

ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT #10
ITASCA, ILLINOIS 60143-1722

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 14, 2026

LOCATION: ITASCA VILLAGE HALL
550 WEST IRVING PARK
ITASCA, ILLINOIS 60143

6:30 p.m. Closed Session

7:00 p.m. Regular Session

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call - President Barthel
- II. Closed Session - Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
- III. Adjourn Closed Session & Return to Open Session – President Barthel
- IV. Call to Order, Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance – President Barthel
- V. Welcome Visitors – President Barthel
- VI. Communications - Secretary Amayun
- VII. Additional Agenda Items - President Barthel
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 - B. Finance Committee - Members Patel & Barthel
 - C. Capital & Operations - Dr. Weeks & Members Amayun & Diestel
 - D. Policy Committee – Members Patel & Giambrone
 - E. Transportation Committee - Mr. Benes and Members Barthel & O'Neill
 - F. Friends of Nature Center – Secretary Amayun
 - G. Staff Recognition Committee (Board Salute) - Dr. Weeks & Members O'Neill & Diestel
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 - F. Freedom of Information - two received and replied.
 - G. Opportunity for Community Input.
- XI. Action Items
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| 1. | Questions/comments from the Board of Education. | |
| 2. | Opportunity for community input. | |
| E. | FY26-#27; 2026-2027 School Calendar - ROLL CALL VOTE | 50 |
| 1. | Questions/comments from the Board of Education. | |
| 2. | Opportunity for community input. | |
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| 1. | Questions/comments from the Board of Education. | |
| 2. | Opportunity for community input. | |
| XII. | Board Requested Reports | |
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Casey Amayun, Secretary
Board of Education

James, Barthel, Board President
Board of Education

SUPERINTENDENT'S BOARD REPORT

January 2026

Mr. Craig Benes

- A. Student Safety and Citizenship - To ensure a safe learning environment that promotes the development of responsibility, ethics, discipline and citizenship**
- The Superintendent will attend the DuPage Safety Network Meetings with Principal Taylor to assure for future safety planning
 - The Regional Office of Education completed the annual Health Life Safety inspection. Overall the district did very well with a few minor findings to remediate.
 - The Randy Okrzesik [Civic and Leadership Excellence Award](#) and [CPR initiatives](#) are both starting.
- B. Academic Excellence - To reach the highest level of academic excellence by promoting an environment for the growth and learning of all students and the district**
- Illinois State Board of Education School Designation Results are available to the public. Peacock is Exemplary, Franzen and Benson are Commendable. [Letter to Parents](#)
 - District 10 received a District of Distinction Award from District Administration, a national Educational Leadership Organization [Letter to Parents/Staff](#). This is a very rare and prestigious honor for school districts. Itasca District 10 was one of 4 Illinois district finalists in varied categories and the only award winner.
- C. Fiscal Responsibility - To efficiently and responsibly manage the district's fiscal resources for short term needs and long term stability**
- Budget evaluation and strategic planning continue.
- D. Community Relationships - To nurture and advance relationships through collaboration and communication with the whole community**
- The [Itasca Annual Report](#) has been mailed to all households in Itasca in the D10 attendance area.
 - In December, student choirs performed at several Itasca community sites. Both the choir and band performed at Woodfield mall.
- E. Professional Learning - To support a culture that enhances professional learning and growth**
- School Improvement and Grade-Level teams will continue ISBE School Report Card and student data analysis to inform professional development, curriculum and teaching practice.
 - Principals continue to receive mentorship and professional coaching to develop their professional practice through a DuPage ROE grant.
- F. Capital Development - To support safety and learning for all**
- Peacock basketball hoops were installed over Winter break.
 - New Capital Planning with Architect FGM has started.
 - ISBE awarded the Capital grant to Itasca 10 in full for anticipated door work at all district schools.

TEACHING & LEARNING BOARD REPORT
January 2026
Dr. Heidi Weeks
Deputy Superintendent

District of Distinction: The district was recognized at the District Administration's National Awards Program, earning the District of Distinction Award in the Professional Development & Wellness category for innovative initiatives that support educator growth and well-being. This recognition reflects the collective efforts of staff and leaders who continue to prioritize people, professional learning, and positive outcomes for students, educators, and the community.

Professional Development: This month's SMART DAY will offer valuable professional development opportunities for various staff groups. Benson will engage in building-based professional development, Franzen will participate in quantum observations, and Peacock will focus on executive functioning professional development. Paraprofessionals will also focus on reviewing IEPs to strengthen understanding of student needs and support implementation, while staff who attended summer conferences will participate in conference share-outs to share key learnings and best practices across the district. Thank you to the Teaching and Learning team, Mrs. Buske, Mrs. Olsen, Ms. Sard, Mrs. Mileto, and Mrs. McCarthy for their planning and support.

Winter Benchmarking with the iReady Diagnostic Assessment:

- This month, all students will complete the iReady Diagnostic Assessment as part of the Winter Benchmarking process. This assessment serves as a key tool for tracking students' progress, allowing both students and teachers to analyze academic growth over the course of the school year.
- The data gathered from the Winter Benchmark will be compared to the results from the Fall assessment, providing insights into each student's progress in reading and mathematics. This comparison will help identify areas of growth, as well as areas where students may need additional support.

The Winter Benchmarking data will be used to guide instruction and interventions moving forward, ensuring that each student receives the support needed to achieve their academic goals. This process not only encourages accountability but also promotes a growth mindset, empowering students to take ownership of their learning.

ACCESS Testing: The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires an annual test for all English Language Learners (ELLs) in the state to assess their language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. This assessment will begin in January and conclude in February. All ELLs will take the test, and scores are typically sent to schools in early Spring. The purpose of the test is to measure the progress of ELLs in acquiring English skills, providing valuable data that educators can use to inform their teaching strategies and support the academic development of these students. A big thank you to Mrs. Mileto for her ongoing leadership with our ELL teachers and students along with the facilitation of this annual assessment.



BOARD BRIEFS

December 15, 2025

**NDSEC
BOARD MEMBERS**

OFFICERS:

GOVERNING BOARD
Dave Williams, Chair
Tina O'Neill, Vice Chair

OPERATIONAL BOARD
Dr. Michael Wojtowicz, Chair
Dr. Mary Henderson, Vice Chair

OPERATIONAL BOARD:

- Dr. Katie McCluskey, Dist. 2 Supt.
- Dr. Nick Sutton, Dist. 4 Supt.
- Dr. Shannon Dudek, Dist. 7 Supt.
- Mr. Craig Benes, Dist. 10 Supt.
- Dr. Susan Redell, Dist. 11 Supt.
- Dr. Mary Henderson, Dist. 12 Supt.
- Dr. Jon Bartelt, Dist. 13 Supt.
- Dr. Sam Bentsen, Dist. 100 Supt.
- Dr. Michael Wojtowicz, Dist. 108 Supt.

GOVERNING BOARD:

- Cristina Reyes, Dist. 2
Victoria Gonzalez, Alternate
- Dave Williams, Dist. 4
Serge Ruffolo, Alternate
- Mary Fletcher-Gomez, Dist. 7
Araceli Botello, Alternate
- Tina O'Neill, Dist. 10
James Barthel, Alternate
- Ian Neitzke, Dist. 11
Amy Johnson, Alternate
- Mania Karimi, Dist. 12
Lydia Galante, Alternate
- Marc Kapral, Dist. 13
Linda Wojcicki, Alternate
- Rachel Matug, Dist. 100
Reid Goodrich, Alternate
- Joe Mangold, Dist. 108
Beata Swacha, Alternate

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dr. Todd Putnam

BOARD SECRETARY
Michele Celozzi

OPERATIONAL BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Operational Board was called to order by Dr. Wojtowicz, Chairperson, at 3:00 p.m. Nine districts were represented at the meeting.

Additional Agenda Items: *None.*

Recognition of Visitors: Self introductions: Don Shaw, Karrie Drent, Nicole Wren, Caitlyn Lacy and Nicole Melquist.

Public Comment: *None.*

NDSEC Education Association Comments: *None.*

Program Report:

A. Intervention Strategies Team (IST) – Karrie Drent, Nicole Wren and Caitlyn Lacy, presented an overview of the program.

Consent Agenda: *Approved. Vote: 9-0.*

A. Approval of Minutes:

- Regular meeting of November 10, 2025
- Closed Session meeting of November 10, 2025

B. Approval of Bills: November 12, 2025 – December 9, 2025 and December 2025 Bill Lists

C. Personnel Report dated December 15, 2025:

Certified Professional Personnel

Resignations: none

Appointments: none

Change in Assignment: none

Open Positions: 1.0 FTE School Psychologist (.3 User Fee D7, .6 User Fee D13, .1 NDSEC Programs)

Educational Support Personnel

Resignations/Retirements: 1.0 Paraprofessional; 3.0 CONTRACT Paraprofessionals

Appointments: 1.0 Paraprofessional; 7.0 FTE CONTRACT Paraprofessional; Floating

Substitute Paraprofessional

Open Positions: 2 Open Paraprofessional Positions (LASSO, ALSP Benson)

Action Items:

- A. Presentation and Acceptance of FY 2025 Audit** - Don Shaw of Lauterbach & Amen presented a summary of the audit report. *Audit accepted: Vote: 9-0.*
- B. Approval of School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG)** – *Grant application approved: Vote: 9-0.*

Discussion/Informational Items:

A. NDSEC Current Staff/Enrollment Profile and Student Enrollment by Month

NDSEC currently has 186 students enrolled in NDSEC operated programs. This is a decrease of 5 student enrollments since our November board meeting. Private placement currently has 87 students. This is the same enrollment for students since our November board meeting.

B. Financial Report

As of November 30, 2025 (42% of the fiscal year completed), NDSEC expended 34% of the budgeted expenditures and received 53% of the budgeted revenues.

C. Public Day School reimbursements (ISBE S-fund)

With Public Act 103-0644, Illinois has changed how public day schools will be reimbursed. We are working closely with ISBE to ensure we receive appropriate reimbursements.

D. DuPage ROE HLS Annual Inspection and Roselle Fire Department Annual Safety Inspection

The DuPage ROE and the Roselle Fire Department visited our buildings for their annual inspections. No major violations were found.

E. TLC Transportation

The Operational Board discussed options for the purchase of a second vehicle.

F. Non-Member District Fee

The current non-member district fee is 10% over the total student tuition. The Operational Board discussed whether or not to increase this fee.

Adjournment to Closed Session: 3:35 p.m.

- **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the Cooperative**

Reconvene Open Session: 4:10 p.m.

Action Items:

- A. Action on Recommendation to Ratify the Termination of Employee - Recommendation to the Governing Board** - *Recommended approval of termination. Vote: 9-0.*

Future Agenda Items – None.

Adjournment of Operational Board Meeting – 4:11 p.m.

The next regular Operational Board Meeting will be February 9, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the administrative office.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent Benes Members of the Board of Education

RE: **Business Office Monthly Report - January 2026**

FROM: Dr. Bein

1. Fund Balance Report for the month of November 2025

The detailed fund balances of all funds for the months of November 2025 can be seen on **page 2**.

This report shows what current fund balances are in each fund and where our funds are invested as of the end of November 2025.

2. Revenue and Expenditure Variance Report for Operating Funds as of November 2025

The 2025-2026 Revenue and Expenditure Report for all funds for the **month of November 2025** can be seen on **page 3**.

3. Cash and Investment Report

The detailed cash and investment reports are on **pages 4-6**. They itemize out each investment, maturity date, interest rate and anticipated interest income.

4. Depositories

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:30, annually the Board is to review and approve the depositories for the District. There have been no changes to the depository listing since the last time the Board reviewed and approved it at the January 15, 2025 meeting.

5. Approval to Join OMNIA, Sourcewell, TIPS, Bespoke Cooperative

School districts are obligated to follow statutory provisions for purchases (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21), which is further codified by Board policy (4:60). Purchases exceeding \$35,000 have to be publicly bid, with an exception of \$50,000 for contracts for facility repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation, or construction and not involving a change or increase in the size, type, or extent of the existing facility.

State law (30 ILCS 525/) also authorizes school districts to jointly purchase items with other governmental units. The statute authorizes the purchase of supplies and services jointly with a governmental unit of Illinois, governmental entity of another state, or with a consortium of governmental entities of one or more other states. This is the language that allows school districts to utilize cooperative purchasing groups (co-ops) to satisfy public bidding requirements for purchases.

When vendors are bidding on contracts, they are aware whether the terms provide for joint purchasing. This can have appeal for vendors as there is the prospect for much

more business than a single governmental entity. That has the potential to favorably impact pricing.

In general, there are several advantages to purchasing through co-ops. As mentioned above, pricing can be more favorable than might be obtained by bidding independently. As a matter of course, prior to recommending a co-op purchase we routinely check the pricing against the market to confirm that bidding or buying separately is not a better option. Because the bidding has already been completed, using a co-op can speed up the purchasing process. It also simplifies the process and makes it less expensive to administer. For example, school districts are required by law to publish notice in the newspaper when conducting bids. By using a co-op contract, a district saves the money associated with publishing in the paper.

A wide variety of products are available through co-ops. Examples include: athletic surfaces, vehicles (including school buses), flooring, playground equipment, lighting, office equipment, and classroom furniture. District 10 periodically uses cooperative contracts, and the business office staff includes co-ops as options in determining the most favorable way to proceed. In order to have the most flexibility and options for cooperative purchasing, there are several additional cooperatives I am recommending the District join. There is no cost associated with joining.

I recommend approving membership in the OMNIA, Sourcewell, TIPS, and Bespoke Cooperatives to streamline procurement for future projects, services, and supplies for our District.

6. TIF District Meeting

The Board has asked when the next TIF meeting is scheduled. According to the Planning and Zoning Department at the Village of Itasca, the meeting has not been scheduled yet. The plan, though, is to hold the meeting just prior to the 5:00pm February 2, 2026, Intergovernmental Meeting.

7. Over \$35,000 Items

I have been asked to include a recap of non-recurring purchases that exceed \$35,000 and that are not Capital Projects related in the Treasurer's Report. The following items are also included in the monthly bill list.

- Johnson Controls (planned service agreement 1/1/26 - 6/30/26) \$77,182.50

ITASCA SCHOOL DISTRICT 10

MONTHLY FINANCIALS

UNAUDITED

12/31/25

FUND BALANCE REPORT

VARIANCE REPORT

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT

TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT

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FUND BALANCE REPORT

December 31, 2025

Board Funds

| FUND | DESCRIPTION | 11/30/25 | REVENUES | EXPENDITURES | REV OVER EXPENSE | 12/31/25 |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 10 | Education | \$ 14,938,768 | \$ 150,503 | \$ 1,363,255 | \$ (1,212,752) | \$ 13,726,016 |
| 20 | Operations & Maintenance | \$ 1,391,918 | 4,914 | 107,215 | \$ (102,301) | \$ 1,289,617 |
| 40 | Transportation | \$ 534,665 | 1,889 | 39,046 | \$ (37,157) | \$ 497,508 |
| 50 | Municipal Retirement | \$ 618,807 | 1,402 | 36,128 | \$ (34,726) | \$ 584,081 |
| 70 | Working Cash | \$ 1,594,520 | 6,218 | - | \$ 6,218 | \$ 1,600,738 |
| OPERATING TOTAL | | \$ 19,078,678 | \$ 164,927 | \$ 1,545,645 | \$ (1,380,718) | \$ 17,697,960 |
| 30 | Debt Service | 2,123,058 | 4,057 | 1,997,693 | (1,993,636) | 129,422 |
| 60 | Capital Projects | 9,124,362 | 44,034 | 613,512 | (569,479) | 8,554,883 |
| NON OPERATING TOTAL | | \$ 11,247,420 | \$ 48,090 | \$ 2,611,205 | \$ (2,563,115) | \$ 8,684,305 |
| GRAND TOTAL | | \$ 30,326,098 | \$ 213,017 | \$ 4,156,850 | \$ (3,943,833) | \$ 26,382,265 |

VARIANCE REPORT

December 31, 2025

| OPERATING REVENUES | TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUES | | | YTD REVENUES | | | YTD % OF TOTAL REVENUES | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL/BUDGET |
| Property Taxes | \$ 13,398,669 | \$ 14,262,290 | \$ 14,721,266 | \$ 13,398,669 | \$ 14,262,290 | \$ 6,472,742 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 44.0% |
| CPPRT | 268,160 | 178,477 | 170,000 | 268,160 | 178,477 | 62,890 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 37.0% |
| Interest | 708,957 | 490,648 | 481,500 | 708,957 | 490,648 | 199,303 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 41.4% |
| Other Local | 636,035 | 726,851 | 626,660 | 636,035 | 732,807 | 170,384 | 100.0% | 100.8% | 27.2% |
| State | 4,764,427 | 985,312 | 4,845,794 | 4,764,427 | 985,312 | 297,360 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 6.1% |
| Federal | 415,583 | 532,639 | 428,827 | 415,583 | 532,639 | 428,162 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 99.8% |
| TOTAL | \$ 20,191,831 | \$ 17,176,217 | \$ 21,274,047 | \$ 20,191,831 | \$ 17,182,173 | \$ 7,630,841 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 35.9% |

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURES | | | YTD EXPENDITURES | | | YTD % OF TOTAL EXPENDITURES | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 | FY24 | FY25 | FY26 |
| | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | BUDGET | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL | ACTUAL/BUDGET |
| Salaries | \$ 8,705,295 | \$ 8,941,736 | \$ 10,204,655 | \$ 8,705,295 | \$ 8,941,736 | \$ 3,798,674 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 37.2% |
| Benefits | 1,923,917 | 2,155,335 | 2,103,239 | 1,923,927 | 2,155,335 | 912,305 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 43.4% |
| Purchased Services | 1,667,428 | 1,930,348 | 1,922,860 | 1,667,428 | 1,930,348 | 905,202 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 47.1% |
| Supplies and Materials | 871,392 | 1,012,349 | 972,600 | 871,392 | 1,012,349 | 514,797 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 52.9% |
| Capital Outlay | 8,340 | 335,186 | 278,300 | 8,340 | 335,186 | 121,052 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 43.5% |
| Other Objects | 6,768,058 | 1,776,927 | 5,728,345 | 6,768,059 | 1,776,927 | 1,143,560 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 20.0% |
| Non-capitalized Equipment | 1,306,895 | 27,684 | 97,005 | 1,306,895 | 27,684 | 5,928 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 6.1% |
| Termination Benefits | 6,000 | 6,775 | 10,365 | 6,000 | 6,775 | - | 100.0% | 100.0% | 0.0% |
| TOTAL | \$ 21,257,325 | \$ 16,186,340 | \$ 21,317,369 | \$ 21,257,335 | \$ 16,186,340 | \$ 7,401,519 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 34.7% |

CASH AND INVESTMENT REPORT

December 31, 2025

Board Funds

| INSTITUTION | DESCRIPTION | GENERAL LEDGER |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Itasca Bank | Imprest | \$ 2,248.06 |
| Itasca Bank | NOW account | \$ 214,259.41 |
| Itasca Bank | Investments | |
| | CD 105671910 | \$ 689,491.35 |
| | CD 105671912 | \$ 830,515.46 |
| | CD 148992506 | \$ 456,353.37 |
| | CD 148992508 | \$ 431,698.61 |
| | CD 148992509 | \$ 434,161.34 |
| | | \$ 2,842,220.13 |
| ISDLAF | Bond Account 2021 | LIQ |
| | | - |
| ISDLAF | Bond Account 2021 | Max |
| | | \$ - |
| ISDLAF | Bond Account 2023 | LIQ |
| | | \$ 582,347.67 |
| ISDLAF | Bond Account 2023 | Max |
| | | \$ 3,627,018.64 |
| ISDLAF | General | LIQ |
| | | \$ 215,685.69 |
| ISDLAF | General | MAX |
| | | \$ 2,475,423.20 |
| ISDLAF | General | Fixed Income |
| | | \$ 15,302,526.52 |
| Outstanding Checks Not Cleared | | 3,369,130.27 |
| Non Cash Liability Accruals | | - |
| TOTAL | | \$ 28,630,860 |

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TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT

December 31, 2025

| INSTITUTION | TYPE | SECURED BY | PURCHASE | MATURITY | PURCHASE | RATE |
|---|-------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
| ISDLAF TERM SERIES | Term Series | Term Series | 10/3/2025 | 1/2/2026 | \$ 1,000,000.00 | 3.81% |
| American Plus Bank, N.A. | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 1/29/2026 | \$ 246,100.00 | 3.81% |
| Cross River Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 1/29/2026 | \$ 246,100.00 | 3.81% |
| Bank Hapoalim B.M. | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,700.00 | 4.10% |
| First Internet Bank of Indiana | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,700.00 | 4.11% |
| Lake Forest Bank & Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,800.00 | 4.06% |
| Financial Federal Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,700.00 | 4.15% |
| Northbrook Bank and Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,800.00 | 4.06% |
| State Bank of the Lakes, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,800.00 | 4.06% |
| Libertyville Bank & Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 115,100.00 | 4.06% |
| Town Bank, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/27/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,800.00 | 4.06% |
| Barrington Bank & Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/28/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,900.00 | 4.07% |
| Beverly Bank & Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 5/28/2025 | 2/12/2026 | \$ 242,900.00 | 4.07% |
| First National Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 2/26/2026 | \$ 245,300.00 | 3.97% |
| Preferred Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 2/26/2026 | \$ 245,400.00 | 3.81% |
| FirstBank Southwest | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 3/6/2026 | \$ 245,000.00 | 3.99% |
| CIBC Bank USA | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 3/6/2026 | \$ 245,100.00 | 3.96% |
| Village Bank and Trust, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/12/2026 | \$ 242,500.00 | 4.01% |
| St. Charles Bank & Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/12/2026 | \$ 242,500.00 | 4.01% |
| Crystal Lake Bank and Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/12/2026 | \$ 242,500.00 | 4.01% |
| Wheaton Bank & Trust, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/12/2026 | \$ 242,500.00 | 4.01% |
| Wintrust Bank, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/12/2026 | \$ 242,500.00 | 4.01% |
| Customers Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/12/2026 | \$ 242,500.00 | 4.00% |
| Schertz Bank & Trust | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/30/2026 | \$ 241,900.00 | 4.05% |
| Schaumburg Bank & Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 3/30/2026 | \$ 242,000.00 | 4.01% |
| Customers Bank | CD | Letter of Credit | 7/9/2025 | 4/9/2026 | \$ 1,700,000.00 | 3.97% |
| Baxter Credit Union | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/14/2026 | \$ 240,700.00 | 4.08% |
| Hinsdale Bank & Trust Company, National Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/14/2026 | \$ 100,000.00 | 4.01% |
| First Federal Savings and Loan Association | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/14/2026 | \$ 240,700.00 | 4.07% |
| Cornerstone Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/14/2026 | \$ 240,600.00 | 4.12% |

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|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|------------|----|------------|-------|
| The First State Bank of Healy | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/14/2026 | \$ | 240,800.00 | 4.04% |
| NorthEast Community Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/14/2026 | \$ | 237,200.00 | 4.02% |
| Solera National Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/28/2026 | \$ | 240,200.00 | 4.13% |
| First State Bank of DeQueen | CD | FDIC Insured | 6/6/2025 | 5/28/2026 | \$ | 240,200.00 | 4.13% |
| ISDLAF TERM SERIES | Term Series | Term Series | 10/3/2025 | 5/29/2026 | \$ | 500,000.00 | 3.65% |
| Regent Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 6/11/2026 | \$ | 242,900.00 | 3.73% |
| Third Coast Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 6/11/2026 | \$ | 242,800.00 | 3.85% |
| California International Bank, N.A. | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 6/11/2026 | \$ | 242,800.00 | 3.79% |
| BOM Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 6/11/2026 | \$ | 242,400.00 | 4.01% |
| American Pride Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 6/11/2026 | \$ | 242,800.00 | 3.75% |
| Priority Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 6/11/2026 | \$ | 242,900.00 | 3.75% |
| GBank | CD | FDIC Insured | 10/1/2025 | 6/29/2026 | \$ | 243,000.00 | 3.80% |
| ServisFirst Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 10/1/2025 | 6/29/2026 | \$ | 243,100.00 | 3.75% |
| First Capital Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 10/1/2025 | 6/29/2026 | \$ | 243,400.00 | 3.60% |
| Transportation Alliance Bank, Inc. d/b/a TAB Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 10/1/2025 | 6/29/2026 | \$ | 243,200.00 | 3.65% |
| US TREASURY N/B | Treasury Note | FDIC Insured | 6/15/2021 | 6/30/2026 | \$ | 991,426.52 | 0.70% |
| Consumers Credit Union | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 9/4/2026 | \$ | 240,100.00 | 4.08% |
| State Bank of Texas | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 9/4/2026 | \$ | 240,300.00 | 3.94% |
| FirstBank Puerto Rico | CD | FDIC Insured | 7/9/2025 | 12/30/2026 | \$ | 236,500.00 | 3.85% |
| NexBank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 2/26/2027 | \$ | 236,600.00 | 3.79% |
| Farmers and Merchants Union Bank | CD | FDIC Insured | 9/5/2025 | 2/26/2027 | \$ | 235,800.00 | 3.99% |

\$ 15,302,526.52

TOTAL \$ 15,302,527



TECHNOLOGY REPORT Steve Schmidt January 2026

NAEP Testing Setup for Peacock - The IT Department completed installing and configuring the NAEP testing application over winter break. We also completed all the required surveys and questionnaires. The application was then finally tested and verified by the vendor so Peacock is ready for testing on the selected date later this month.

Winter Break Work - The IT Department completed most of the planned technology tasks over winter break. The completed projects included putting the school building door system panels on more dependable battery backups and deploying standard security updates/firmwares to all servers and network equipment. The upgrade to our district print management system got pushed back because of availability issues with our print system provider. This will be rescheduled and completed later this month.

Help Desk - There are currently no open tickets in our system.

January School Board Reports

Benson Principal - Mrs. Melissa Stafford

Franzen Principal - Ms. Linda Wit

Peacock Principal - Mr. Jason Taylor

A. Student Safety and Citizenship - To ensure a safe learning environment that promotes the development of responsibility, ethics, discipline, and citizenship.

Civics - We are happy to support the newly created the Randy Okrzesik Civic and Leadership Excellence Award. Students will be provided an opportunity to earn extra civic volunteering and learning opportunities such as CPR certification, Babysitter certification and other leadership opportunities.

CPR - Additionally CPR instruction will be offered in Peacock health classes with support from District 10 nurse, Michelle Ciero who will help lead hands-on CPR/AED training for interested students.

B. Academic Excellence – To reach the highest level of academic excellence by promoting an environment for growth and learning for all students and the district.

Winter Assessments - Students will take iReady winter benchmark assessments in January. These assessments will guide future instruction and chart academic progress of all first through eighth grade students. All students will also take the AimsWeb winter benchmark.

AISLE Awards - Students at Benson, Franzen and Peacock will be participating in nominations for school readers' choice book awards through the Association of Illinois School Library Educators. Students will participate in Monarch (K-2), Bluestem (grades 3-5) and Rebecca Caudill (6-8). Students will have the opportunity to choose their favorite books & vote for their favorite, a winner will be chosen at both Benson, Franzen and Peacock Schools.

Scripp's National Spelling Bee - Approximately 75 students from grades 1-8 have registered to participate in our annual spelling bee. Grade-level winners have been announced. An in-person, district spelling bee will be held to determine the district spelling bee winner on Wednesday, January 21st at Franzen School. The overall spelling bee winner will represent District 10 at the regional spelling bee, which will be held on February 19th. Thank you to our teacher-librarians, Ms. Ashley Darling, Mrs. Anita DeValk and Ms. Jennifer Susina for coordinating this experience for our students.

Lake Park Transition Events - Lake Park Counselors will visit 8th grade students on January 8th to review key transition events and timelines. Students will learn about course options at Lake Park High School and have an opportunity to select elective classes.

C. Fiscal Responsibility - To efficiently and responsibly manage the district's fiscal resources for short-term needs and long-term stability.

D. Community Relationships - To nurture and advance relationships through collaboration and communication with the whole community.

Community Service Hours - All students continue to complete their required community service hours. We are very proud of all of their hard work. Our 8th grade students are currently finalizing their 18 hours to fulfill their graduation requirement.

January School Board Reports

Benson Principal - Mrs. Melissa Stafford

Franzen Principal - Ms. Linda Wit

Peacock Principal - Mr. Jason Taylor

Peacock Choir - Peacock choir will participate in the Lake Park Choir Festival on January 13th. Thank you to Mr. Bryen Travis for supporting our students and Lake Park High School for hosting this event.

Athletics - Peacock Boys Basketball season began in January. All home games can be viewed at the following [livestream link](#). Thank you to Peacock Film Club and Mr. Travis for providing this opportunity to our fans!

Franzen Band - Fifth grade band students have been participating in small group lessons by instrument and band rehearsals are held every Tuesday after school. Our beginning band concert will be held on January 27th at Peacock. Thank you to Jeff Jay, for supporting our students.

Monthly Communication - Newsletters are emailed home at the beginning of each month highlighting upcoming events and important information. School specific newsletters can be accessed through the following links:

- [Benson Bulletin](#)
- [Franzen Falcon](#)
- [Peacock Charger](#)

E. Professional Learning - To support a culture that enhances professional learning and growth.

ACCESS Testing - ACCESS testing supports are being planned now to implement testing environments for students in February. Student assessments will be in February 2026 at all our D10 schools.

F. Capital Development - To support safety and learning for all.

Itasca Elementary School District #10

2026-2027

BOE Approved
1/14/26

| August, 2026 | | | | | | | |
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Trimester 1
Ends Nov. 6

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Trimester 2
Ends Feb. 25

| April, 2027 | | | | | | | |
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| June, 2027 | | | | | | | |
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| IMPORTANT DATES | |
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| ELL Access: TBA | Trimester 3 Ends June 3 |
| Aimsweb: TBA | |
| IAR: TBA | |
| 8th Grade Graduation: TBD | |

| CALENDAR LEGEND | |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| B | School Begins |
| E | School Ends |
| H | Legal Holiday |
| PD | Professional Development-No School |
| TI | Institute - No School |
| X | Not in Attendance |
| FPT | Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| ER | Early Release Day |
| ED | Emergency Day (if needed) |

| LEGAL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Labor Day | 9/7 |
| Columbus Day | 10/12 |
| M. L. King Jr. Day | 1/18 |
| President's Day | 2/15 |
| Casimir Pulaski Day | 3/1 |
| Memorial Day | 5/31 |

NOTE: June 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 are possible school attendance days if Emergency Days are used prior to the last day of school.

| OTHER | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Student Attendance Days | 176 |

Lake Park Closed 9/21-25

SPECIAL NOTE:
If emergency school closing days are used, the school district may decide to use April 23 and/or June 4 to make-up regular school day(s).

2026 District of Distinction Winner



Professional Development & Wellness
Itasca School District 10

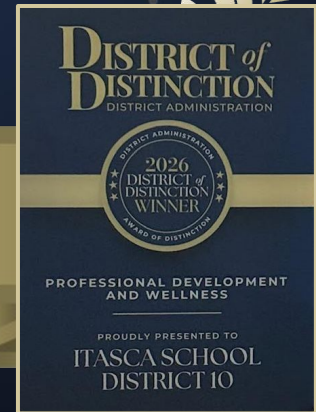


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Background - District of Distinction Award

- Celebrates home-grown, high-impact educational programs
- Highlights innovative initiatives that improve student achievement, engagement, and excellence
- Recognizes practices that address challenges and produce measurable gains in equity and outcomes
- Shares successful, replicable models districts can adopt nationwide
- Honors strong community impact through partnerships, outreach, and service



Our Story - Initiative (Launched 2019)

- Growing English Language Learner population exposed gaps in instruction and resources
- Curriculum required alignment with current standards and best practices
- Achievement gaps and inconsistent progress across student subgroups
- Need for targeted interventions and meaningful enrichment for all learners
- Focus on building educator capacity to improve student achievement, equity, and engagement



Where We Started

- Invested strategically in teacher learning and leadership to drive student success
- Expanded educator expertise to meet diverse learner needs, including ELL students
- Strengthened instruction through rigorous professional development and aligned curricula
- Built leadership capacity and new roles to support continuous improvement
- Created a sustainable system that enriches student learning through academics, arts, athletics, and experiential opportunities



Our Story - Actions Taken to Launch & Implement the Initiative

- Partnered with local universities to offer district-supported certification and degree cohorts
- Established a Director of Teaching & Learning to oversee implementation and instructional coherence
- Created new specialist roles and a clear, phased timeline for curriculum adoption
- Developed a district-wide professional learning plan aligned to School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals
- Celebrated educator growth and leveraged teacher leaders to lead professional learning and sustain momentum



Our Story - Who Was Involved in Implementation

- Board of Education provided vision, policy support, and sustained funding.
- District administrators designed and coordinated implementation aligned to strategic goals
- Building administrators ensure alignment with school-level needs and supported staff
- Teachers participated in learning, earned certifications, and served as instructional leaders
- District-wide collaboration ensured shared ownership, coherence, and impact on student outcomes



Our Story - How We Monitored the Initiative's Impact

- District leadership team coordinated monitoring alongside administrators and teacher leaders
- School Improvement Plan (SIP) teams conducted regular cycles of inquiry
- Used student achievement data and instructional evidence to measure impact
- Adjusted practices through ongoing reflection and collaborative review
- Celebrated progress while maintaining accountability and shared responsibility



Our Story - Results & Impact of the Initiative

- All three schools earned ISBE Exemplary status (2024)—top 10% statewide with no underperforming subgroups
- Only district in the county with every school rated Exemplary, despite high student diversity
- Strong family and community partnerships supported by transparency and shared goals
- Chronic absenteeism at half the state average
- Updated, inquiry-driven curricula led to reading and math proficiency above state averages

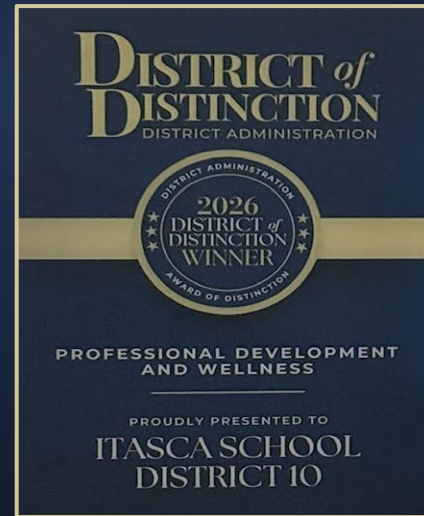


Overall Impact

- **Every Learner, Every Day:** Investing in Human Capital, leads to Illinois State Board of Education Exemplary School Designations
- Profound investments in teacher learning dramatically impacts student learning
- Educators demonstrate profound commitment to professional learning
- Itasca School District Exemplary School Designations by the Illinois State Board of Education



“This award reflects what’s possible when educators, students, and community grow together. We are proud of the recognition—and even more committed to the work ahead.”





Capital Updates

Craig Benes, Superintendent
January 2026

Contents

- Recent Improvements
- Upcoming Improvements
- Future Work with New Architect Partner
- New Buildings & Grounds and Capital Board Report will be coming

Recent Improvements



Recent Improvements

- HVAC Balancing is Completed
- Additional Minor Upgrades with Piping & Ventilation
- Have Received Peacock as-builds
- Expansion Joint Covers for Hallways Installed
- Completing Final Payments

Upcoming Improvements ~ School Maintenance Project Grant

- ISBE Offers Annual Dollar-For-Dollar Matching Grants up to \$50,000 for School Building Maintenance
- District Awarded the Full \$50,000 Award This Year
- Funds Would Support Anticipated Door Replacement Work at Peacock, Franzen and Benson

Architect Timeline & Future Planning

- Continue Benson Outdoor Classroom Planning
- Board Capital Committee Joined a Benson Focus Group to Review Design Ideas
- FGM and Bear are Working on Designs and Costs
- Review Plans and Funding for New District Office & Potential Gym
- Evaluate Furniture Refresh for Benson and Franzen

"Every improvement we make today strengthens the learning environment for tomorrow."

How can we further highlight this great work to the Itasca community?





WHAT IS THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION?

Led by Superintendent Amber Quirk, Regional Office of Education #19 serves DuPage County as part of Illinois's statewide system of educational support. Illinois has 102 counties and 852 school districts, organized into 38 regions that provide access to services and resources. Superintendent Quirk was elected in 2022 and assumed office in July 2023.



Ms. Amber Quirk
Regional Superintendent

WHAT DOES THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION DO?

The DuPage ROE works with the Illinois State Board of Education to fulfill state-mandated duties and partners closely with local superintendents, often serving as districts' first point of contact. The following outlines ROE responsibilities under Illinois Code and select value-added services provided during the 2024–2025 school year.

required services

- Oversight of Compliance to State & Federal Laws
- Educator Licensing | 14,000+ educators aided in obtaining credentials
- Professional Development | 460 research-based academies & workshops provided to 8,696 participants
- Truancy Intervention | 864 students served
- Operation of Regional Safe School & Alternative Learning Programs | 183 students served
- Health, Life, Safety & Compliance | 293 buildings inspected & 172 building permits issued
- Provision of a Homeless Student Advocate | 3,063 DuPage students identified as homeless
- Bus Driver Instruction | 2,895 drivers participated

value-added services

- + School Safety Training | Annual Safety Summit
- + Networking | 75 networks offered; 1,406 attendees
- + Collaborative Learning | 5 collaboratives offered; 96 school administrators participated
- + Fingerprint & Background Check Services | 1,695 current & potential employees served
- + Short-term Substitute Teaching Training | 125 trainees
- + Parents as Teachers Program | 218 children served & 3,025 home visits
- + Area 1 Lead Hub
- + Area 1 Social-Emotional Learning Hub
- + Career Education | 160 students have completed internships
- + Work Permits for Minors | Responded to 278 work permit inquiries

Excellence in education is our guiding principle.

This commitment shapes every initiative, partnership, and service the DuPage Regional Office of Education provides. It compels us to support school districts with high-quality professional development, ensure equitable access to resources, and foster safe, innovative learning environments. By upholding these standards, we empower educators and give every student the opportunity to *thrive* in an ever-changing world. *We proudly serve:*

140k+
students

42
districts

256
schools

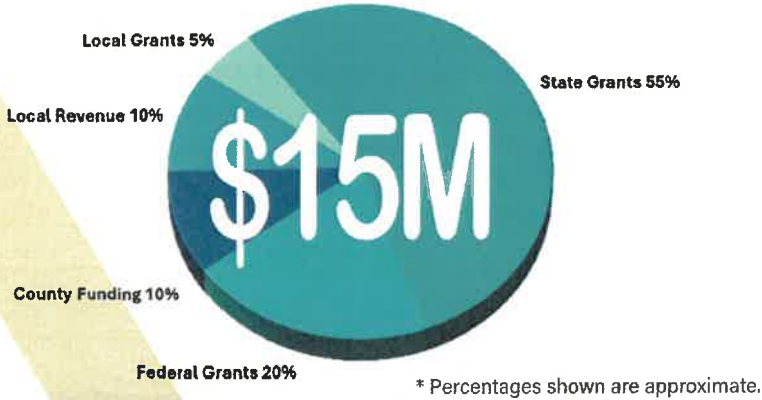
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Money Matters

Managing more than \$15 million in state, federal, and local funding, the DuPage ROE delivers a wide range of countywide programs and services. The organization is supported by a dedicated team of nearly 60 employees.

ROE Funding Sources*



Local & National Partnerships are Paramount to Achieving our Goals

- Birth to Five Illinois
- College of DuPage
- DuPage Area Occupational Education System/ Technical Center of DuPage
- DuPage County Behavioral Health Collaborative
- DuPage County Health Department
- DuPage County Crisis Recovery Center
- DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- DuPage County School Mutual Aid Response Team
- DuPage Credit Union
- GPS Parent Series
- I Love U Guys Foundation
- Illinois Learning Technology Center
- NAMI DuPage
- Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services
- Prevention Leadership Team
- Teen Parent Connection
- YWCA of Metro Chicago

183

The ROE operates the *Center for Student Success*, a regional **safe school and alternative learning site**. They served 183 students during the 24-25 school year.

3,063

The ROE's homeless liaison, along with local schools, identified 3,063 students who were experiencing **homelessness** in DuPage County.

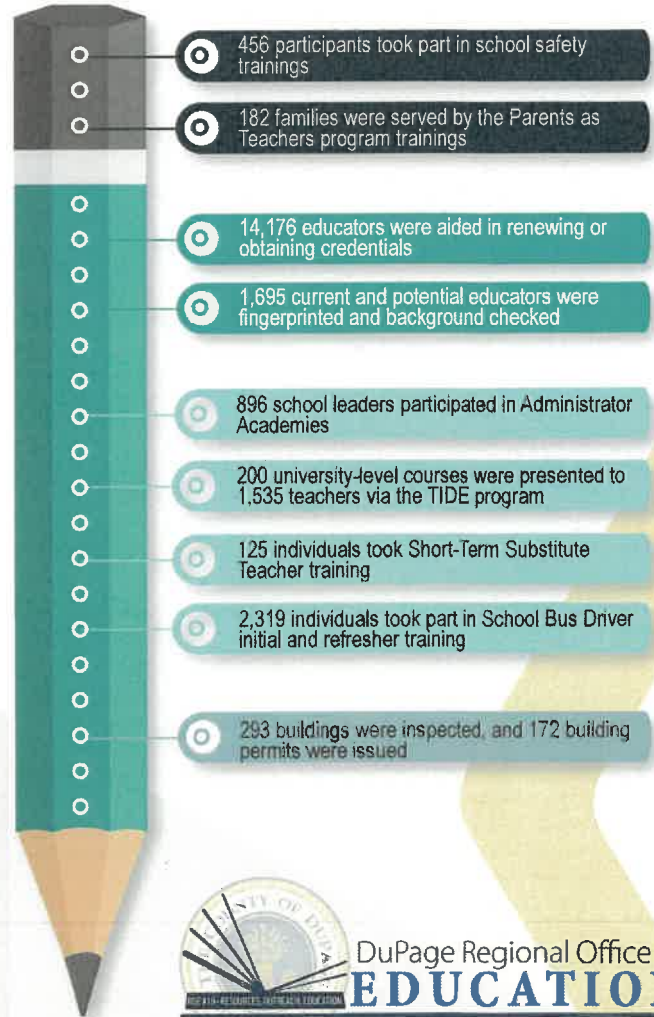
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The Parents as Teachers Program made 265 personalized **prenatal doula visits** to 34 families during the 24-25 school year.

864

The ROE's **Attendance and Truancy Department** served 864 students during the 24-25 school year.

Scan for the full report.





Randy Okrzesik Civic & Leadership Excellence Award

CPR & AED Certification Course

Mr. Jason Taylor, Principal



1. New [CPR and AED Certification](#) Course
2. Randy Okrzesik [Civic and Leadership Excellence](#) Award



New [CPR and AED Certification Course](#)

- ◆ Component Integrated into Health Course for 7th grade
- ◆ Hands on In-Person Component is Optional for Certification
- ◆ 8th graders will have Opportunity to Participate this year
- ◆ Cost is within the Budget
- ◆ Incredibly Important Life Skill



Randy Okrzesik Civic and Leadership Excellence Award

- ◆ Optional Additional Merit Award
- ◆ Civics, Leadership and Safety Theme
- ◆ Activities include: CPR, Babysitting Certification, DARE, Fire Academy and more
- ◆ 60 hours will be Prorated for Grades 6-8
- ◆ More Information to Students and Parents Coming
- ◆ Okrzesik Family wants to do Fundraisers to Support D10 for Athletics and To Support this Initiative



Board Goals:

- ◆ Student Safety and Citizenship - To ensure a safe learning environment that promotes the development of responsibility, ethics, discipline, and citizenship.
- ◆ Community Relationships - To nurture and advance relationships through collaboration and communication with the whole community.

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How do these programs strengthen Board Goals?

BOE Action Memorandum FY26 - #23
Consent Agenda
January 14, 2026

Included in the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. December 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of Expenditures

3. Approval of FMLA:
 - a. Amanda Maricich-Moscoso anticipated March 2026

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda

BOE Action Memorandum FY26 - #24

Resolution Naming Depositories

January 14, 2026

WHEREAS, the District must name depositories to be custodian of its funds, and

WHEREAS, the District may name brokers(s)/dealer(s) and intermediaries to assist in the investment of District funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following shall be named:

BMO Harris Bank, N.A.

PMA Financial Network, Inc.

Illinois School District Liquid Asset Plus

Itasca Bank and Trust Company

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or designee may sign any and all resolutions, agreements and documents as are necessary to open these accounts if they had been presented to the Board.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Resolution is passed by the Itasca School District #10 Board of Education, Itasca, Illinois, this 14th day of January, 2026.

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve Resolution Naming Depositories

BOE Action Memorandum FY26 #25
January 14, 2026

Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2026 and January 13, 2027

The following dates are recommended Board of Education meeting dates for 2026 and January 2027. All the meetings will be held at Village Hall with the exception of Tuesday, February 10, 2026 which will be held at Peacock Middle School

TUESDAY, February 10, 2026 at Peacock Middle School

March 11, 2026

April 8, 2026

May 13, 2026

June 10, 2026

August 12, 2026

September 9, 2026

October 14, 2026

November 11, 2026

December 9, 2026

January 13, 2027

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve board of education meeting dates for 2026 and January 2027

BOE Action Memorandum FY26 - #26
2nd Reading of Policies
January 14, 2026

The Board's Policy Committee met on December 2, 2025 to review recommended policy changes from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The following chart summarizes the policy titles and actions recommended. The policies follow this action memorandum.

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|--|---|
| 2:120, Board Member Development | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 2:150, Committees | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 2:270, Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated. |
| 4:10, Fiscal and Business Management | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 4:30, Revenue and Investments | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 4:80, Accounting and Audits | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated |
| 4:140, Waiver of Student Fees | The Legal References and footnotes are updated |
| 4:190, Targeted School Violence Prevention Program | The Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated. |
| 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting | The policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated |
| 5:100, Staff Development Program | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 5:190 Teacher Qualifications | Footnote updated |
| 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 5:220, Substitute Teachers | The Legal References and footnotes are updated. |
| 5:280, Duties and Qualifications | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 5:300, Schedules and Employment Year | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated |
| 6:40, Curriculum Development | The policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated |

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| 6:60, Curriculum Content | The policy, Legal References and footnotes are updated |
| 6:130, Program for the Gifted | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated. |
| 6:160, English Learners | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 6:220, Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct | Policy will be removed from the District 10 Policies. This policy is not relevant to District 10 technology procedures and practices. Removing this policy is consistent with the feeder districts. |
| 6:260, Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs | The Legal References and footnotes are updated |
| 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities | The Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes are updated |
| 7.50 School Admission and Student Transfer To and From Non-District Schools | Policy updated |
| 7.60 Residence | Policy updated |
| 7:70, Attendance and Truancy | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated |
| 7:130 Student Rights & Responsibilities | Legal references updated |
| 7:140, Search and Seizure | The Legal References are updated |
| 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated |
| 7:190, Student Behavior | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated |
| 7:310, Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools | The Legal References and footnotes are updated |
| 7:340, Student Records | The policy and footnotes are updated |
| 8:30, Visitors and Conduct on School Property | The policy, Legal References, and footnotes are updated. |
| 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations & Agencies | Cross References & footnotes updated |

The Policy Committee recommends that the above policies be approved for Second Reading

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Approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar
January 14, 2026

Approval for the Administration's recommendation for the 2026-2027 school calendar. This calendar was reviewed and recommended by the administration and teacher leadership. The calendar aligns to Lake Park High School's major breaks and holidays.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year.

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**Approval to Join OMNIA, Sourcewell, TIPS, and Bespoke
Community Cooperatives**

January 14, 2026

State law (30 ILCS 525/) authorizes school districts to jointly purchase items with a governmental unit of Illinois, governmental entity of another state, or with a consortium of governmental entities of one or more other states. This is the language that allows school districts to utilize cooperative purchasing groups/cooperatives (co-ops) to satisfy public bidding requirements for purchases.

In general, there are several advantages to purchasing through co-ops, the largest of which is obtaining pricing that can be more favorable than might be obtained independently. (As a matter of course, prior to purchasing through a co-op we routinely check the pricing against the market to confirm that bidding or buying separately is not a better option.) Because the bidding has already been completed, using a co-op can speed up the purchasing process. It also simplifies the process and makes it less expensive to administer.

A wide variety of products are available through co-ops. Examples include: athletic surfaces, vehicles (including school buses), flooring, playground equipment, lighting, office equipment, and classroom furniture. District 10 periodically uses cooperative contracts, and the business office staff includes co-ops as options in determining the most favorable way to proceed. District 10 currently has co-op memberships with Choice, Omnia and Sourcewell. These will be continued and membership will be updated with this Board action. Additionally, in order to have the most flexibility and options for cooperative purchasing, additional cooperatives are recommended for District membership including: TIPS, and Bespoke Community. There is no cost associated with joining.

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve membership in the Choice, OMNIA, Sourcewell, TIPS, and Bespoke Community Cooperatives, and authorizes the Business Manager to complete any required cooperative paperwork to complete the memberships.