommitteeInstructions

348 English Learners (ELs) are in the district (This number was current as of the date the application was published and became available for application.)

Does your district offer a TBE program?Yes No **Please check all that apply to the districts Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC).**

The district attests that:

- The BPAC meets at least 4 times a year.
- The BPAC minutes, bylaws, and attendance information is maintained by the district.
- The BPAC reviews the bilingual service plan and EL-EBF plan annually.
- The BPAC is composed of a majority of TBE parents.

If the district has any additional comments or explanations they would like to provide, please do so here: (Optional)

By checking this box, the applicant hereby certifies that he or she has read, understood, and will comply with the assurances listed below, as applicable to the planning requirements of all included programs as applicable.

Provide the date on which the District Board approved the Consolidated District Plan.

Each district plan shall provide assurances that the district will, as applicable based on grant award(s):

1. Ensure that migratory children and formerly migratory children who are eligible to receive services under this part are selected to receive such services on the same basis as other children who are selected to receive services under this part;
2. Provide services to eligible children attending private elementary schools and secondary schools in accordance with section 1117, and timely and meaningful consultation with private school officials regarding such services;
3. Participate, if selected, in the National Assessment of Educational Progress in reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8 carried out under section 303(b)(3) of the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (20 U.S.C. 9622(b)(3));
4. Coordinate and integrate services provided under this part with other educational services at the district or individual school level, such as services for English learners, children with disabilities, migratory children, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian children, and homeless children and youths, in order to increase program effectiveness, eliminate duplication, and reduce fragmentation of the instructional program;
5. Collaborate with the State or local child welfare agency to
 - A. Designate a point of contact if the corresponding child welfare agency notifies the local educational agency, in writing, that the agency has designated an employee to serve as a point of contact for the local educational agency and
 - B. By not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Every Student Succeeds Act, develop and implement clear written procedures governing how transportation to maintain children in foster care in their school of origin when in their best interest will be provided, arranged, and funded for the duration of the time in foster care, which procedures shall
 - i. Ensure that children in foster care needing transportation to the school of origin will promptly receive transportation in a cost-effective manner and in accordance with section 475(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(4)(A))
 - ii. Ensure that, if there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to maintain children in foster care in their schools of origin, the local educational agency will provide transportation to the school of origin if
 - a. The local child welfare agency agrees to reimburse the local educational agency for the cost of such transportation;
 - b. The local educational agency agrees to pay for the cost of such transportation; or
 - c. the local educational agency and the local child welfare agency agree to share the cost of such transportation; and
6. Ensure that all teachers and paraprofessionals working in a program supported with funds under this part meet applicable State certification and licensure requirements, including any requirements for certification obtained through alternative routes to certification; and
7. In the case of a local educational agency that chooses to use funds under this part to provide early childhood education services to low-income children below the age of compulsory school attendance, ensure that such services comply with the performance standards established under section 641A(a) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9836a(a)).
8. Each LEA that is included in the eligible entity is complying with Section 1112(e) prior to, and throughout, each school year as of the date of application;
9. The eligible entity is not in violation of any State law, including State constitutional law, regarding the education of English learners, consistent with sections 3125 and 3126;
10. The eligible entity consulted with teachers, researchers, school administrators, community members, public or private entities, and institutions of higher education, in developing and implementing such plan; and
11. The eligible entity will, if applicable, coordinate activities and share relevant data under the plan with local Head Start and Early Head Start agencies, including migrant and seasonal Head Start agencies, and other early childhood education providers.
12. Teacher English Fluency - each eligible entity receiving a subgrant under section 3114 shall include in its plan a certification that all teachers in any language instruction educational program for English learners that is, or will be, funded under this part are fluent in English and any other language used for instruction, including having written and oral communications skills.
13. In the case of a school district serving at least one English learner, and in accordance with Article 14C of the Illinois School Code, assurance is provided that at least 60% of the district's state funds attributable to ELs will be used for the instructional costs of programs and services authorized under this article.
14. In the case of a school district offering Transitional Bilingual Education programs, assurance is provided that the parent advisory committee was afforded the opportunity effectively to express its views in order to ensure that the EL programs are planned, operated, and evaluated with the involvement of, and in consultation with, parents of children served by the programs.
15. The district further assures that no policy of the LEA prevents, or otherwise denies participation in constitutionally protected prayer in public elementary schools and secondary schools as set forth in the Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools on the U.S. Department of Education website.

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By checking this box, the applicant/award recipient (hereinafter the term applicant includes award recipient as the context requires) hereby certifies and assures the Illinois State Board of Education that:

1. The applicant has the necessary legal authority to apply for and to receive the proposed award. The filing of this application has been authorized by the governing body of the applicant, and the undersigned representative has been duly authorized to file this application for and on behalf of said applicant, and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the applicant in connection with this application and any award in relation thereto.

The undersigned representative affirms, under penalties of perjury, that he or she is authorized to execute these Certifications and Assurances, and Standard Terms of the Grant on behalf of the applicant. Further, the applicant certifies under oath that all information in the grant agreement is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge, information, and belief, that grant funds shall be used only for the purposes described in this agreement, and that the award of this grant is conditioned upon this certification.

DEFINITIONS

Applicant means an individual, entity, or entities for which grant funds may be available and who has made application to the Illinois State Board of Education for an award of such grant funds.

Grant means the award of funds, which are to be expended in accordance with the Grant Agreement for a particular project. The terms grant, award, program, and project may be used interchangeably.

Grantee means the person, entity, or entities that are to receive or have received grant funds through an award from the Illinois State Board of Education. The terms grantee and award recipient may be used interchangeably.

Project means the activities to be performed for which grant funds are being sought by the applicant. The terms project and program may be used interchangeably.

The capitalized word Term means the period of time from the project beginning date through the project ending date.

Termination means the ending of a grant, whether in whole or in part, at any time prior to the end of the grant Term, as stated in the Grant Agreement.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS REGARDING FEDERAL AND STATE AWARDS

The applicant acknowledges and agrees that this grant is subject to the provisions of:

2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1>

Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA), 30 ILCS 708/1 et seq.

<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/ILCS/Articles?ActID=3559&ChapterID=7>

Administrative Rules for GATA, 44 Ill. Admin. Code Part 7000

<https://ilga.gov/agencies/JCAR/Sections?PartID=04407000>

NO BINDING OBLIGATION

2. The applicant acknowledges and agrees that the selection of its proposal for funding, or approval to fund an application, shall not be deemed to be a binding obligation of the Illinois State Board of Education until such time as a final Grant Agreement is entered into between the applicant and the Illinois State Board of Education. Prior to the execution of a final Grant Agreement, the Illinois State Board of Education may withdraw its award of funding to the applicant at any time, for any reason.
3. Payment under this grant is subject to passage of a sufficient appropriation by the Illinois General Assembly or sufficient appropriation by the U.S. Congress for federal programs. Obligations of the Illinois State Board of Education will cease immediately without further obligation should the agency fail to receive sufficient state, federal, or other funds for this program.
4. Funding in the subsequent years beyond the Term of the grant will be contingent upon compliance with federal and state law, regulations, administrative rules, terms and conditions of the award, passage of sufficient appropriations for the program, and satisfactory performance in the preceding grant period. Renewal decisions are at the sole discretion of the Illinois State Board of Education, and the receipt of an award in a current or previous Term does not create any right to or expectation of renewal in a subsequent Term.

PROJECT

5. The project proposed in the application, and as negotiated and finalized by the parties in the Grant Agreement, is hereinafter referred to as the project. In planning the project there has been, and in establishing and carrying out the project there will be (to the extent applicable to the project), participation of persons broadly representative of the cultural and educational resources of the area to be served, including persons representative of the interests of potential beneficiaries.
6. Applicants may be asked to clarify certain aspects of their proposals/applications or proposed amendments prior to final agreement on the terms of the project or amendment.
7. The project will be administered by or under the supervision of the applicant and in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable to the grant. The applicant will be responsible for and obtain all necessary permits, licenses, or consent forms as may be required to implement the project.

FUNDING

8. All funds provided will be used solely for the purposes stated in the approved proposal/application, as finalized in the Grant Agreement, in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, administrative rules, and terms and conditions of the grant.
9. The applicant may not count tuition and fees collected from students towards meeting matching, cost sharing, or maintenance of effort requirements of a program, pursuant to 34 CFR 76.534.
10. The applicant will maintain records for three years following competition of the activities for which the applicant uses the federal or state funding, pursuant to 2 CFR 200.334.
11. If real property or structures are provided or improved with the aid of federal financial assistance, the applicant will comply with applicable statutes, regulations, and the project application in the use, encumbrance, transfer, or sale of such property or structure. If personal property is so provided, the applicant will comply with applicable statutes, regulations, and the project application in the use, encumbrance, transfer, disposal, and sale of such.
12. The applicant will have effective financial management systems which conform to the standards present in 2 CFR 200.302, which includes, but is not limited to, the ability to report financial data verifying compliance with program regulations and maintaining effective internal control over the operations of the approved grant.
13. The applicant will conform all activities conducted under the approved grant to the provisions contained within 2 CFR Part 200
14. All expenditures claimed in relation to a grant are subject to applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and administrative rules. Expenditures claimed in relation to an award are subject to cost allowability standards, as defined by the grant program and 2 CFR Part 200, and other applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and administrative rules. Failure to adhere to these requirements will lead to disallowed expenditures for which funds must be returned.
15. Adequacy tier designation under Evidence-Based Funding will be utilized by ISBE at its discretion pursuant to applicable law and agency policy (105 ILCS 5/18-8.15).

INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION

16. The applicant will accept funds in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, administrative rules, and terms and conditions of the award, and administer the programs in compliance with all provisions of such statutes, regulations, administrative rules, terms and conditions of the award, and amendments thereto.
17. Failure of applicant to comply with state and federal statutes, regulations, administrative rules, or the terms and conditions of the award may result in conditions placed on grantee, including, but not limited to, involuntary termination of a

grant at the discretion of the Illinois State Board of Education, in whole or in part, in accordance with federal and state law and regulations.

GENERAL CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES

18. The applicant will obey all applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and executive orders, including without limitation: those regarding the confidentiality of student records, such as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. 1232g) and the Illinois School Student Records Act (ISSRA) (105 ILCS 10/1 et seq.); those prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap, such as Title IX of the Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and 34 CFR part 106, the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq.), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 34 CFR part 104, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. 621 et seq.), the Age Discrimination Act (42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.) and 34 CFR part 110, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., 2000e et seq.) and 34 CFR part 100, the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act (775 ILCS 10/0.01 et seq.), and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.); and the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/1-1 et seq.). Further, no award recipient shall deny access to the program funded under the grant to students who lack documentation of their immigration status or legal presence in the United States (Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202, 102 S.Ct. 2382 (1982)).
19. The applicant certifies it has informed the State Superintendent of Education in writing if any employee of the applicant/grantee was formerly employed by the Illinois State Board of Education and has received an early retirement incentive under 40 ILCS 5/14-108.3 or 40 ILCS 5/16-133.3 (Illinois Pension Code). The applicant acknowledges and agrees that if such early retirement incentive was received, the Grant Agreement is not valid unless the official executing the agreement has made the appropriate filing with the Auditor General prior to execution.
20. The applicant shall notify the State Superintendent of Education if the applicant solicits or intends to solicit for employment any of the Illinois State Board of Educations employees during any part of the application process or during the Term of the Grant Agreement.
21. The applicant is not barred from entering into this contract by Sections 33E-3 and 33E-4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (720 ILCS 5/33E-3, 33E-4). Sections 33E-3 and 33E-4 prohibit the receipt of a state contract by a contractor who has been convicted of bid-rigging or bid-rotating.
22. If the applicant is an individual, the applicant is not in default on an educational loan as provided in 5 ILCS 385/3.
23. The applicant certifies it does not pay dues or fees on behalf of its employees or agents or subsidize or otherwise reimburse them for payment of their dues or fees to any club which unlawfully discriminates (775 ILCS 25/1).
24. The applicant certifies that it is (a) current as to the filing and payment of any applicable federal, state, and/or local taxes; and (b) not delinquent in its payment of moneys owed to any federal, state, or local unit of government.
25. Any applicant not subject to Section 10-21.9 of the School Code certifies that a fingerprint-based criminal history records check through the Illinois State Police and a check of the Statewide Sex Offender Database will be performed for all its employees, b) volunteers, and c) all employees of persons or firms holding contracts with the applicant/grantee, who have direct contact with children receiving services under the grant; and such applicant shall not a) employ individuals, b) allow individuals to volunteer, or c) enter into a contract with a person or firm who employs individuals, who will have direct contact with children receiving services under the grant who have been convicted of any offense identified in subsection (c) of Section 10-21.9 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(c)) or have been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of any minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 (705 ILCS 405/2-1 et seq.).
26. The applicant hereby assures that when purchasing core instructional print materials published after July 19, 2006, the applicant/grantee will ensure that all such purchases are made from publishers who comply with the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/28-21, which instructs the publisher to send (at no additional cost) to the National Instructional Materials Access Center (NIMAC) electronic files containing the contents of the print instructional materials using the National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard (NIMAS), on or before delivery of the print instructional materials. This does not preclude a grantee school district from purchasing or obtaining accessible materials directly from the publisher.
27. The applicant certifies that notwithstanding any other provision of the application, proposal, or Grant Agreement, grant funds shall not be used and will not be used to provide religious instruction, conduct worship services, or engage in any form of proselytization.

JOINT APPLICATIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE AND/OR FISCAL AGENT

28. Applicants/grantees participating in a joint application hereby certify that they are individually and jointly responsible to the Illinois State Board of Education and to the administrative and fiscal agent under the grant. An applicant/grantee that is a party to the joint application and is a legal entity, or a Regional Office of Education, may serve as the administrative and/or fiscal agent under the grant.
29. The entity acting as the fiscal agent certifies that it is responsible to the applicant/grantee or, in the case of a joint application, to each applicant/grantee that is a party to the application; it is the agent designated and responsible for reports and for receiving and administering funds; and it will:
 - a) Obtain fully executed Grant Application Certifications and Assurances forms from each entity or individual participating in the grant and return the forms to ISBE prior to award of the grant;
 - b) Maintain separate accounts and ledgers for the project;
 - c) Provide a proper accounting of all revenue from the Illinois State Board of Education for the project;
 - d) Properly post all expenditures made on behalf of the project;
 - e) Be responsible for the accountability, documentation, and cash management of the project; the approval and payment of all expenses, obligations, and contracts; and hiring of personnel on behalf of the project in accordance with the Grant Agreement;
 - f) Disburse all funds to joint applicants/grantees based on information (payment schedules) from joint applicants/grantees showing anticipated cash needs in each month of operation (The composite payment schedule submitted to ISBE should reflect monthly cash needs for the fiscal agent and the joint applicants/grantees.);
 - g) Require joint applicants/grantees to report expenditures to the fiscal agent based on actual expenditures/obligation data and documentation. Reports submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education should reflect actual expenditure/obligations for the fiscal agent and the data obtained from the joint applicants/grantees on actual expenditures/obligations that occur within project beginning and ending dates;
 - h) Be accountable for interest income earned on excess cash on hand by all parties to the grant and return applicable interest earned on advances to the Illinois State Board of Education;
 - i) Make financial records available to outside auditors and Illinois State Board of Education personnel, as requested by the Illinois State Board of Education; and
 - j) Have a recovery process in place with all joint applicants/grantees for collection of any funds to be returned to the Illinois State Board of Education.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE CERTIFICATION

30. This certification is required by the Drug-Free Workplace Act (30 ILCS 580/1). The Drug-Free Workplace Act, effective January 1, 1992, requires that no grantee or contractor shall receive a grant or be considered for the purposes of being awarded a contract for the procurement of any property or services from the state unless that grantee or contractor has certified to the state that the grantee or contractor will provide a drug-free workplace. False certification or violation of the certification may result in sanctions including, but not limited to, suspension of contract or grant payments, termination of the contract or grant, and debarment of contracting or grant opportunities with the state of Illinois for at least one (1) year but not more than five (5) years.

For the purpose of this certification, applicant, grantee, or contractor means a corporation, partnership, or other entity with twenty-five (25) or more employees at the time of issuing the grant, or a department, division, or other unit thereof, directly responsible for the specific performance under a contract or grant of \$5,000 or more from the state

The applicant certifies and agrees that it will provide a drug-free workplace by:

- a) Publishing a statement:
 - i) Notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance, including cannabis, is prohibited in the grantees or contractors workplace.

- ii) Specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
 - iii) Notifying the employee that, as a condition of employment on such contract or grant, the employee will:
 - 1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - 2) Notify the employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) calendar days after such conviction.
 - b) Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about:
 - i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - ii) The grantees or contractors policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon an employee for drug violations.
 - c) Providing a copy of the statement required by subsection (a) to each employee engaged in the performance of the contract or grant and posting the statement in a prominent place in the workplace.
 - d) Notifying the contracting or granting agency within ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice under part (B) of paragraph (3) of subsection (a) above from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction.
 - e) Imposing a sanction on, or requiring the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program by, any employee who is so convicted, as required by section 5 of the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
 - f) Assisting employees in selecting a course of action in the event drug counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation are required and indicating that a trained referral team is in place.
 - g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
31. The applicant represents and warrants that all of the certifications and assurances set forth herein, in the application, all attachments, and the Grant Agreement are and shall remain true and correct through the Term of the grant. During the Term of the grant, the award recipient shall provide the Illinois State Board of Education with notice of any change in circumstances affecting the certifications and assurances within ten (10) calendar days of the change. Failure to maintain all certifications and assurances or provide the required notice will result in the Illinois State Board of Education withholding future project funding until the award recipient provides documentation evidencing that the award recipient has returned to compliance with this provision, as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education.

**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

Instructions

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, Debarment and Suspension, 2 CFR part 3485, including Subpart C Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions (also see federal guidance at 2 CFR part 180). Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Illinois State Board of Education.

Before completing this certification, read instructions below.

CERTIFICATION

By checking this box, the prospective lower tier participant certifies that:

1. Neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency;
2. It will provide immediate written notice to whom this Certification is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances;
3. It shall not knowingly enter any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated;
4. It will include the clause titled Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion--Lower Tier Covered Transactions, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions; and
5. The certifications herein are a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into.

Instructions for Certification

1. By checking the box above and saving this page, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certifications set out herein.
2. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
3. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 3 above, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the federal government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue all available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.
4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, 'suspended,' 'ineligible,' 'lower tier covered transaction,' 'participant,' 'person,' 'primary covered transaction,' 'principal,' 'proposal,' and 'voluntarily excluded,' as used herein, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549 and Executive Order 12689. You may contact the person to which this Certification is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
5. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the GSA Government-Wide System for Award Management Exclusions (SAM Exclusions) at: www.sam.gov
6. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required herein. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

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Certification Regarding Lobbying

Instructions

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

By checking this box, the applicant hereby certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the contractor/grantee, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the contractor/grantee shall complete and submit [ISBE 85-37](#)"Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The applicant shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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By checking this box, the applicant/award recipient (hereinafter the term applicant includes award recipient as the context requires), hereby certifies and assures the Illinois State Board of Education that:

1. The applicant has the necessary legal authority to apply for and to receive the proposed award. The filing of this application has been authorized by the governing body of the applicant, and the undersigned representative has been duly authorized to file this application for and in behalf of said applicant, and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the applicant in connection with this application and any award in relation thereto.

DEFINITIONS

"APPLICANT" means an individual, entity, or entities for which grant funds may be available and has made application to the Illinois State Board of Education for an award of such grant funds.

"LEA" means the local educational agency.

"AWARD RECIPIENT" means the person, entity, or entities that are to receive or have received grant funds through an award from the Illinois State Board of Education. The terms "grantee" and "award recipient" may be used interchangeably. "GRANT" means the award of funds, which are to be expended in accordance with the Grant Agreement for a particular project, in accordance with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, administrative rules, and terms and conditions of the award. The terms "grant," "award," and "project" may be used interchangeably.

"PROGRAM" means any applicable program under which federal funds are made available to the applicant.

"PROJECT" means the activities to be performed for which grant funds are being sought by the applicant.

"SECRETARY" means the Secretary of Education.

PROJECT

2. The LEA will administer each Program in accordance with all applicable statutes, regulations, program plans, and applications;
3. The control of funds provided to the LEA under each Program and title to property acquired with those funds, will be in a public agency and that a public agency will administer those funds and property;
4. The LEA will use fiscal control and fund accounting procedures that will ensure proper disbursement of, and accounting for, federal funds paid to that agency under each Program, in accordance with 2 CFR 200.302 and 2 CFR 200.303 and the Illinois State Board of Education's State and Federal Grant Administration Policy, Fiscal Requirements, and Procedures manual, maintained on the Illinois State Board of Education's Internet website. The LEA's administration and expenditure of Program funds shall be in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR), 2 CFR 200, and other applicable federal state statutes, regulations, and administrative rules.
5. The LEA will make reports to ISBE and to the Secretary as may reasonably be necessary to enable ISBE and the Secretary to perform their duties and meet federal reporting requirements, and the LEA will maintain such records, including the records required under 20 U.S.C. 1232f, and provide access to those records, as ISBE or the Secretary deem necessary to perform their duties;
6. The LEA will provide reasonable opportunities for the participation by teachers, parents, and other interested agencies, organizations, and individuals in the planning for and operation of each Program;
7. An application, evaluation, periodic program plan, or report relating to each Program will be made readily available to parents and other members of the general public;
8. In the case of any Program project involving construction: (A) the project will comply with state requirements for the construction of school facilities; and (B) in developing plans for construction, due consideration will be given to excellence of architecture and design and to compliance with standards prescribed by the Secretary under 29 U.S.C. 794 in order to ensure that facilities constructed with the use of federal funds are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities;
9. The LEA has adopted effective procedures for acquiring and disseminating to teachers and administrators participating in each Program significant information from educational research, demonstrations, and similar projects, and for adopting, where appropriate, promising educational practices developed through such projects; and
10. None of the funds expended under any applicable Program will be used to acquire equipment (including computer software) in any instance in which such acquisition results in a direct financial benefit to any organization representing the interests of the purchasing entity or its employees or an affiliate of such an organization.

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GRANT AGREEMENT: The submissions made to the Illinois State Board of Education by the applicant and the terms and conditions described in each tab of this application shall constitute the grant agreement between the applicant and the Illinois State Board of Education for the use of the funds described in the Budget Detail tab. This grant agreement shall be deemed to be entered into when the application has been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. This grant agreement constitutes the entirety of the agreement between the parties and supersedes any other agreement or communication, whether written or oral, relating to the award of the grant funds. The person submitting this application on behalf of the applicant certifies and assures the Illinois State Board of Education that he or she has been duly authorized to file this application for and on behalf of the applicant, is the authorized representative of the applicant in connection with this grant agreement, and that he or she is authorized to execute these Certifications and Assurances, and Standard Terms of the Grant on behalf of the applicant. Further, the person submitting this application on behalf of the applicant certifies under oath that all information in the grant agreement is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge, information and belief, that grant funds shall be used only for the purposes described in this agreement, and that the award of this grant is conditioned upon this certification. This grant agreement may not be amended or modified except as by receiving approval for an amendment through the IWAS application process or otherwise by the approval of the Illinois State Board of Education. By hitting Submit on the Submit page, this grant agreement shall be deemed to be executed on behalf of the applicant.

The authorized representative of the applicant who will affix his or her signature below certifies that he or she has read, understood, and will comply with all of the provisions of the following certifications, and assurances.

The person approving these Grant Application Certifications and Assurances hereby certifies and assures the Illinois State Board of Education that the person submitting the final application on behalf of the applicant (and thereby executing the grant agreement with the Illinois State Board of Education) has the necessary legal authority to do so.

The person approving this application certifies (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications, and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete, and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. He/she also provided the required assurances and agrees to comply with any resulting terms if an award is accepted. He/she is aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject him/her to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 101, the federal False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729 et seq.), and the Illinois False Claims Act (740 ILCS 175/). The list of certifications and assurances is included below and/or incorporated into the Uniform Grant Agreement contained herein.

NOTE: These boxes will be automatically filled in as each of the separate certifications/assurances are read and completed.

- Assurances for all covered programs
- Grant Application Certifications and Assurances (State Assurances)
- Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility, and Voluntary Exclusion; see the Overview page for instructions
- Certification Regarding Lobbying
- GEPA 442 Assurances

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Signature of School District Superintendent / Agency Administrator

Signature of Board-Certified Delegated Authority for the School District Superintendent

Assurances must be reviewed and approved by your Local IWAS Administrator before you can submit your application.

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Application was created on:

4/15/2026

Assurances

District Data Entry

Business Manager

District Administrator

ISBE Program Administrator # 1

ISBE Program Administrator # 2

ISBE Program Administrator # 3

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Tuesday, June 2ND, 2026

The resolution is being submitted for approval at the Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, June 2ND, 2026

AGENDA ITEM V-G

Administrative: Approve District Superintendent Bonus *ACTION*

BE IT RESOLVED, the Diamond Lake School District 76 Board of Education approves the performance bonus for the Superintendent as presented.



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AGENDA ITEM V-H

Administrative: Approve Review Plus Issue 121 Policy Updates *REVIEW*

WHEREAS policy creation and updates and changes to adopted policies are provided for District 76 through the subscription to Policy Reference Educational Subscription Service (PRESS) from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB); and

WHEREAS the Policy Committee reviewed the policies and a First Reading of the policies was held on May 5th, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Diamond Lake School District 76 Board of Education moves to approve the policy changes as presented and reviewed in IASB PRESS Issue 121.

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TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Executive Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 28, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: SEDOL Administration Office, Bay Room

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL (Ms. McHugh)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Ms. McHugh)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Accept the Agenda - VOICE VOTE
Move acceptance of the agenda as presented.

4. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE
Move approval of the consent agenda items and addendum, if included, as presented.

4.1 Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payables:

[FY26 MAY26 Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Board Check Register.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Check Register 04-17,24,27-26.pdf](#) 

4.2 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting on April 23, 2026.

4.3 Personnel Matters

Recommend employment of the following applicants, with work assignment and

start date as indicated, subject to completion of the physical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-6 of the School Code, successful completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 10-21.9 of the School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents, and certifications as required by law and/or requested by SEDOL for the position.

[May 28, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf](#) 

4.4 Closed Session Minutes/Recordings

Administration recommends the minutes of closed session remain confidential and that all previously reviewed minutes remain closed. In addition, administration recommends the destruction of verbatim recordings for the attached closed session meetings.

[Closed Session Minutes-Recordings Dates DOC.pdf](#) 

5. **RECOGNITION (Dr. Hackett)**

5.1 STARS Students

The Board will recognize a student from Ms. Valerie Bentley's classroom at Fairhaven School as the May STARS Student.

5.2 2026 Infinetec Outstanding Student Technology Award

Infinetec recognized a District 6 student from a SEDOL Sector Program at a dinner/award celebration on April 23rd. This student will also be recognized at the June 3, 2026 Governing Board meeting.

5.3 Employees of the Month

1. The Board will recognize Sandi Johnson, Behavior Specialist, Cyd Lash Academy, as the May Employee of the Month.
2. The Board will recognize Carly Fishman, Social Worker, John Powers Center, as the May Employee of the Month.

5.4 May Staff Appreciation

- Interpreters (SLI and bilingual)
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- School Communicators Day
- Speech/Language Pathologists
- Teachers

5.5 ROE Educator of the Year Recognition

Ms. Michelle Clark- Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher

Mr. Matthew Crowley- School Administrator

Mr. Chris Howes- Educational Service Personnel

Ms. Erin MacDonald- Student Support Personnel

Ms. Erin Picco- Early Career Educator

5.6 Introduction of New Administrators

Ms. Tracy McMahon, Assistant to the Principal, John Powers Center

Ms. Traci Stieter - Principal, Laremont School

Mr. Matt Zidron - Principal, Gages Lake School

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Ms. McHugh)**

President McHugh will recognize any visitors at the meeting. The Executive Board is always interested in hearing from anyone who has a concern or issue regarding SEDOL programs and services. In order to ensure that everyone is heard and, at the same time, conduct the meeting properly and efficiently, those wishing to address the Board are asked to observe the following guidelines.

1. Sign in at the meeting and complete the Public Comment Information Form.
2. Address the Board at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
3. State your name and address for the record.
4. Comments should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board President may deny a person the opportunity to speak for more than 3 minutes. The President may also deny such opportunity to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.
5. Groups attending Board meetings are requested to appoint a spokesperson, if possible. The spokesperson should identify the group he/she represents and then briefly explain the concerns shared by the group. The Board President reserves the right to terminate a speaker's comments if they are repetitive or redundant.
6. Comments made during open session should not pertain to individual students or employees. Concerns regarding a specific student or employee should be presented in closed session.
7. The Board President or other presiding officer shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual addressing the Board under public comment and to determine procedural matters regarding public comment not otherwise defined in Board policy.

7. **SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) UPDATE (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)**

Administration will present the final 2025–26 CIP Plan, which includes key highlights and progress from the past year.

Goal 1- Provide Exceptional Programs and Services to meet the needs of students throughout SEDOL community

- Laremont Curriculum - Dr. Allison Schmitt
 - MOVE Model Site
 - Pre/Post Benchmark Data
- AT Companion Device - Ms. Erin MacDonald

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

8.1 Policy 2nd Reading Review - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Wojcik)

Administration recommends approval of the changes to PRESS Policy 7:150 *Agency and Law Enforcement Requests*.

[**7150 Agency Law Enforcement Requests May 28 2026.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Policy Changes - Voice Vote

Motion to approve the changes to Policy 7:150 *Agency and Law Enforcement Requests* as presented.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Lake County Sheriff's Office Agreement - ACTION NEEDED (Mr. Crowley)
Administration will request approval of the 1-year reciprocal reporting agreement between the Lake County Sheriff's Office and SEDOL for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to Approve Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the 1-year 2026-27 reciprocal reporting agreement between the Lake County Sheriff's Office and SEDOL as presented.

- 9.2 Therapets Contract- ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Jimenez-Captain)
Administration will request Board approval of the Therapets contract in the yearly amount of \$10,800 to continue providing services to Laremont School. The SEDOL Foundation has agreed to cover the costs associated with this contract for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the contract between SEDOL and Therapets in the amount of \$10,800 as presented.

- 9.3 D73 School to School Contract - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
Administration recommends approval of the 2026-27 School to School Food Service Contract between SEDOL and Vernon Hills D73 and the amended 2025-26 agreement to include the extended school year.

Motion to Approve Contract- ROLL CALL VOTE

Move to approve the amended 2025-26 and the 2026-27 food service agreements between SEDOL and Vernon Hills D73 as presented.

- 9.4 Appointment of Authorized Agent - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
Administration recommends that David Shepherd, incoming Assistant Superintendent of Business, be appointed as the authorized IMRF agent and TRS representative effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Motion to Appoint Agent - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move David Shepherd be appointed to serve as SEDOL's IMRF authorized agent and TRS representative effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

- 9.5 CLIC Insurance Rates - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
Administration recommends the Board accept the CLIC insurance coverage and rates for workers' compensation and liability coverages.

Motion to Accept Coverage/Rates - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move the Board accept the CLIC insurance coverage and rates for workers' compensation

and liability coverages as presented.

9.6 FOIA - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

On March 26, 2026, Mr. Justin Wenig, Star Bridge, requested access to and copies of all purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors, from January 1, 2025, to the current date.

Dr. Wojcik responded with the requested items on April 23, 2026.

10. CLOSED SESSION - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move the Board enter into closed session to discuss:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
2. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Move the Board return to public session.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Request for Non-Member District Placement - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Administration recommends approval of the request by Waukegan D60 to continue placement in the SEDOL deaf and hard of hearing (D/HH) program at John Powers Center for the 2026-27 school year. The districts will be billed based on non-member district tuition schedule and will continue to be responsible for transportation costs and for the cost associated with any additional support needed as a result of the

placement.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the request by Waukegan D60 for continuation of placement for one student in the SEDOL D/HH program at John Powers Center for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- Pucks for Autism- June 5-7
- Golf Invitational- September 14
- 5K Run/Walk- September 19
- One Special Night- November 7
- Ping Pong for Kids- February 7, 2027

- Laremont Trivia Night- March 6, 2027

12.2 2025-26 Retirees

[Retirees.pdf](#) 

12.3 SEDOL Events (Dr. Hackett)

[Upcoming Events Around SEDOL 2026.pdf](#) 

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Ms. McHugh)

14. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)

2025-26 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, June 25, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

2025-26 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Community Room*

Wednesday, June 3, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

2026-27 Governing Board Meeting Dates- Pending approval at the June 3rd meeting.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Wednesday, March 3, 2027

Wednesday, June 2, 2027

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Minutes SEDOL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Thursday, April 23, 2026

Board Members Present: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Board Members Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza

Staff Members Present: Becky Allard, Dr. Matthew Barbini, Matthew Crowley, Dr. Judy Hackett, Dr. Yesenia Jimenez-Captain, Dr. Stephen Johns, Sara Martinez, Dr. Tim Thomas, and Dr. Laura Wojcik

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL (Ms. McHugh)

The regular meeting of the SEDOL Executive Board was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on April 23, 2026, at the Administration Building in Gages Lake, IL.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Ms. McHugh)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Accept the Agenda - VOICE VOTE

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

4. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

4.1 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting on March 19, 2026 and public session minutes of the special meeting on April 16, 2026.

[Minutes Mar 19 2026- Members.pdf](#) 

[Minutes Apr 16 2026 - Special EB Mtg .pdf](#) 

4.2 Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payables:

[FY26 April Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Board Check Register.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Check Register 03-13,20,31-26.pdf](#) 

4.3 Personnel Matters

Recommend employment of the following applicants, with work assignment and start date as indicated, subject to completion of the physical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-6 of the School Code, successful completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 10-21.9 of the School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents, and certifications as required by law and/or requested by SEDOL for the position.

[April 23, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies \(2\).pdf](#) 

[April 23, 2026 Addendum.pdf](#) 

4.4 Employment Recommendations for 2026-27

Staff recommended for re-employment for the 2026-27 school year.

[FY27 Recommendation for Re-Employment.pdf](#) 

4.5 Policy Matters

Proposed revisions to the attached policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee. Administration requests approval to change the policies as presented.

[**Combined Policies.pdf](#) 

5. **RECOGNITION (Dr. Hackett)**

5.1 STARS Students

The Board recognized a Transition student from Ms. Tuzzio's classroom. This student has always been a hard worker and has worked himself up to a Level VI site (highest). This year, he has come into his own. He loves his current worksite at Beachwaver. When asked about it or observed at work, he is all smiles. He has learned all aspects of the job. This student has done an amazing job using his cell phone with a communication app to interact not only with his coach and crewmates but also with Beachwaver co-workers. He is a team player who does whatever is needed in the warehouse.

5.2 Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Ms. Ashley Merkel, Laremont School Teacher, as the April Employee of the Month. Ashley creates a supportive and inspiring learning environment. She provides engaging and responsive instruction to meet the unique needs of her students while building strong relationships with colleagues. She is deeply committed to her school community and her students.

5.3 April Staff Recognition

The following staff are recognized in April:

- Administrative Assistants
- Assistant Principals
- Occupational Therapists
- Paraprofessionals/Job Coaches

5.4 Introduction of New Administrators

Ms. Traci Strieter- Principal, Laremont School

Ms. Lynsea Volbrecht- Assistant Principal, Fairhaven School

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Ms. McHugh)

There was no Public Comment.

7. SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) UPDATE (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Goal 3: *Advance high standards and expectations*

Objective B: *IEP Manual*

Mr. Crowley, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, shared with the Board that the SEDOL IEP Manual is complete.

The Concept

- To create an IEP manual that serves as a single location for staff guidance/review
- Provide clarity on compliance requirements
- Develop a deeper understanding of how the various components of the IEP impact one another

The Process

- CIP Goal 3 Team Members: Amy Timonen, Erin Tidd, Geri-Lynn Montellano, and Samantha Haney
- Created a section that addresses each “IEP form” that could be used within the written IEP document and related development process
- Collaborated with ISBE representative and associated guidance/resources, member districts’ perspectives, SEDOL administrative team, attorneys for input and feedback that reflects current practice
- Conducted an internal self-cyclical monitoring process utilizing ISBEs review tools to review random IEPs to identify patterns/concerns to address
- Used data from self-cyclical monitoring to ensure identified areas are addressed within the manual
- Updated screen shots and language to align with ISBE updates to IEP forms and additional requirements by ISBE
- Developed accompanying presentation to highlight significant changes by ISBE or new practices/procedures for SEDOL paperwork

The Results

- IEP Manual
- IEP Compliance Updates Presentation

SEDOL will share this manual with its member districts and will continue reviewing their IEP processes to ensure greater alignment with SEDOL practices.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 FY27 Budget Update - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Dr. Johns shared the following details pertaining to the FY27 tentative budget.

Estimated 2026-27 Expenditures:

- Education Fund: \$56,276,934
- O&M: \$3,739,509

- Debt Services: \$180,625
- Transportation: \$840,000
- IMRF: \$1,045,050
- Capital Projects: \$3,250,000

Total Expenditures: \$65,332,118

Additional costs included:

- IMRF LEVY 2026 pay 2027 for 2028 Budget: \$800,000
- 1:1 Nurse Cost: \$135,575
- 1:1 Sign Language Interpreters: \$109,648
- 1:1 Paraprofessional: \$49,267

There will be a transfer of \$2,000,000 from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

The Fund Balance % of Revenue 17.15%

The Board approved the tentative budget for FY27 and recommended approval by the Governing Board at its June 3rd meeting. Pursuant to Governing Board approval at its June 3rd meeting, the final FY27 budget will be presented to the Executive Board on June 25th with final approval at the August Governing Board meeting. Small district, board, and staff budget meetings will be scheduled for May.

Motion to Approve Tentative Budget - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, and D118-Carey McHugh

Nay: ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 5-1

8.2 FY25 Audit Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Ms. Allard informed the Board that she does not have a set date for the completion of the FY25 audit; however, they are very close to completion.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 NIHIP Health And Dental Rates - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

The Board approved the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Program (NIHIP) health and dental insurance rates for 2026-27.

Renewal Premiums reflect the following overall NIHIP renewal action:

- PPO: +8.7%
- HMO: +9.9%
- Guardian Dental: DPPO 9.0% Increase/DHMO Rate Pass - Renews 9.1.27
- EyeMed Vision: In Rate Guarantee – Renews 7.1.29
- NIHIP Voya Life/ADD: In Rate Guarantee – Renews 9.1.27
- Met Life STD/LTD – In Rate Guarantee- Renews 7.1.27

[2026 SEDOL Rate Letter.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Rates - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

- 9.2 OrganicLife Contract Extension - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
The Board approved a 1-year food service contract extension with OrganicLife with an increased amount of 4.1% for breakfast and lunch. Reimbursable breakfast will cost \$4.04 per meal, and lunch cost will be \$6.42 per meal.
[SEDOL SNP-Vended-Meals-Contract-Renewal-Form-FY27-2.pdf](#) 
- Motion to Approve Contract Extension - ROLL CALL VOTE
Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl
Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner
- Carried 6-0**
- 9.3 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
The Board approved SEDOL’s participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). The CEP program allows for reimbursement to school districts for student breakfast and lunch programs for all students in a qualifying school district. SEDOL and its member districts will have a seamless food service program that all students can participate in at no cost. SEDOL will provide member districts that house sector programs with recordkeeping guidelines. This is a 4-year approval.
[CEP Admin Memo.pdf](#) 
[CEP Approval.pdf](#) 
[CEP Approval-2 .pdf](#) 
- Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE
Moved by: D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl
Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner
- Carried 6-0**
- 9.4 Proposed Organizational Chart - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)
The Board approved the FY27 Organizational Chart.
[2026-27 DRAFT Organizational Chart.pdf](#) 
- Motion to Approve Organizational Chart- VOICE VOTE
Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman
Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, and D118-Carey McHugh
Abstain: ROE-Dr. Michael Karner
- Carried 5-0**
- 9.5 Planning for the June Governing Board Meeting- INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)
The Board reviewed the June 3rd Governing Board meeting agenda.
[DRAFT GB Agenda Jun 03 2026.pdf](#) 
- 9.6 Co-Interim CSBO Contract Extension - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Wojcik)
The Board approved extending the contracts of Dr. Johns and Ms. Allard to include up to 60 additional days each (to be scheduled at a later date) for the 2026–27 school year at a rate of \$1,000 per day.

Given the complexity of SEDOL as a special education cooperative, along with ongoing changes to internal and external systems and procedures, the Board identified the need for Dr. Johns's and Ms. Allard's ongoing assistance. These services are scheduled to begin July 1, 2026.

Motion to Approve Contract Extensions - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

9.7 Policy Updates/Review - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

The Board reviewed Policy 7:150 *Agency Law Enforcement Requests*. This policy will be included on the May 28th agenda for 2nd reading.

[**7150 Agency Law Enforcement Requests May 28 2026.pdf](#) 

9.8 FOIA- INFORMATIONAL - (Dr. Wojcik)

1. On March 24, 2025 Dr. Wojcik received a FOIA request for the following information from CT Mills, Educator Support Network. Electronic copies of any existing records that identify the employee(s) responsible for or overseeing any of the following functional areas at the district or central office level: Curriculum & Instruction/Teaching & Learning, Career & Technical Education (CTE) and STEM, English Language Learners (ELL), Technology/Information, Technology/Computer Science, Library/Media Services, and Core Academic Subjects. Dr. Wojcik responded with the information on March 25, 2026.

10. CLOSED SESSION - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

The Board went into closed session at 9:24 a.m. to discuss the following:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
2. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:28 a.m.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Request for Non-Member District Placements - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

The Board approved the request by Lincolnshire District 103 to continue placement for one student in the LASSO 3 Program for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

The Board approved the request by McHenry District 156 to continue placement for one student in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Program for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, D56-Odie Pahl, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 6-0

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

13. INFORMATIONAL

13.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- Pucks for Autism- June 5-7 - *volunteers needed*
- Golf Invitational- September 14
- 5K Run/Walk- September 19
- One Special Night- November 7- *new name coming soon*
- Ping Pong for Kids- February 7, 2027
- Laremont Trivia Night- March 6, 2027

13.2 SEDOL Events (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Dr. Hackett updated the Board on upcoming SEDOL events.

14. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Ms. McHugh)

There were no Executive Board Member Comments.

15. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sara Martinez
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Carey McHugh, Board President

Dr. Judy Hackett, Board Secretary

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Co-Interim Superintendents

Date: May 28, 2026

To: Dr. Judy Hackett and Dr. Tim Thomas, SEDOL Co-Interim Superintendents
Members of the Board

From: Dr. Laura Wojcik, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Subject: Addendum to the Personnel Recommendations

1. **Request for Contracts - Licensed Staff**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Location</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kost, Christopher	Physical Therapist, Varied	Doctorate, Rosalind Franklin University	\$89,993	August 17, 2026
Lentino, Bryana	Teacher, Fairhaven	BA-Southern Illinois University	\$59,948	August 17, 2026

2. **Resignations/Retirements - Educational Support Personnel**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position, Location</u>	<u>Original Hire Date</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bardonner, Susan	Receptionist, John Powers	November 3, 2025	June 2, 2026



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Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, May 28, 2026

PLEDGE AND AGENDA

Following the Call to Order/Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance by President McHugh, the Board accepted the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes, financial matters, and closed session minutes/recordings were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ~ Request for Contracts for 3 educational support personnel (ESP) and 15 licensed staff
- ~ Request for Contract 1 Psychologist Intern and 1 Social Work Intern
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 7 ESP and 5 licensed staff
- ~ Reinstatement of 2 ESP staff and 4 licensed staff
- ~ Increase in Contract for 1 ESP staff
- ~ Employment recommendations for 2026-27

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

STARS Student

The May STARS student was not able to attend the meeting, so Dr. Hjorth shared this student's accomplishments with the Board and will recognize these accomplishments with her and her family at a later date. This student is from Ms. Bentley's classroom at Fairhaven School and has demonstrated extraordinary growth throughout the school year in the areas of communication, academics, social development, and behavior. She continues to make everyone around her proud.

2026 Infinitec Outstanding Student Technology Award

Infinitec recognized a District 6 student from a SEDOL Sector Program at a dinner/award celebration on April 23rd. This student will also be recognized in person at the June 3, 2026, Governing Board meeting.

Reflection from 2025-26

A video montage highlighting the past school year was shared with the Board. It will also be shared with the Governing Board at their June 3rd meeting.

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Ms. Sandi Johnson, Cyd Lash Academy Behavior Specialist, as the May Employee of the Month. Sandi is a highly valued team member and is both respected and valued by students. She has made a meaningful impact on students who were previously struggling, has helped students gain confidence, and is teaching them to advocate for themselves. She consistently collaborates with teachers and service providers to develop effective interventions.

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Ms. Carly Fishman, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Social Worker, as the May Employee of the Month. Carly goes above and beyond for all of her students. She communicates and works well with the JPC families. She is creative and thinks outside the box. Carly always finds ways to help staff and students in need, and she is dependable, kind, and welcoming to all.

March Staff Recognition

The Board recognized the following national staff recognitions for May: Interpreters, Nurses, Psychologists, School Communicators Day, Speech/Language Pathologists, and Teachers.

ROE Educator of the Year Recognition

The following staff were nominated for the ROE Educator of the Year Award and attended a dinner/reception with other Lake County nominees.

- Michelle Clark- Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher
- Matthew Crowley- School Administrator
- Chris Howes- Educational Service Personnel
- Erin MacDonald- Student Support Personnel
- Erin Picco- Early Career Educator

Ms. Michelle Clark received the Educator of the Year Award for the Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher.

Introduction of New Administrators

Ms. Tracy McMahon- Assistant to the Principal, John Powers Center

Ms. Traci Strieter- Principal, Laremont School

Mr. Matt Zidron- Principal, Gages Lake School

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) UPDATES

Administration presented the final 2025-26 CIP Plan, which included key highlights and progress from the past year.

Goal 1 Highlights-

- Seven evidenced-based curricula were implemented this year.
- The county-wide Institute Day had 1267 participants and received a participant rating of 4.3 out of 5.0!

Goal 2 Highlights-

- The Executive Board unanimously approved the revised tuition model on October 23, 2025, and the Governing Board unanimously approved it on December 3, 2025.
- Processes were documented to assist the SEDOL administrative team with navigating the annual budget process.

Goal 3 Highlights-

- 84% overall compliance with all indicators from the ISBE cyclical monitoring framework.
- Developed a comprehensive IEP Manual.

Goal 4 Highlights-

- Developed a comprehensive suite of informational brochures describing each of our 14 specialized programs.
- Developed a communication plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

Next Steps-

Curriculum & Data: Convene a multi-tiered curriculum committee to review data and tools measuring curriculum implementation and efficacy.

Capacity Building: Expand internal capacity using an embedded train-the-trainer and coaching model.

Fiscal Monitoring: Track and assess the impacts of the restructured tuition model.

Strategic Planning: Complete a collaborative action plan for programs and services that aligns with continuum and steering committee values.

Professional Development: Expand customized training on instructional strategies, IEP development, and state monitoring compliance.

Safety & Operations: Advance Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and Standard Reunion Method (SRM) training, efforts, and expectations.

Staffing Analysis: Review annual staffing data and trends to identify hard-to-fill positions and address district needs.

Family Engagement: Deepen parent partnerships through targeted training, networking, and a parent

advisory focus.

Communications: Launch and execute a comprehensive 2026–27 communication plan.

Also presented was an update from:

Goal 1: *Provide Exceptional Programs and Services to meet the needs of students throughout the SEDOL community.*

Laremont Curriculum

Dr. Schmitt, Principal, Laremont School, shared with the Board the MOVE Model Site.

Laremont is among the leading schools providing innovative mobility and functional learning opportunities. One of only 30 MOVE Model Sites worldwide and the first and only MOVE Model Site in Illinois.

What is MOVE

- Evidence-based program, focuses on increasing independence, mobility, and participation
- Embeds functional movement into everyday routines and instruction
- Supports skills such as sitting, standing, walking, and transitioning
- Uses individualized assessments to monitor student progress
- Supported through collaboration with:
 - Staff and families, SEDOL Foundation, and Rifton/MOVE community

This year, continued implementation of the revised curriculum model with quarterly learning topics allowed for: Deeper student engagement, expanded hands-on learning opportunities, building-wide instructional alignment, and increased community partnerships and assemblies.

- Quarter 1- Community Helpers
- Quarter 2- Science Inquiry
- Quarter 3- Past & Present
- Quarter 4- Animal Traits

Larmont Transition

Live with the Lions! Building school community through student engagement and leadership.

Weekly school announcement program. This was designed to:

- Build school community and connectedness, increase student voice and participation, and celebrate school events, achievements, and daily activities.

Students led various sessions, including:

- Staff and student interviews, weather updates, cooking with Katie/Krystal, jokes and talents, Word of the Jungle - special events, and where in the world is Larry the Lion - to highlight weekly mobility trips and experiences.

Companion Device Pilot

Ms. Erin MacDonald presented on the companion device pilot.

Students learn to use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) through modeling.

Some students become protective of their device or resistant when adults attempt to model on their device. This can significantly reduce opportunities for consistent language modeling. Staff needed a way to model language without removing access to the student's device.

What is a companion device?

A staff-accessible AAC system that mirrors the student's communication system, allowing adults to model language without taking the student's personal device.

Pilot Design

- 12 teachers with representation across programs
- Priority given to classrooms with at least 1 student resistant to adult modeling on their personal device
- 7-week duration with 4 data collection points
- All staff completed training prior to receiving communication app
- Communication app added to teacher

Results

The student uses AAC more frequently when language is modeled on a companion device - 71% agreed or strongly agreed

The student demonstrated increased willingness to communicate with use of companion device - 87% agreed or strongly agreed

The student showed improved regulation when AAC was modeled using the companion device - 77% agreed or strongly agreed

The student appeared less frustrated during communicative interactions when language is modeled on a

companion device - 81% agreed or strongly agreed

Common Themes From Staff Testimonials

1. Overcoming device “guardianship” and reluctance through modeling
2. Increased student autonomy and spontaneous communication
3. Reduction in frustration and challenging behaviors
4. Boosted staff proficiency, comfort, and growth
5. Measurable academic success
6. Value of dedicated companion devices in classroom

Looking Forward

Pilot participants will continue to have access to companion devices next year; a formal process for teachers to request a companion device is in development and will launch in the fall. Teachers who request a companion device will receive training, check-ins with an AT team member, and provide data on the efficacy of the device on student communication.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Updates/Reviews

The Board approved revisions to Policy 7:150 *Agency Law Enforcement Requests*.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake County Sheriff’s Office Agreement

The Board approved the 1-year reciprocal reporting agreement between the Lake County Sheriff’s Office and SEDOL for the 2026-27 school year.

TheraPets Contract

This item will be moved to the June meeting agenda.

D73 School to School Contract

The Board approved the 2026-27 School-to-School Food Service Contract between Vernon Hills D73 and SEDOL (John Powers Center and the Regional Safe School Program) and the amended 2025-26 agreement to include the extended school year.

Appointment of Authorized Agent

The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Dave Shepherd, incoming Assistant Superintendent of Business, as the authorized IMRF agent and TRS representative effective July 1, 2026.

CLIC Insurance Rates

The Board accepted the CLIC insurance coverage and rates for workers’ compensation and liability coverages.

FOIA Request

On March 26, 2026, Mr. Justin Wenig, Star Bridge, requested access to and copies of all purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors, from January 1, 2025, to the current date.

Dr. Wojcik responded with the requested items on April 23, 2026.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session to discuss the following:

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2. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

OTHER

Request for Non-Member District Placement

The Board approved the request by Waukegan District 60 to continue placement for one student in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program for the 2026-27 school year.

INFORMATIONAL

ISBE Correspondence - Dr. Hackett sent a follow-up email to member districts in an attempt to clarify the ISBE correspondence that was emailed out. The general meaning of the state email was to inform districts that they may request one district director to receive the same information shared with the State-Approved Director of Special Education. The process for this is still in the works.

Purchase Care Review Board Meeting - Was scheduled for June 2nd; however, has been moved to July (date to be determined). This meeting will address questions on the tuition rate-setting process.

ED Red Lake County Summit - June 11th at the Regional Office of Education Facility in Lake Forest.

Parent University

- April 14th, 2026 Partners in Support
Q&A panel experts featuring state representatives, educational advocates, and service providers to help navigate the complexities of disability services with practical, expert guidance.
- May 14th, 2026 Understanding Pathological Demand Avoidance
Molly Johnson, founder of Patiently Parenting. PDA is often linked to Autism and ADHD, and is a neurodevelopmental profile characterized by an intense, anxiety-driven need for control and a natural resistance to everyday demands.

Upcoming SEDOL Foundation Events

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2025-26 Retirees

<u>RETIREE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
James Arie	Crisis & Safety Specialist	3
Theresa Buckman	School Social Worker	24
Maura Cunningham	Psychologist	28
Kristine Erikson	Teacher	37
Edward Foss	Teacher	3
Kristine Goebeler	Sign Lang Interpreter	20
Steve Jacobson	Teacher	26
Cheryl Lardner	Registered Nurse	20
Kathleen Miller	Teacher	34
Judy Napolitano	Paraprofessional	20
Angelina O'Rourke	Teacher	19
Kathryn Pierce-Church	Physical Therapist	29
Andrea Rouse	Principal	2
Karen Schreck	Teacher	28
Susan Snyder	Physical Therapy Assistant	24
Robin Wantoch	Teacher	10
Colleen White	Paraprofessional	26
Kathleen Wood Woolmuth	Occupational Therapist	13

Upcoming SEDOL Events

May:

DHH 8th Grade Hawthorn Graduation Vernon Hills HS 5.29.26 6:00 p.m.

June:

Governing Board Meeting Gages Lake 6.3.26 7:00 pm

SEDOL Foundation Pucks for Autism	Multiple	6.5-7.26	All day
ESY Staff 1st Day	Multiple	6.15.26	Full Day
ESY Student Open House	Multiple	6.15.26	1-3:00 p.m.
ESY Student 1st Day	Multiple	6.16.26	8:30-12:00 a.m.
Executive Board Mtg	Admin Bldg	6.25.26	8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

2025-26 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, June 25, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

2025-26 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Community Room*

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.