

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 6:00 PM

Independence Junior High School, 6610 W. Highland Dr., Palos Heights, IL 60463

1. Call to Order

1.A. Pledge to the Flag

1.B. Roll Call

2. Superintendent's Report

2.A. Introduction of Newly Hired Personnel

2.B. FY26 Tentative Budget & Financial Forecast Presentation

2.C. Institute Day & Professional Development Update

- Telling Our Story: *Portrait, Finance, Curriculum, Program*

2.D. Registration & Enrollment Update

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items

3.A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2025

3.B. Minutes of the Special Closed Board Meeting of June 18, 2025

3.C. Minutes of the Special Finance Meeting of August 5, 2025

3.D. Approval of Bills & Payroll for June & July 2025

3.E. Review of Schools' Activity Accounts for June and July 2025

3.F. Personnel Report

3.F.1. Employment:

- Ariana Herrera, Pre-K Paraprofessional, Indian Hill, effective August 19, 2025
- Nancy Moran, Kindergarten Paraprofessional, Indian Hill, effective August 19, 2025
- Quinn Lyons, Paraprofessional, Indian Hill, effective August 19, 2025
- Melanie Burdelik, Occupational Therapist, District-Wide, effective August 19, 2025
- Leibel Trejo, Custodian, Chippewa, effective August 19, 2025
- Victoria Puttkammer, Paraprofessional, Independence, effective August 19, 2025
- Tyler Buell, Paraprofessional, Independence, effective August 19, 2025

3.F.2. Resignation

- Destiny Martinez, Paraprofessional, Navajo, effective July 25, 2025

- Jessica Bender, Paraprofessional, IJHS, effective August 1, 2025

4. **Old Business**

4.A. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes to Keep Closed

- September 18, 2024
- October 16, 2024
- November 13, 2024
- December 18, 2024
- January 29, 2025

4.B. Facility Project Updates

4.C. Review of Mandated Reporter Responsibilities of Board Members

4.D. Update of Board of Education Goals in Relation to the Portrait of a Learner

4.E. Second Read and Approval of April 2025 Policy Updates Draft Updates

- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 4:15 Identity Protection
- 4:80 Accounting and Audits
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:60 Expenses
- 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:60 Residence
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:200 Suspension Procedures
- 7:210 Expulsion Procedures
- 7:250 Student Support Services
- 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 7:340 Student Records

New Policy

- 7:255 Students who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

4.F. Draft Update - Rewritten

- 23. 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure

5. **New Business**

5.A. First Read June 2025 Policy Updates Draft Updates

- 2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct
- 2:120 E2 Board Member Development
- 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
- 2:220 E4 Open Meeting Minutes Procedure
- 2:220 E7 Board of Education Meeting Procedure
- 7:140 Search and Seizure
- 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
- 8:80 Gifts to the District

5.B. Draft Updates Rewritten

- 24. 2:120 E1 Board Member Development
- 25. 2:220 E9 Board of Education Meeting Procedures

5.C. Review and Monitor

- 11. 2:240 Board Policy Development
- 12. 2:240 E1 Board Policy Development
- 13. 2:240 E2 Board Policy Development
- 14. 1:10 School District Legal Status
- 15. 1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
- 16. 1:30 School District Philosophy
- 17. 2:10 School District Governance
- 18. 3:30 Chain of Command (Org Chart)
- 19. 4:50 Payment Procedures
- 20. 4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
- 21. 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
- 22. 5:20 E Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment
- 23. 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment
- 24. 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
- 25. 7:90 Release During School Hours
- 26. 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 27. 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities
- 28. 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

5.D. Set Budget Hearing for September 17, 2025 at 6:00pm

5.E. Superintendent Goals (2025-2026)

6. **Audience Participation**

If you are coming up to speak, please identify yourself by name and connection to the district and we ask that comments remain brief to accommodate everyone wishing to speak. Policy ordinarily provides up to 3 minutes per speaker and 15 minutes collectively on a topic.

7. **Information Items**

7.A. YTD Financial Summary

7.B. Freedom of Information Act Items

8. Closed Session

Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee; collective bargaining matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for classes of employees; discussion of possible litigation; and student disciplinary issues. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(C) (1) ((2) ((9) (10) (11)

9. Return to Open Session

10. Adjournment

WELCOME BACK



Institute Day

August 19, 2025



*Certified
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WELCOME TO OUR D128 FAMILY

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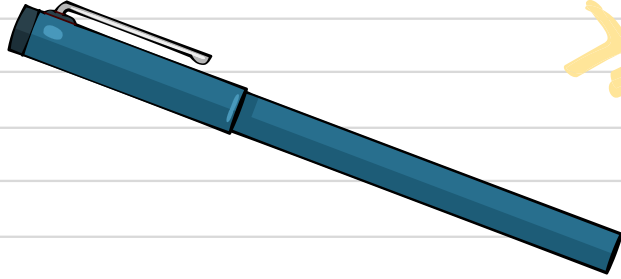


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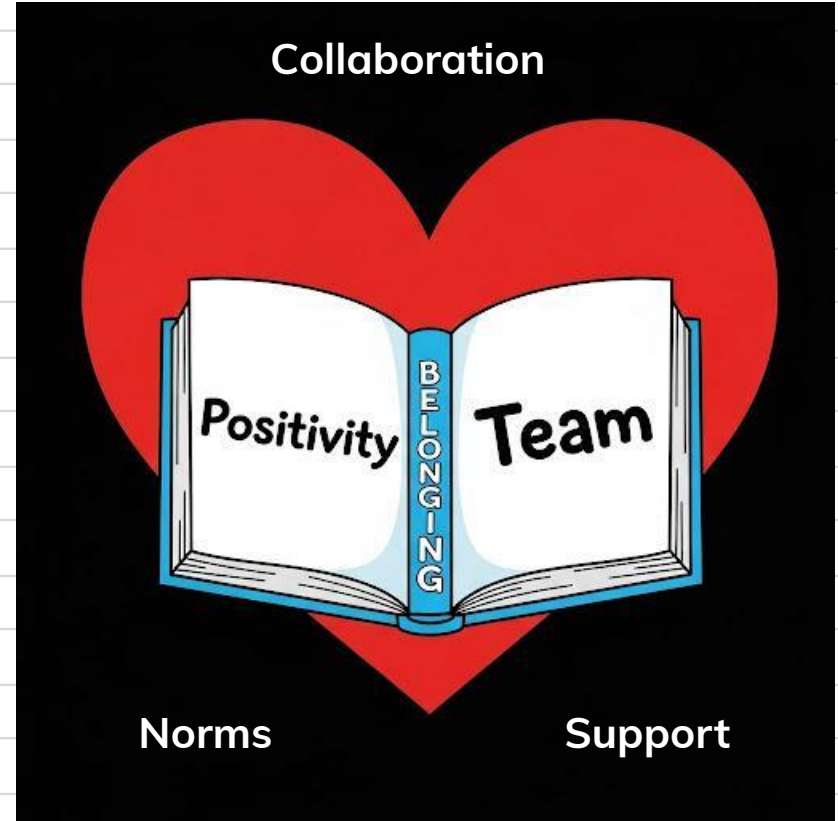


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- Improvements/
Challenges Overcome

– Our Story is Our Message

TELLING OUR STORY



Book Review







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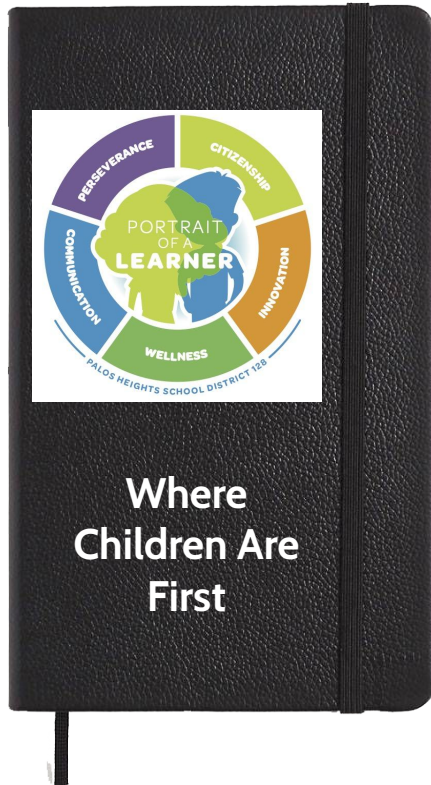
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Ovi Vasquez



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PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE



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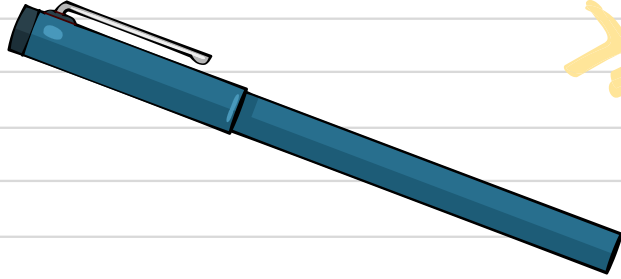


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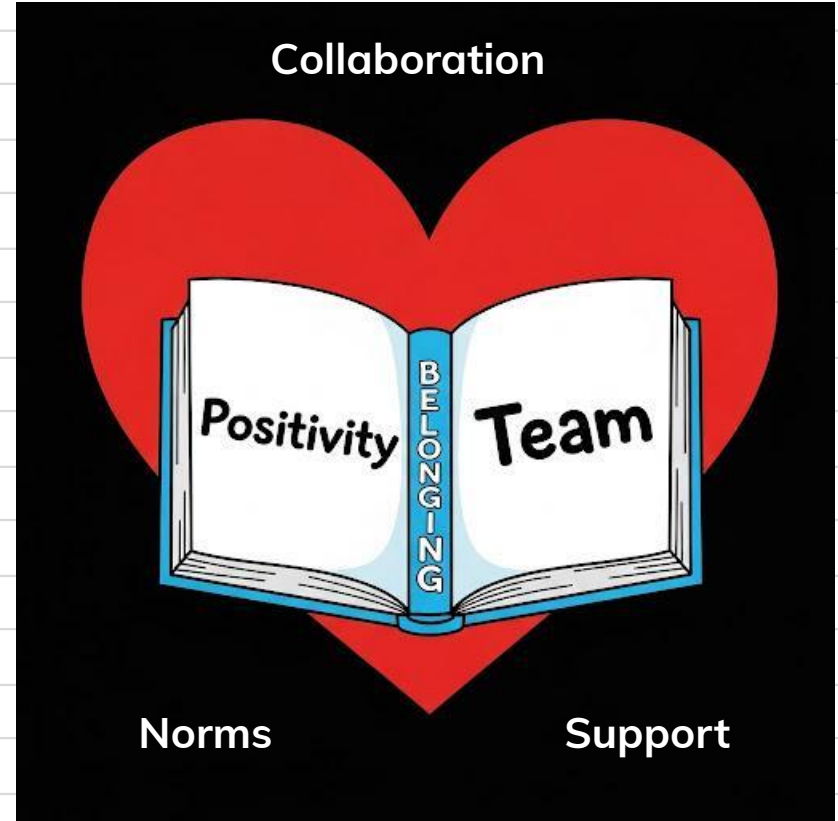


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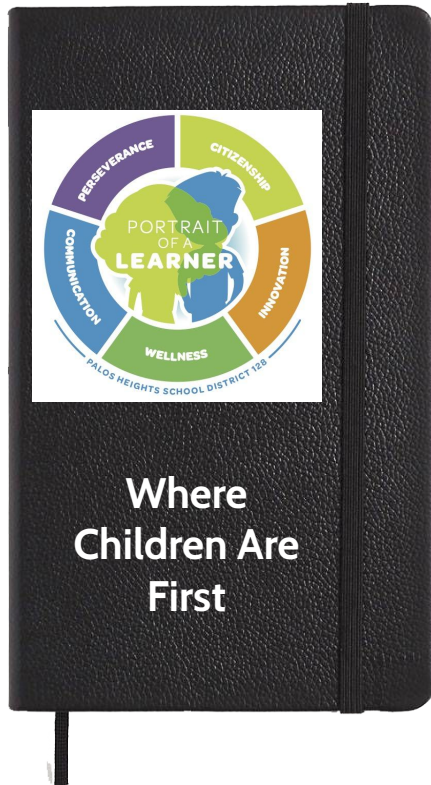
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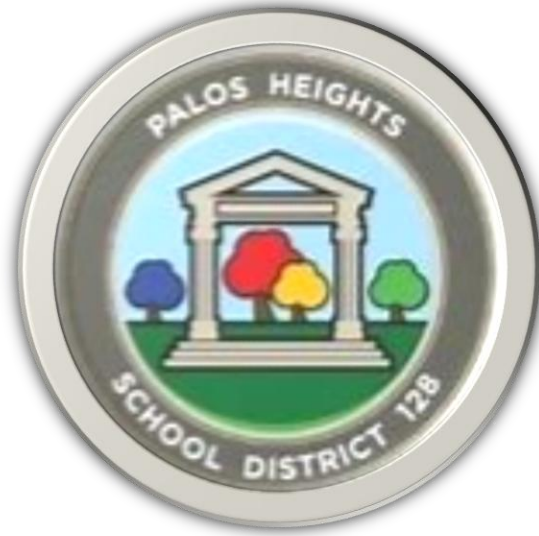
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Palos Heights School District 128

Financial Overview

May 2025

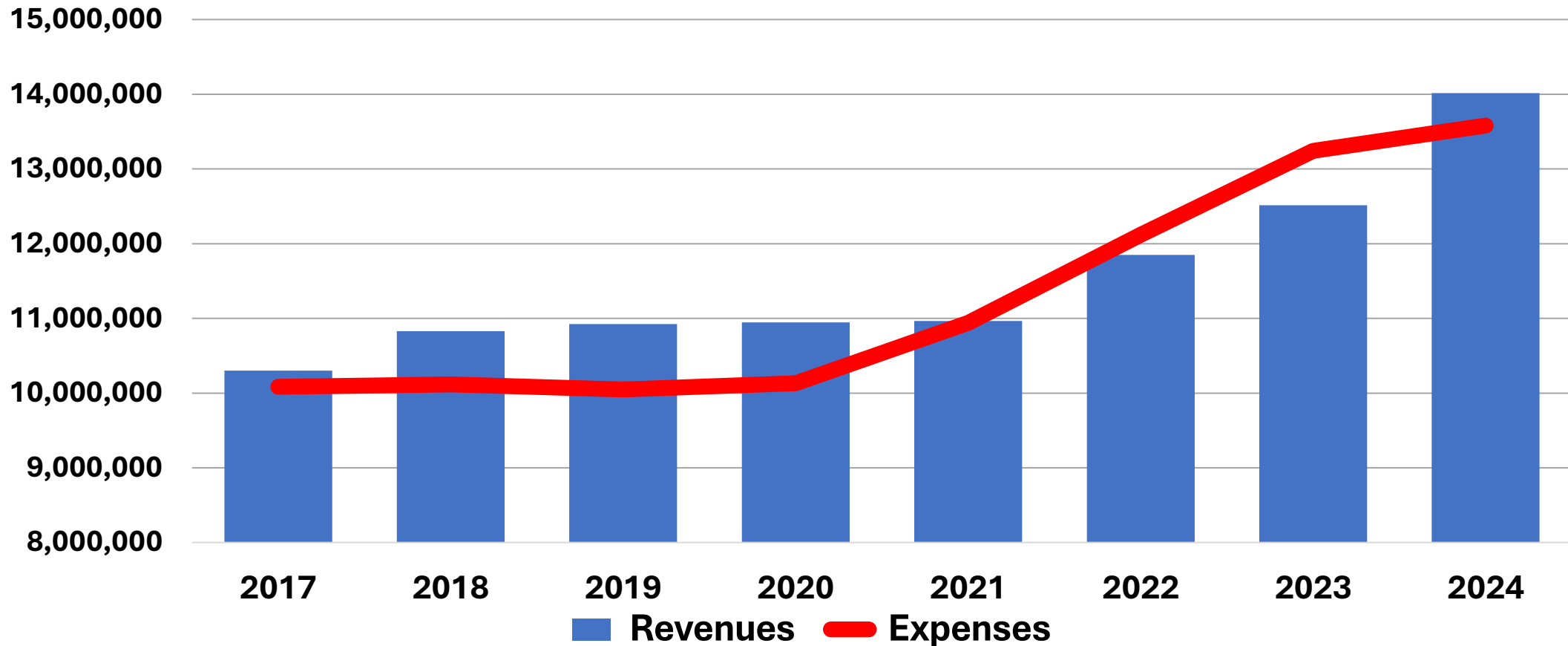




Historical Financial Summary

Audited Revenues and Expenses

Excluding Major Capital Activity

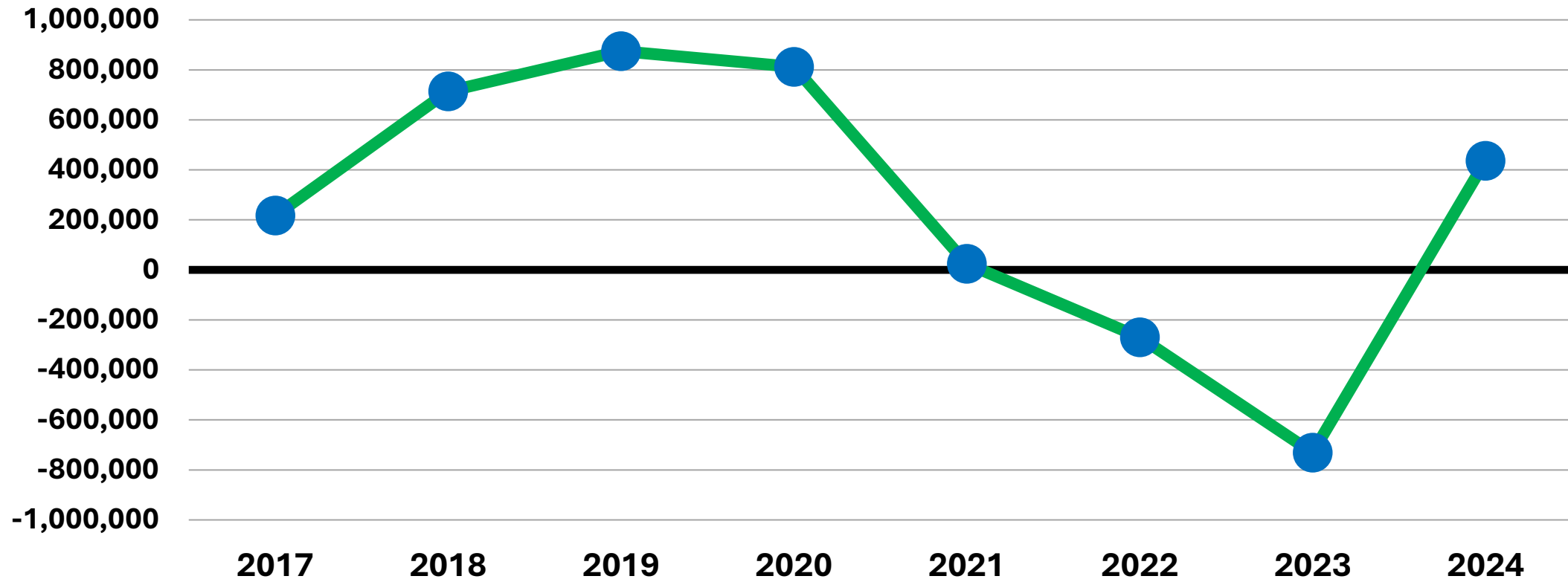


4.50% Compound Annual Growth Rate – Revenues

4.35% Compound Annual Growth Rate – Expenses

Annual Revenues vs. Expenses

Excluding Major Capital Activity



Over the past eight fiscal years, total revenues have exceeded total expenditures by \$2 million.

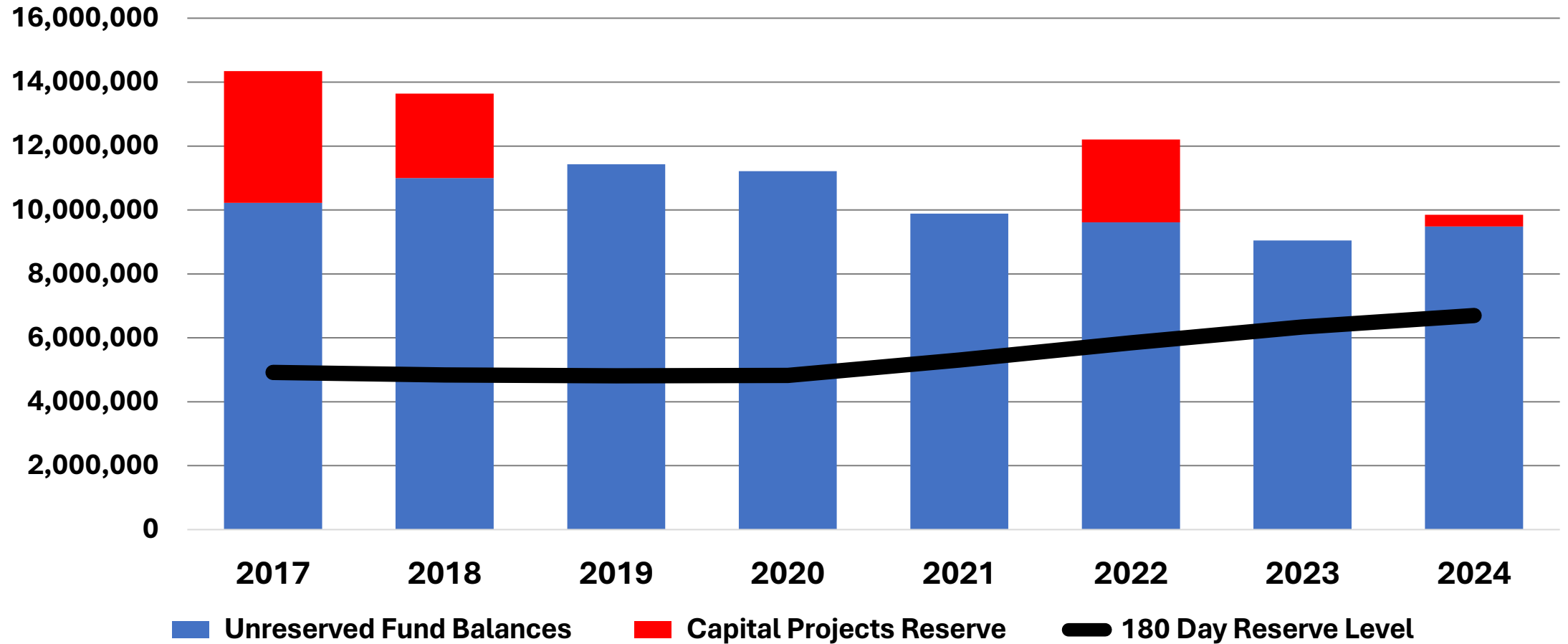
Factors Impacting Fund Balances

Fiscal Year	Non-Capital Surplus/Deficit	Capital Fund Investment	Bond Proceeds	Net Impact on Fund Balances
2017	\$ 217,000	\$ (109,000)	-	\$ 108,000
2018	714,000	(1,414,000)	-	(700,000)
2019	875,000	(3,084,000)	-	(2,209,000)
2020	812,000	(1,032,000)	-	(220,000)
2021	24,000	(1,352,000)	-	(1,328,000)
2022	(270,000)	(2,417,000)	5,004,000	2,317,000
2023	(731,000)	(2,424,000)	-	(3,155,000)
2024	436,000	(1,710,000)	2,075,000	801,000
Total	2,077,000	(13,542,000)	7,079,000	(4,386,000)

Between FY17 and FY24, D128 invested \$13.5 million in major capital projects. \$9.1 million was covered by annual surpluses and bond proceeds. The remaining \$4.4 million was funded through fund balances and capital reserves.

End of Fiscal Year Fund Balances

All Funds





The Current Financial Landscape Statewide

The Case for Concern

Headwinds Threatening Growth on All Major Revenue Sources

1

Local Sources

2

State Sources

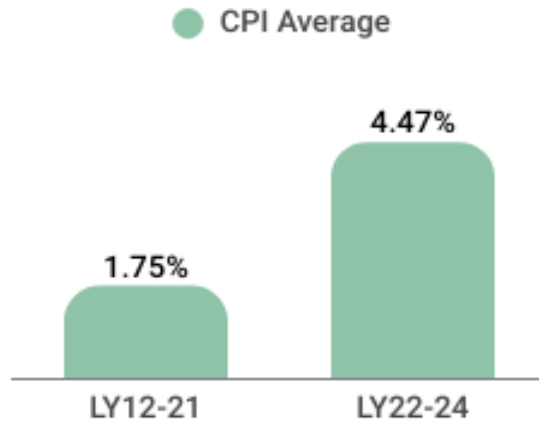
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Federal Sources

Trending Back to Lower Times



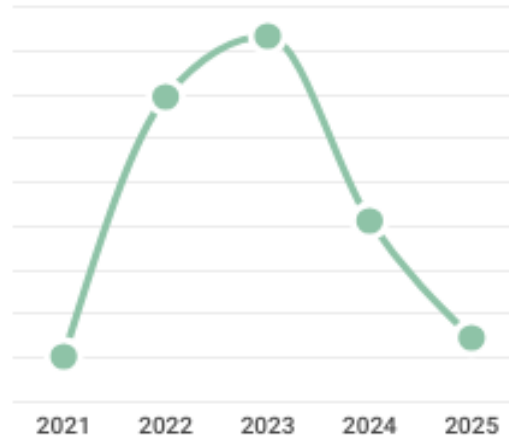
CPI Trending Down



Are we moving back to Pre-COVID inflation?



CPPRT Recalibrating



Historical financial performance was inflated due to a miscalculation at the IDOR.



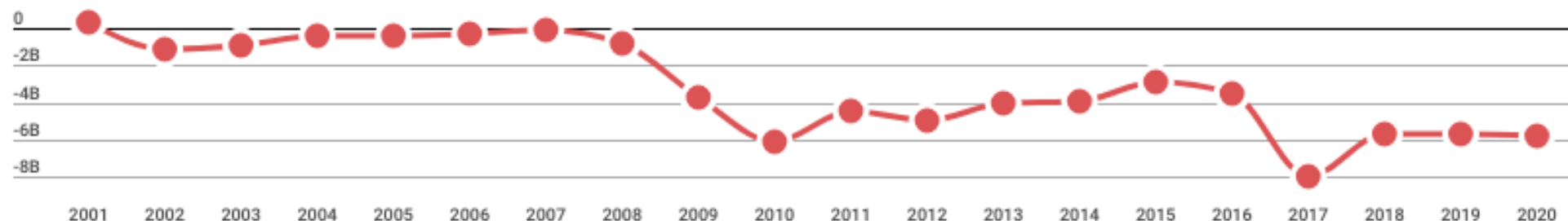
Investment Rates Declining



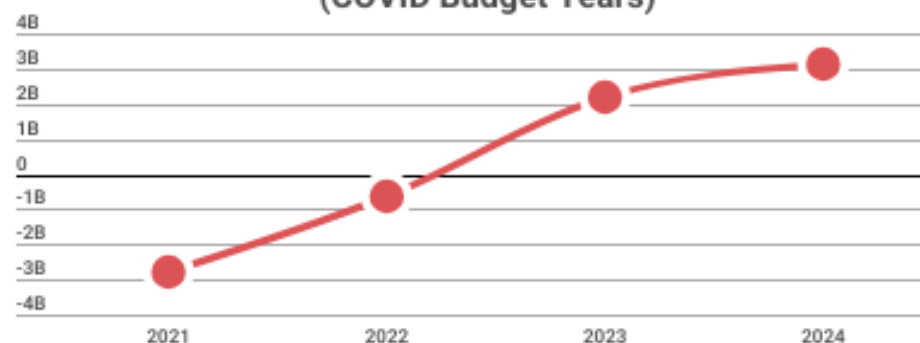
Will interest earnings no longer be a major source of revenues?

Increased Probability That State Funding Growth Will Slow State of Illinois' Budget Crisis Likely to Resume

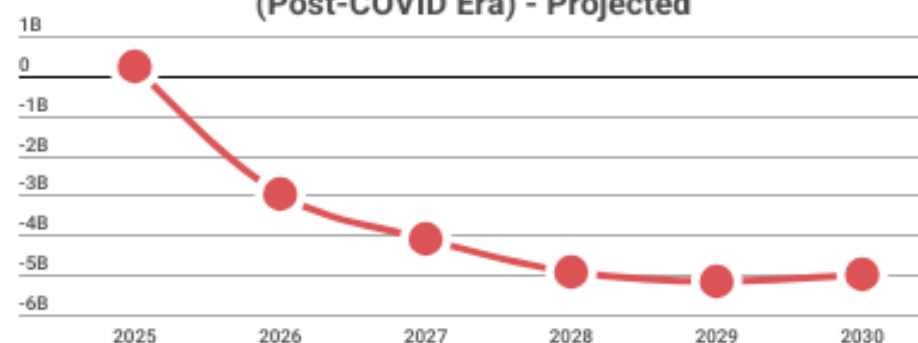
State of Illinois General Fund Surplus/Deficit (Pre-COVID Budget Years)



State of Illinois General Fund Surplus/Deficit
(COVID Budget Years)



State of Illinois General Fund Surplus/Deficit
(Post-COVID Era) - Projected



Source of Historical and Projected Data: Illinois Comptroller and Governor's Office of Management and Budget

Policies and Politics Anxiety and Uncertainty for Illinois Schools

Direct Impact to Federal Funds Received by Schools

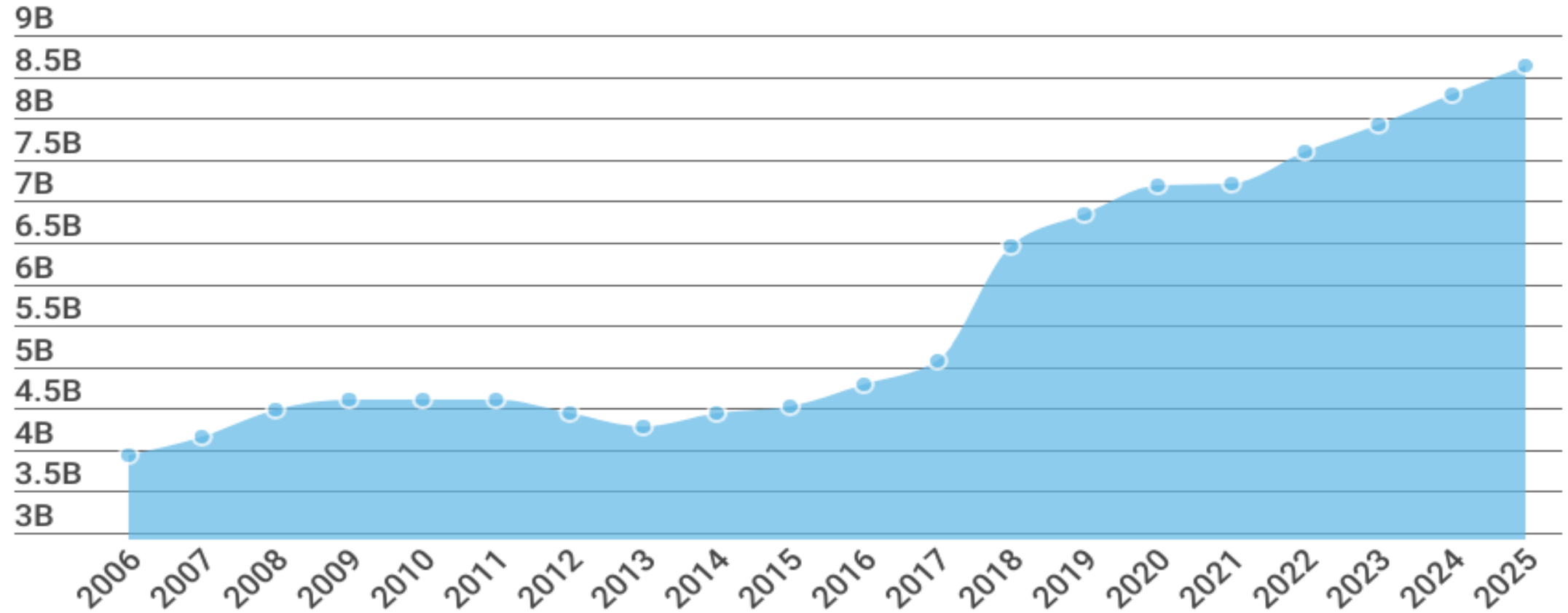
The Federal government has signaled that most major Federal grants (Title funds, IDEA, School Food Programs) will not be impacted by changes made at the United States Department of Education.

Indirect Impact to Illinois Schools (Greater Concern)

With only 28 days of reserves and projected growing deficits, Illinois is vulnerable to loss of Federal Funds. Will policy differences impact direct Federal funding to the State? Would actual or anticipated decrease in Federal funds give Pritzker cover to cut funding to schools (EBF and MCATS)?

Sustainability of Evidenced-Based Funding Growth?

State of Illinois - Annual GSA/EBF Contributions to Schools





The Current Financial Landscape

Palos Heights School District 128

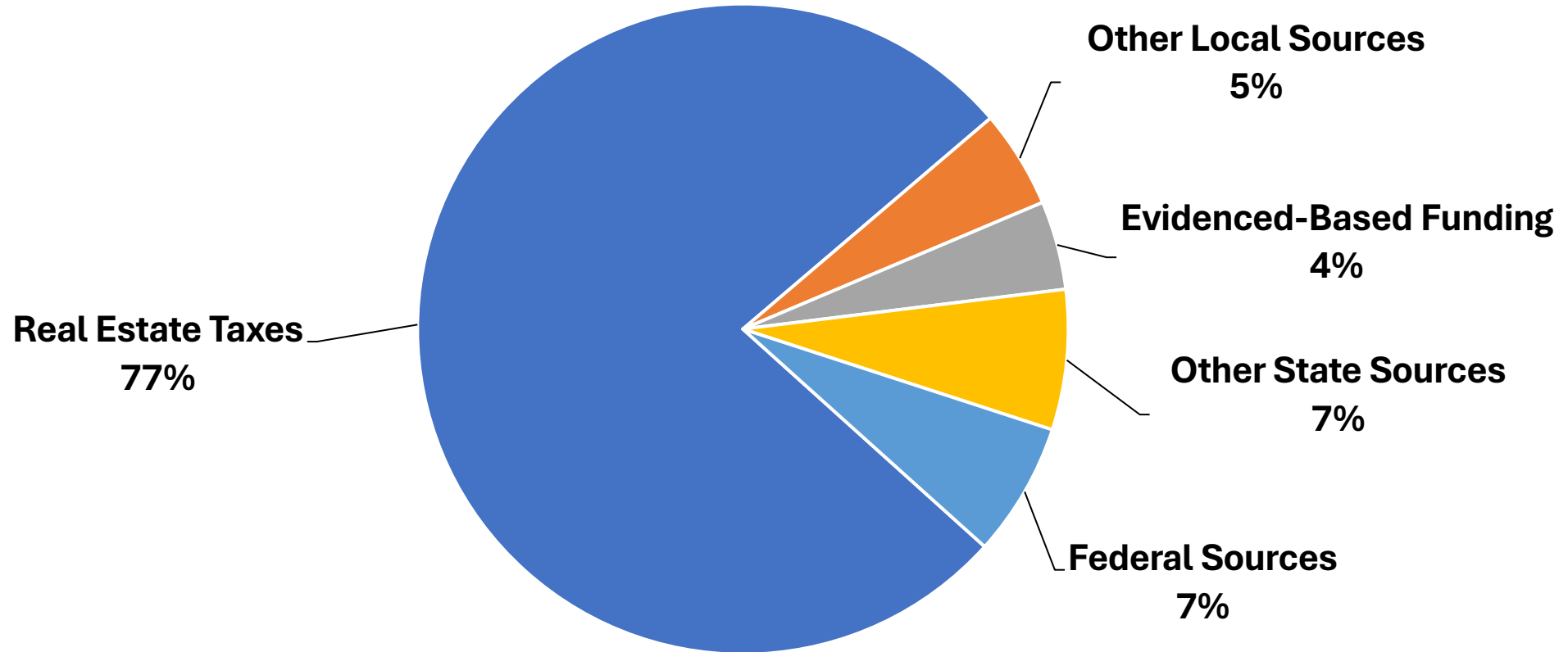
Future Internal Financial Challenges

D128's funding profile creates significant challenges to future revenue growth

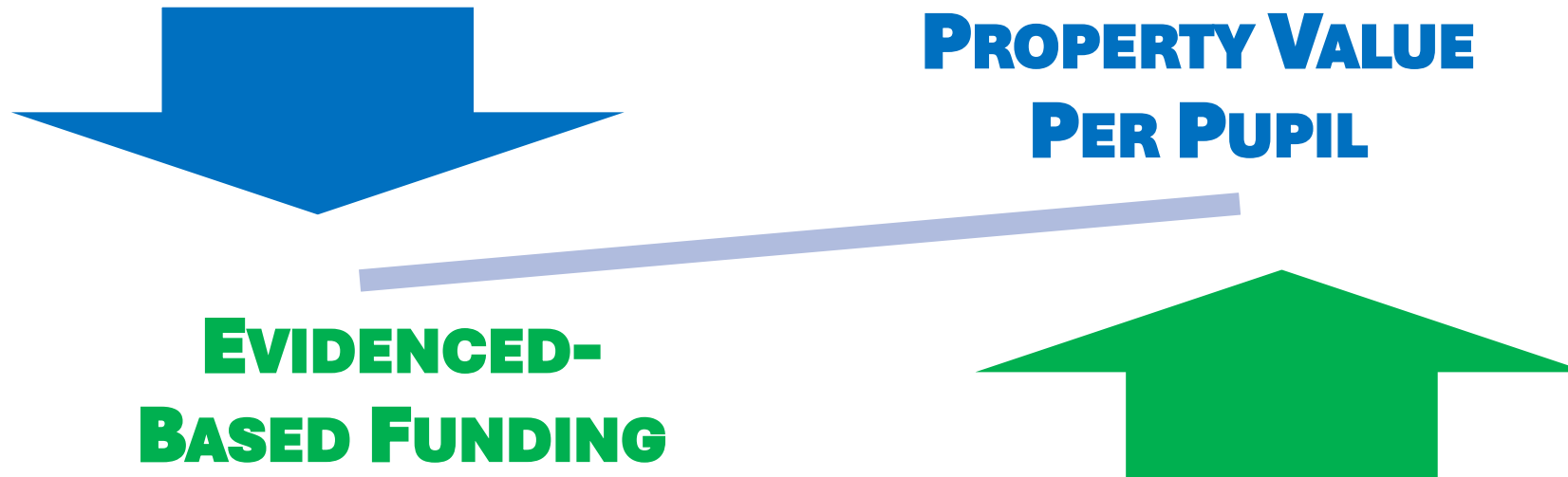
Expenses tied to student growth, out-of-district special education and the labor crisis will likely result in expenditure growth outpacing revenue growth

Composition of Revenues – FY 2024

Only 4% of D128 Revenues come from EBF Funding



Relationship Between a School District's Property Tax Base and Evidenced-Based Funding



School districts with greater amounts of property value per pupil (weighted by low-income and ELL students) receive less Evidenced-Based Funding dollars.

Important: Revenue growth for high property value districts is most driven by inflation. Revenue growth for those schools dependent on EBF is mostly driven by annual EBF appropriation.

How is the New Money Distributed?

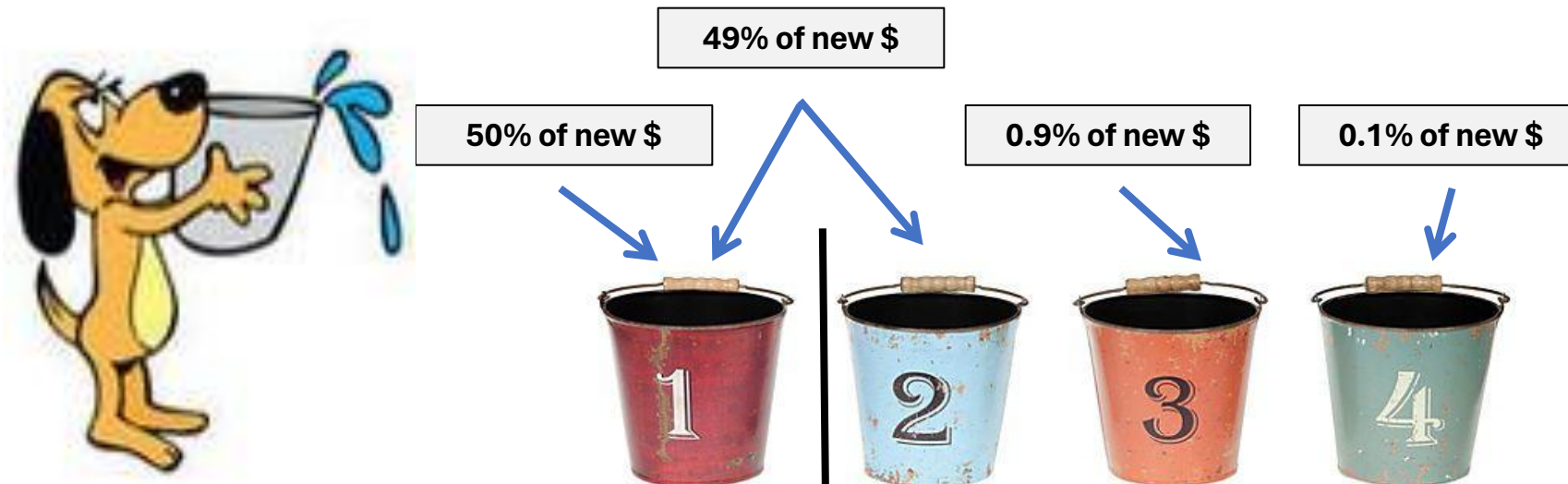
It is all about your **ADEQUACY PERCENTAGE**

Tier 1: Approximately poorest 33% in terms of “ADEQUACY PERCENTAGE”

Tier 2: “ADEQUACY PERCENTAGE” of less than 90% but more than Tier 1.

Tier 3: “ADEQUACY PERCENTAGE” at least 90%, but less than 100%

Tier 4: “ADEQUACY PERCENTAGE” of at least 100%.



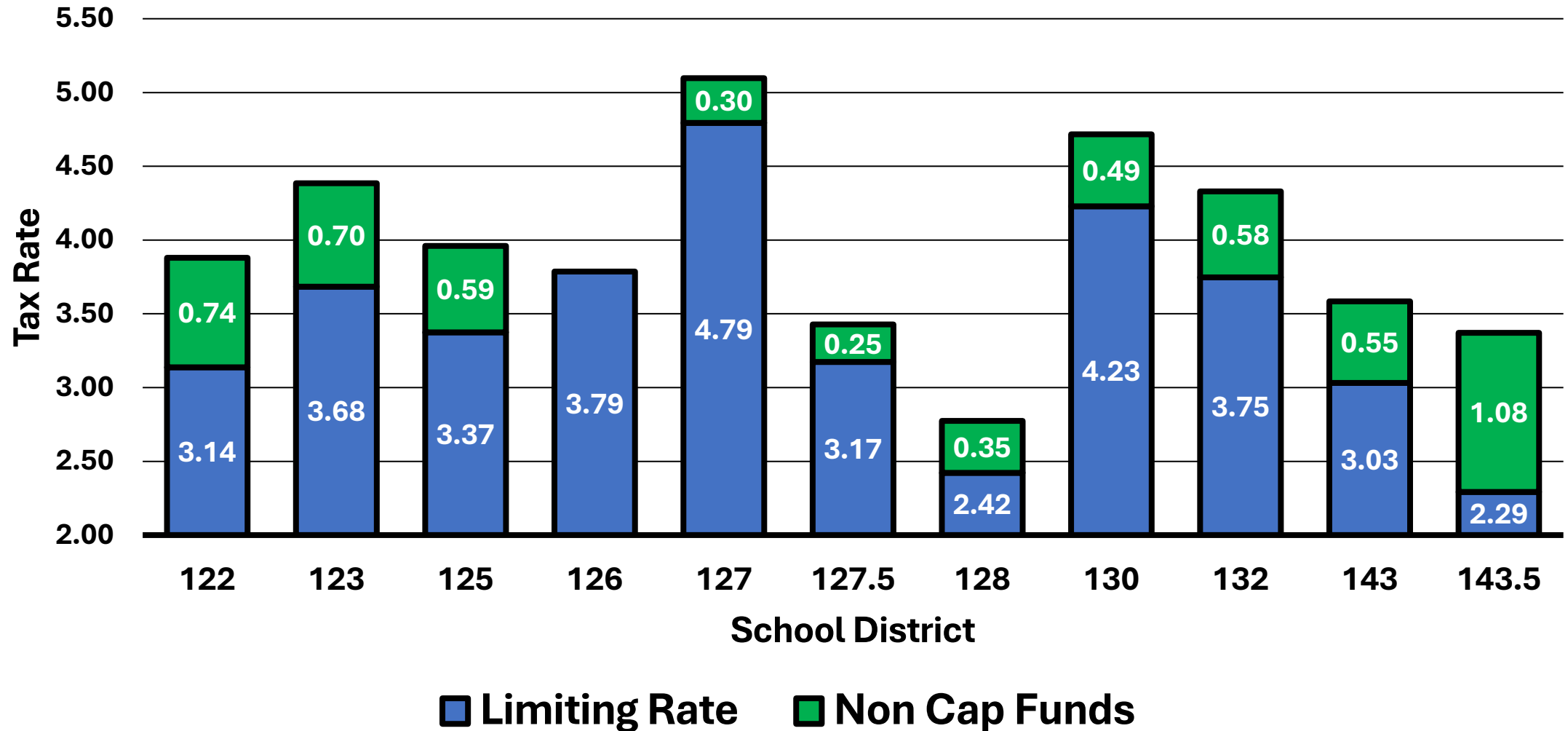
68% of adequacy target is the estimated line between tier 1 and tier 2.
D128 fits into the last bucket (Tier 4)

Evidenced-Based Funding Growth – D128

Fiscal Year	Tier Assignment	New EBF Dollars Statewide	Increase in EBF Funding - D128
2018	Tier 4	\$ 350 million	\$1,000
2019	Tier 4	\$350 million	\$44,000
2020	Tier 3	\$350 million	\$18,000
2021	Tier 3	-	-
2022	Tier 4	\$350 million	\$3,000
2023	Tier 3	\$350 million	\$13,000
2024	Tier 4	\$350 million	\$1,000
2025	Tier 4	\$350 million	\$1,000

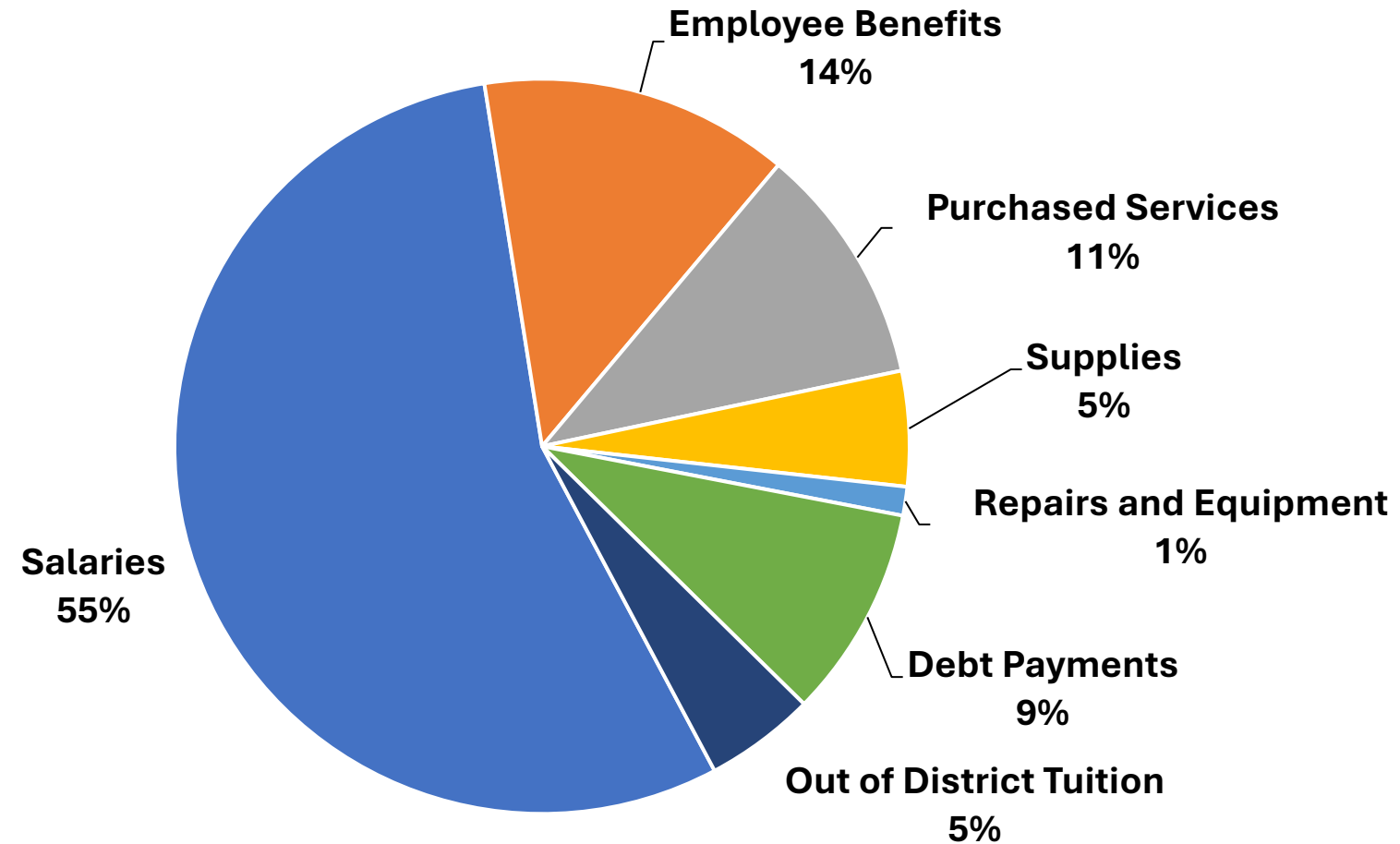
While Property Values Per Pupil are Strong, Tax Rate Levels are Well Below Peer Districts

Tax Rates – High School District 218 Feeder Districts

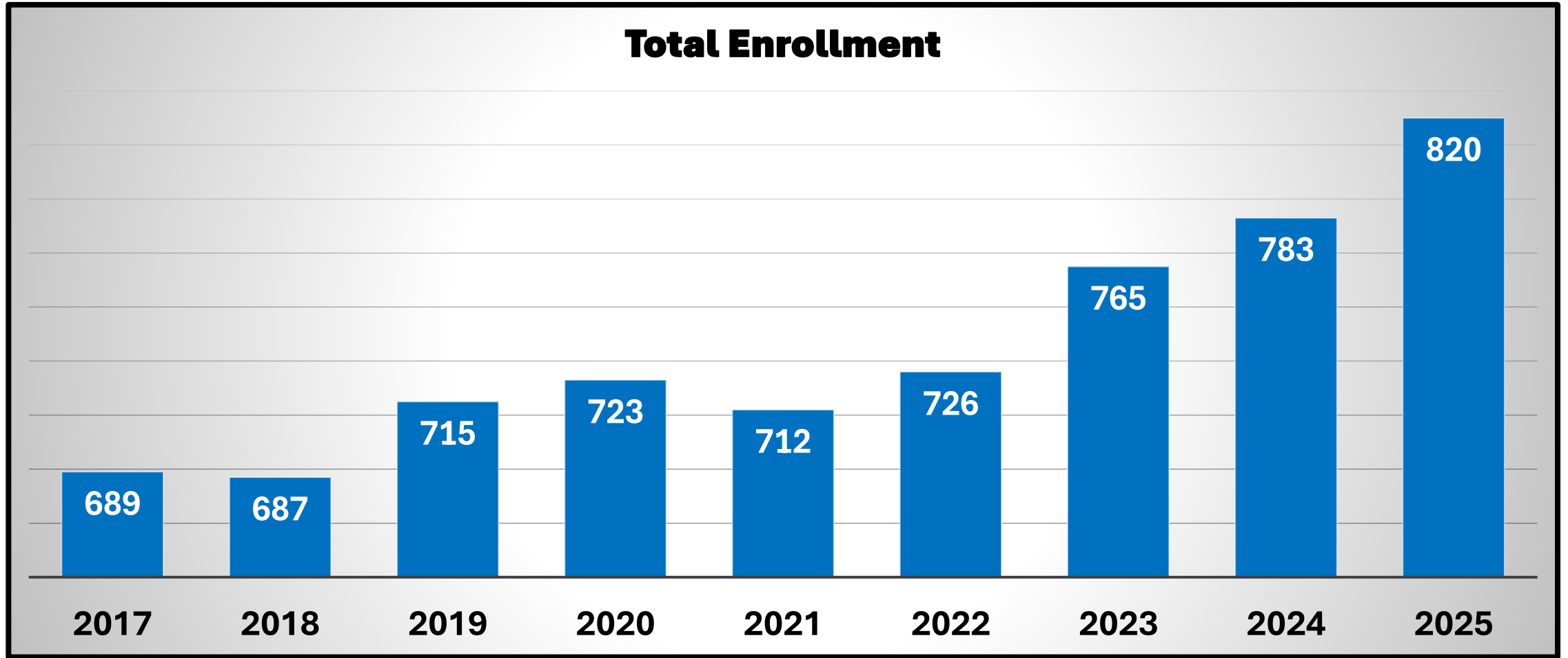


Composition of Expenditures – FY 2024

Employee Salaries and Benefits Comprise 69% of District Expenditures



Student Enrollment Changes



Major Revenue and Expense Changes

Excluding Debt and Major Capital - FY 2020 vs. FY 2024

Revenues	FY 2020	FY 2024	Change	CAGR*
R/E Taxes	\$8,036,000	\$9,547,000	\$1,511,000	4.40%
All Other Revenues (Non-ESSER)	\$1,959,000	\$2,936,000	\$977,000	10.64%
Total Revenues	\$9,995,000	\$12,483,000	\$2,488,000	5.71%

Expenses	FY 2020	FY 2024	Change	CAGR*
Salaries	\$5,782,000	\$7,487,000	\$1,705,000	6.67%
Out of District Tuition	\$187,000	\$635,000	\$448,000	35.75%
All Other Expenses (Non-ESSER)	\$3,216,000	\$4,200,000	\$984,000	6.90%
Total Expenses	\$9,185,000	\$12,322,000	\$3,137,000	7.62%

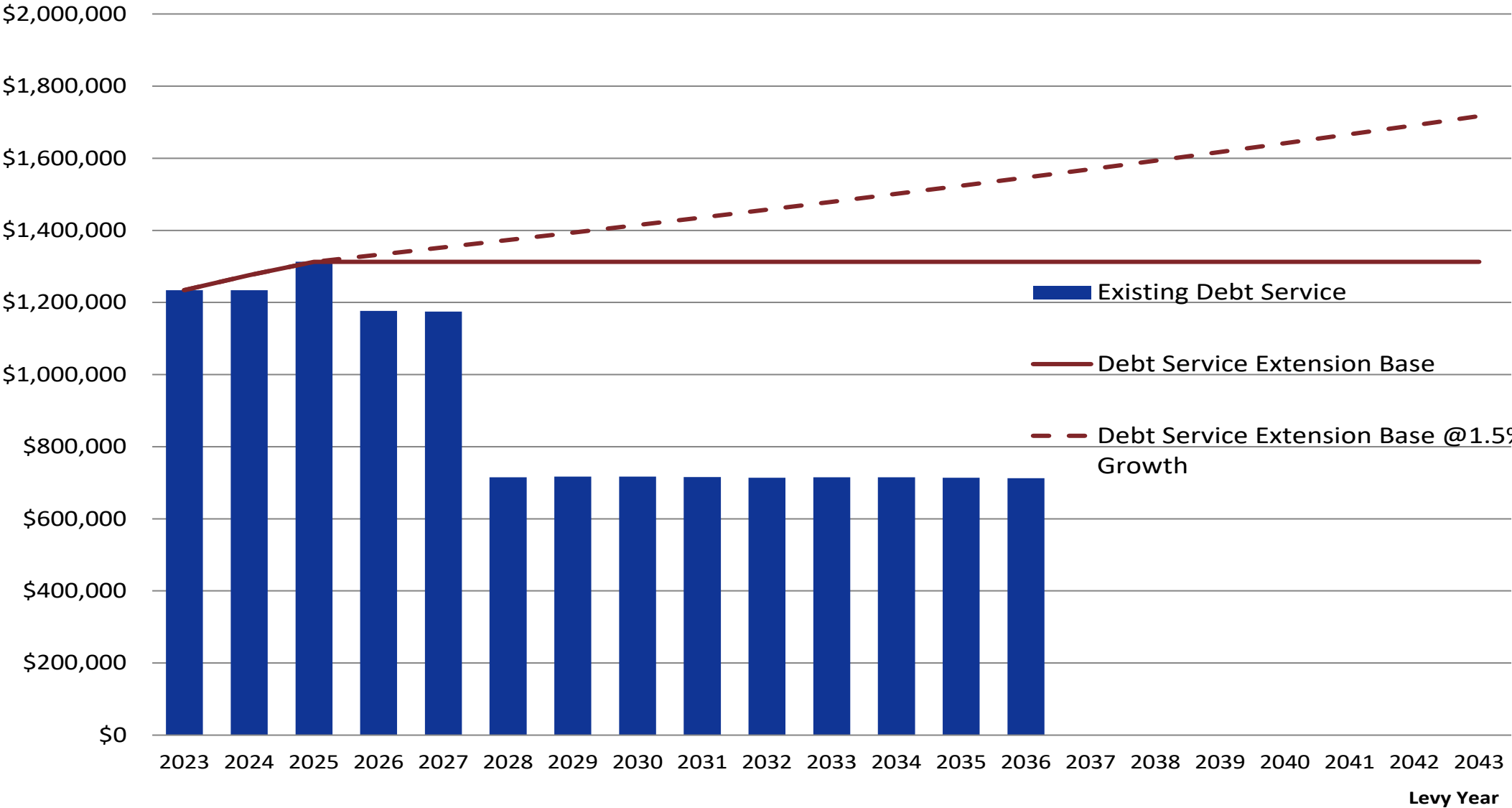
* “CAGR” refers to Compound Annual Growth Rate

DSEB – A Tax Cap Concept

- Since the school district is subject to the “tax cap” law, the annual debt service (principal and interest) payments on certain non-referendum General Obligation (GO) bonds are limited by its Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB)
- Original DSEB was determined in the levy year in which tax caps became law and was equal to the amount of non-referendum debt service levied for that year
- Public Act 96-0501, enacted in 2009, increases a district’s DSEB annually by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
 - Original DSEB: \$902,094
 - DSEB for levy year 2025: \$1,311,801

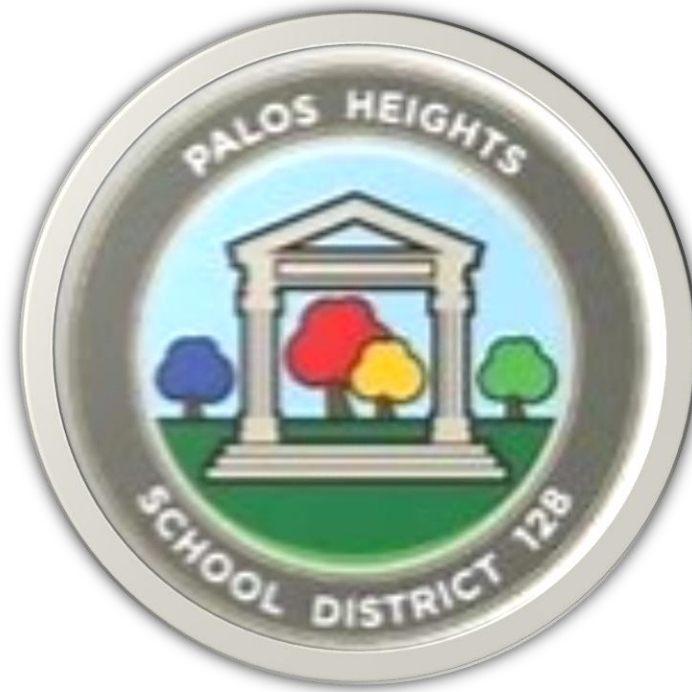
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Debt Service Extension Base



Recommendations

- The District must develop a plan to generate long-term fiscal stability, as it is unlikely that the District can sustain current operations with expected low revenue growth.
- The District should continue to use bond proceeds rather than fund balance reserves to address major capital needs
- The District should continue to regularly update its financial projection model to track the timing and the scope of necessary major decisions.



End of Presentation



PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128

JULY 2025

<u>GROSS PAYROLL</u>		
<u>JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025</u>		1,346,568.82
<u>TRS</u>		104,060.40
<u>BOARD TRS SURCHARGE</u>		6,547.93
<u>THIS</u>		17,722.81
<u>IMRF, FICA, MEDICARE</u>		49,507.00
<u>TOTAL JUNE PAYROLL, TRS, THIS, IMRF, FICA, MEDICARE</u>		1,524,406.96
<u>EDUCATION FUND</u> <u>10</u>		156,306.66
<u>BUILDING FUND</u> <u>20</u>		108,428.36
<u>TRANSPORTATION FUND</u> <u>40</u>		0.00
<u>SPECIAL CHECKS</u>		227,160.12
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u> <u>60</u>		366,950.13
<u>MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT</u>		0.00
<u>TOTAL JULY 2025 BILLS PAYABLE</u>		858,845.27
<u>TOTAL JULY 2025 BILLS PAYABLE GROSS</u>		
<u>JUNE 2025 PAYROLL, TRS, THIS, IMRF, FICA, MEDICARE</u>		2,383,252.23

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1008

Voucher Date: 07/16/2025

Prepared By:


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PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 is hereby authorized to draw warrants against PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 funds for the sum of \$631,685.15 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.



PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128

Fund		Amount
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$156,306.66
20	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$108,428.36
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$366,950.13
		\$631,685.15

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Voucher Batch Number: 1008

07/16/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
ACCURATE BIOMETRICS				
		10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -PROFESS SERVS/CONSULTANTS	\$362.25
			Vendor Total:	\$362.25
AFFILIATED CUSTOMER SERVICE INC 8023				
		20.5.2540.323.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-MTCE	\$360.00
			Vendor Total:	\$360.00
ALMA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.				
		10.5.2660.314.0000.00.62.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING- TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS	\$19,364.00
			Vendor Total:	\$19,364.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES				
		10.5.1100.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 - SUPPLIES	\$163.04
			Vendor Total:	\$163.04
AMPLIFY				
		10.5.1205.319.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 0	SP ED OTHER PROF SERVICES IDEA GRANT	\$180.00
		10.5.2210.314.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 0	PROFESSIONAL DEV IDEA GRANT	\$49.00
			Vendor Total:	\$229.00
APPTGEY				
		10.5.2660.314.0000.00.62.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING- TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS	\$7,001.94
			Vendor Total:	\$7,001.94
BRAINPOP				
		10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$2,779.50
			Vendor Total:	\$2,779.50

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BUREAU OF EDUCATION & RESEARCH, INC.	2539			
		10.5.1205.411.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 0	SPEC ED SUPPLIES IDEA GRANT	\$545.00
		10.5.2210.314.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 0	PROFESSIONAL DEV IDEA GRANT	\$545.00
			Vendor Total:	\$1,090.00
BUSHUE BACKGROUND SCREENING				
		10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -PROFESS SERVS/CONSULTANTS	\$74.00
			Vendor Total:	\$74.00
CORRECT ELECTRIC, INC.				
		20.5.2540.342.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-ALARMS	\$415.00
			Vendor Total:	\$415.00
COUNTY TREE SERVICE, INC.				
		20.5.2540.320.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPER & MAINT PROP SERVICES	\$4,900.00
			Vendor Total:	\$4,900.00
CRYER & OLSEN MECHANICAL, INC.				
		20.5.2530.530.3925.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPER & MAINT BLDG IMPRV SPMG GRANT	\$18,869.00
		60.5.2530.530.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SITE AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$56,731.00
			Vendor Total:	\$75,600.00
DEEP SPACE SPARKLE				
		10.5.1100.411.0000.01.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 - SUPPLIES CHIPPEWA	\$159.50
		10.5.1100.411.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 -SUPPLIES - NAVAJO HEIGHTS	\$159.50
			Vendor Total:	\$319.00
DELTAMATH SOLUTIONS				

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DOUBLETHINK INC.		10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$600.00
			Vendor Total:	\$600.00
ENGIE		10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$4,000.00
			Vendor Total:	\$4,000.00
FAMILY ZONE, INC.		20.5.2540.466.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-ELECTRICITY	\$9,489.40
			Vendor Total:	\$9,489.40
FENCE MASTERS, INC.		10.5.2660.314.0000.00.62.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING- TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS	\$3,675.00
			Vendor Total:	\$3,675.00
FOLLETT SOFTWARE, LLC	8534	20.5.2530.310.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	FAC & ACQ & CONST - ARCHITECTURAL/PRF SERVICE	\$4,867.00
			Vendor Total:	\$4,867.00
FOREST ALARM SERVICE INC	7714	10.5.2660.314.0000.00.62.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING- TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS	\$4,968.16
			Vendor Total:	\$4,968.16
FOUR POINT O INC	15341	20.5.2540.342.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-ALARMS	\$360.00
			Vendor Total:	\$360.00
		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$5,795.00
			Vendor Total:	\$5,795.00

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FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA, INC	26071			
		20.5.2540.319.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-OTHER PROF/TECH SERVICES	\$671.40
FRONTLINE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP			Vendor Total:	\$671.40
		10.5.2660.314.0000.00.62.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING- TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS	\$5,561.55
GOLDY LOCKS, INC.			Vendor Total:	\$5,561.55
		20.5.2540.319.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-OTHER PROF/TECH SERVICES	\$2,983.00
		20.5.2540.410.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BUILDING PROJECT SUPPLIES	\$14,245.18
HM RECEIVABLES CO. LLC	41		Vendor Total:	\$17,228.18
		10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$24,500.00
IASB	2496		Vendor Total:	\$24,500.00
		10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -PROFESS SERVS/CONSULTANTS	\$4,000.00
		10.5.2310.640.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -DUES AND FEES	\$9,110.00
ILLINOIS ASSOC. OF SCHOOL ADMIN.	12616		Vendor Total:	\$13,110.00
		10.5.2310.640.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -DUES AND FEES	\$300.00
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTR	24117		Vendor Total:	\$300.00

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INDEPENDENCE JR HIGH	1820	10.5.2320.640.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	EXECUTIVE ADMIN - DUES & FEES PROF. ORGANIZATIONS	\$2,102.24
			Vendor Total:	\$2,102.24
KRIHA BOUCEK LLC		10.5.1100.640.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 DUES AND FEES	\$365.00
			Vendor Total:	\$365.00
LEAF		10.5.2310.317.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -LEGAL SERVICES	\$483.50
			Vendor Total:	\$483.50
MIDWEST PAPER RETRIEVER		10.5.2660.360.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING CAPITAL LEASE	\$2,914.00
			Vendor Total:	\$2,914.00
MILESTONE THERAPY, LLC.		20.5.2540.321.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-SANITATION SERVICES	\$172.00
			Vendor Total:	\$172.00
NCS PEARSON_25380	25380	10.5.2130.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	HEALTH SERVICES PT/OT	\$872.63
			Vendor Total:	\$872.63
NICOR GAS		10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$180.00
			Vendor Total:	\$180.00
		20.5.2540.465.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-NATURAL GAS	\$1,058.94
			Vendor Total:	\$1,058.94

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PALOS ACE HARDWARE	17607	20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$52.70
PAVEMENT SYSTEMS	7937	20.5.2530.310.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	FAC & ACQ & CONST - ARCHITECTURAL/ PRF SERVICE	\$23,328.00
PLANBOOK		10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$432.00
PROVEN IT		10.5.2660.360.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING CAPITAL LEASE	\$811.67
READ NATURALLY INC.	16465	10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$962.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES		20.5.2540.321.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-SANITATION SERVICES	\$836.00
RUSH DAY SCHOOL		10.5.1912.670.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SPEC ED K-12 PRIVATE TUITION	\$14,063.00
SCHOOL HEALTH CORP.	3983	10.5.1500.411.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 0	PHYS ED SUPPLIES - INDEPENDENCE	\$87.96

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SCHOOL SPECIALTY_26419	26419	10.5.1100.411.0000.04.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 - SUPPLIES - INDIAN HILL	Vendor Total: \$87.96 \$4,531.00
SCOPE	5209	10.5.2310.640.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -DUES AND FEES	Vendor Total: \$4,531.00 \$3,000.00
SELF	15290	10.5.2310.380.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -INSURANCE	Vendor Total: \$3,000.00 \$23,668.00
SERTOMA SPEECH & HEARING CENTER	5222	10.5.2150.310.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 0	AUDIOLOGY SERVICES IDEA GRANT	Vendor Total: \$23,668.00 \$150.00
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	Vendor Total: \$150.00 \$200.04
SID'S LANDSCAPING	20233	20.5.2540.319.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-OTHER PROF/TECH SERVICES	Vendor Total: \$200.04 \$2,100.00
SMITHEREEN EXTERMINATING COMPANY	4755	20.5.2540.320.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPER & MAINT PROP SERVICES	Vendor Total: \$2,100.00 \$296.00
SOUTH SUBURBAN LANDSCAPE				Vendor Total: \$296.00

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SOUTH TOWN REFRIGERATION		20.5.2540.320.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPER & MAINT PROP SERVICES	\$14,967.50
			Vendor Total:	\$14,967.50
		20.5.2540.323.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-MTCE	\$1,800.00
SSJHSC	22287		Vendor Total:	\$1,800.00
		10.5.1500.640.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	INTERSCH PRG-SSJHS CONF DUES/ FEES	\$6,372.70
			Vendor Total:	\$6,372.70
STUDIO GC ARCHITECTURE		60.5.2530.310.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SITE AND BLD IMPRV ARCHITECT SERVICES	\$12,177.07
			Vendor Total:	\$12,177.07
		10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$2,052.00
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE			Vendor Total:	\$2,052.00
		10.5.1205.311.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SPEC ED PURCH SERVICES	\$2,431.52
			Vendor Total:	\$2,431.52
TRUGREEN		20.5.2540.320.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPER & MAINT PROP SERVICES	\$662.20
			Vendor Total:	\$662.20
		60.5.2530.530.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SITE AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$298,042.06
VEREGY			Vendor Total:	\$298,042.06

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WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING,	8647	10.5.2210.310.3999.00.25.00 Check #: 0	AT RISK LITERACY GRANT PROF DEV FY25	\$990.00
WONDER MEDIA, LLC		10.5.1100.310.4400.05.00.00 Check #: 0	PROF SERVICES TITLE IV	\$1,740.00
			Vendor Total:	\$990.00
			Vendor Total:	\$1,740.00
			Grand Total:	\$631,685.15

End of Report

PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1301

Voucher Date: 06/27/2025

Prepared By:


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PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 is hereby authorized to draw warrants against PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 funds for the sum of \$227,160.12 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.



PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128

Fund		Amount
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$128,731.71
20	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$11,586.51
40	TRANSPORTATION	\$17,348.59
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$69,493.31
		\$227,160.12

SPECIAL CHECKS DRAWN IN JUNE

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ACUTRANS				
		10.5.1800.300.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44886	BILINGUAL PROGRAMS – TRANSLATIONS	\$254.77
			Vendor Total:	\$254.77
ALLEGREEN GROUP		40.5.2550.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44887	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$1,750.00
			Vendor Total:	\$1,750.00
ALPHA SCHOOL BUS	2011	40.5.2550.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44888	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$2,121.59
			Vendor Total:	\$2,121.59
AMANDA BURESH		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44889	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$122.50
			Vendor Total:	\$122.50
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		10.5.1100.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44890	K-12 – SUPPLIES	\$43.24
		10.5.1100.411.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 44890	K-12 –SUPPLIES – NAVAJO HEIGHTS	\$46.98
		10.5.2310.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44890	BOARD OF EDUCATION – SUPPLIES	\$59.66
			Vendor Total:	\$149.88
AMERGIS HEALTHCARE STAFFING		10.5.2130.314.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 44891	HEALTH SERVICES OT SUPPORT IDEA GRANT	\$3,640.00
			Vendor Total:	\$3,640.00
APPLE COMPUTER INC	8012	10.5.2660.700.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44892	DATA PROCESSING NON CAP EQUIPMENT	\$48,345.00
			Vendor Total:	\$48,345.00

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Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
ASHLEY BATTAGLIA				
		10.5.1205.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44893	SPEC ED MILEAGE REIMB	\$194.60
BETH COSME			Vendor Total:	\$194.60
		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44894	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$107.80
BRIAN EVERSON			Vendor Total:	\$107.80
		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44895	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$102.90
BRYAN NEUBACHER			Vendor Total:	\$102.90
		20.5.2540.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44896	O & M MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$750.00
BUSINESSOLVER			Vendor Total:	\$750.00
		10.5.1100.222.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44897	K-12 -MEDICAL INS	\$58.50
C & C DAIRY	18217		Vendor Total:	\$58.50
		10.5.2560.410.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44898	FOOD SERVICES- MILK SUPPLIES	\$1,255.80
CAROLINE DALY			Vendor Total:	\$1,255.80
		10.5.1100.421.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44899	K-12 -DISTRICT REFUNDS	\$120.00
CHRISTOPHER SMITH			Vendor Total:	\$120.00
		10.5.2210.305.3705.00.00.00 Check #: 44900	PRE K PROF DEV AND TRAIN PFA GRANT	\$130.00

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CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS	23899	20.5.2540.370.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44901	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-WATER/SEWER SERVICE	Vendor Total: \$130.00
CRESTWOOD CUSTOM CABINETS		10.5.1100.411.0000.04.00.00 Check #: 44902	K-12 - SUPPLIES - INDIAN HILL	Vendor Total: \$1,278.53
		10.5.1100.541.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44902	K-12 Replacement Equipment	\$2,131.25
		10.5.1125.540.3705.00.00.00 Check #: 44902	PreK new equipment PFA grant	\$4,236.75
		10.5.1205.540.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 44902	SP ED IDEA NEW EQUIPMENT	\$5,003.75
DEE POTEIPA		10.5.2330.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44903	SPEC AREA ADM SERVICES-TRAVEL/CONF	Vendor Total: \$12,433.00
DENA WHITE		10.5.1205.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44904	SPEC ED MILEAGE REIMB	Vendor Total: \$500.00
DESIREE WILLNER	24420	10.5.1800.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44905	BILINGUAL PROGRAMS-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	Vendor Total: \$48.65
DIANE MULLER	20666	10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44906	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	Vendor Total: \$26.25
				\$165.55
				Vendor Total: \$165.55

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EISENHOWER COOPERATIVE	2745			
		10.5.2150.310.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 44907	AUDIOLOGY SERVICES IDEA GRANT	\$2,586.00
ENGIE			Vendor Total:	\$2,586.00
		20.5.2540.466.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44908	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-ELECTRICITY	\$7,546.74
ERICA GERMANY			Vendor Total:	\$7,546.74
		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44909	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$107.45
GRAINGER	20681		Vendor Total:	\$107.45
		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44910	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$306.28
GREG URDAL			Vendor Total:	\$306.28
		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44911	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$106.40
HOPE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.			Vendor Total:	\$106.40
		10.5.1800.300.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44912	BILINGUAL PROGRAMS - TRANSLATIONS	\$1,250.00
HOUGHTON MIFFLIN HARCOURT PUBLISHING	22609		Vendor Total:	\$1,250.00
		10.5.1100.410.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44913	CURRICULUM NEW ADOPTIONS	\$4,500.00
		10.5.1100.410.0000.01.00.00 Check #: 44913	CONSUMABLES - CHIPPEWA	\$5,326.42
		10.5.1100.410.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 44913	CONSUMABLES - NAVAJO	\$4,555.43

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ILLINOIS SCHOOL BUS	242	10.5.1100.410.0000.04.00.00 Check #: 44913	CONSUMABLES – INDIAN HILL	\$2,245.88
			Vendor Total:	\$16,627.73
		40.5.2550.314.3705.00.00.00 Check #: 44914	Busrs field trips PFA grant	\$878.17
		40.5.2550.331.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44914	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION–PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$3,514.56
		40.5.2550.334.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 44914	Athletic & Academic Conf. Buses	\$475.64
		40.5.2550.335.0000.01.00.00 Check #: 44914	FIELD TRIPS – CHIPPEWA	\$542.49
		40.5.2550.335.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 44914	FIELD TRIPS – INDEPENDENCE	\$3,097.50
		40.5.2550.335.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 44914	FIELD TRIPS – NAVAJO	\$2,853.84
		40.5.2550.335.0000.04.00.00 Check #: 44914	FIELD TRIPS – INDIAN HILL	\$1,016.80
			Vendor Total:	\$12,379.00
JANET DAVIS		20.5.2540.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44915	O & M MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$230.58
			Vendor Total:	\$230.58
JASON SMIT		10.5.2660.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44916	DATA PROECSSIONG–MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$500.00
			Vendor Total:	\$500.00
JESSICA DIETER		10.5.1205.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44917	SPEC ED MILEAGE REIMB	\$32.55
			Vendor Total:	\$32.55

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KEVIN KIRK		10.5.2410.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44918	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL -TRAVEL/CONF	\$500.00
			Vendor Total:	\$500.00
KIMBERLY ANOMAN		10.5.2410.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44919	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL -TRAVEL/CONF	\$500.00
			Vendor Total:	\$500.00
KRIHA BOUCEK LLC		10.5.2510.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44920	BUSINESS SUPPORT MILEAGE REIMB	\$250.00
			Vendor Total:	\$250.00
KRISTIN WAGNER		10.5.2310.317.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44921	BOARD OF EDUCATION -LEGAL SERVICES	\$1,793.00
			Vendor Total:	\$1,793.00
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	577	10.5.2410.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44922	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL -TRAVEL/CONF	\$29.40
			Vendor Total:	\$29.40
LAURA KRIHA		10.5.1125.411.3705.00.00.00 Check #: 44923	PRE K SUPPLIES PFA GRANT	\$2,687.78
			Vendor Total:	\$2,687.78
MARY ELLEN WHITE	25583	10.5.2320.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44924	EXECUTIVE ADMIN -MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$67.90
			Vendor Total:	\$67.90
		10.5.1205.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44925	SPEC ED MILEAGE REIMB	\$348.60
			Vendor Total:	\$348.60

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MARY KATE MORONEY				
		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44926	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$245.35
			Vendor Total:	\$245.35
MARY LYNN DUFFY				
		10.5.2410.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44927	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL -TRAVEL/CONF	\$500.00
			Vendor Total:	\$500.00
MENARDS INC	1008			
		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44928	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$371.25
			Vendor Total:	\$371.25
MERRYL BROWNLOW				
		10.5.2320.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44929	EXECUTIVE ADMIN -MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,000.00
			Vendor Total:	\$1,000.00
MIDWEST PAPER RETRIEVER				
		20.5.2540.321.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44930	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-SANITATION SERVICES	\$172.00
			Vendor Total:	\$172.00
MILESTONE THERAPY, LLC.				
		10.5.2130.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44931	HEALTH SERVICES PT/OT	\$1,633.38
			Vendor Total:	\$1,633.38
MYSTERY SCIENCE				
		10.5.1100.411.0000.01.00.00 Check #: 44932	K-12 - SUPPLIES CHIPPEWA	\$2,080.00
		10.5.1100.411.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 44932	K-12 -SUPPLIES - NAVAJO HEIGHTS	\$1,560.00
		10.5.1100.411.0000.04.00.00 Check #: 44932	K-12 - SUPPLIES - INDIAN HILL	\$380.00

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

Voucher Batch Number: 1301

06/27/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
NICOR GAS				
		20.5.2540.465.0000.00.00.00	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-NATURAL GAS	\$4,020.00
		Check #: 44933		\$527.24
PALOS ACE HARDWARE	17607			
		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$527.24
		Check #: 44934		\$14.39
RUSH DAY SCHOOL				
		10.5.1912.670.0000.00.00.00	SPEC ED K-12 PRIVATE TUITION	\$14.39
		Check #: 44935		\$21,094.50
SARAH SUMOSKI				
		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$21,094.50
		Check #: 44936		\$8.40
SERTOMA SPEECH & HEARING CENTER	5222			
		10.5.2150.310.4620.05.00.00	AUDIOLOGY SERVICES IDEA GRANT	\$8.40
		Check #: 44937		\$300.00
SHANNON DONATO				
		10.5.1205.333.0000.00.00.00	SPEC ED MILEAGE REIMB	\$300.00
		Check #: 44938		\$30.80
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS				
		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$30.80
		Check #: 44939		\$389.50
SIOBHAN GAYDUK				
				\$389.50

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

Voucher Batch Number: 1301

06/27/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
SOLDWEDEL CONSULTING LLC		10.5.2130.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44940	HEALTH SERVICES-MILEAGE REIMB	\$58.80
			Vendor Total:	\$58.80
		10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44941	BOARD OF EDUCATION -PROFESS SERVS/CONSULTANTS	\$2,017.30
			Vendor Total:	\$2,017.30
STABRAWA, LORETTA	4310	10.5.3700.310.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 44942	CONTR LBSI SERV PAROCH LS IDEA	\$2,280.00
			Vendor Total:	\$2,280.00
TIMBERLINE BILLING SERVICE		10.5.1205.311.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44943	SPEC ED PURCH SERVICES	\$101.17
			Vendor Total:	\$101.17
TOMAS DEL TORO		10.5.2660.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44944	DATA PROECSSIONG-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$250.00
UNIVERSAL TAXI DISPATCH			Vendor Total:	\$250.00
		40.5.2550.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44945	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$1,098.00
			Vendor Total:	\$1,098.00
VAN GOGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHERS, INC.	24417	10.5.1100.335.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 44946	K-12 FIELD TRIPS/ACTIVITIES/IND	\$150.00
			Vendor Total:	\$150.00
VEREGY		60.5.2530.530.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44947	SITE AND BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$69,493.31

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

Voucher Batch Number: 1301

06/27/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
Vendor Total:				\$69,493.31
Grand Total:				\$227,160.12

End of Report

Palos Heights School District 128

Fund Balances

Fiscal Year: 2024-2025

Month: June
Year: 2025
Fund Type: ☐ Include Cash Balance
☐ FY End Report

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expense	Transfers	Fund Balance
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$4,853,260.52	\$10,626,316.66	(\$11,059,563.04)	\$0.00	\$4,420,014.14
11	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	\$5,269.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,269.00
20	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$688,791.60	\$930,364.23	(\$1,071,729.11)	(\$166,534.05)	\$380,892.67
30	DEBT SERVICE	\$949,777.35	\$1,307,681.83	(\$1,413,609.05)	\$0.00	\$843,850.13
40	TRANSPORTATION	\$515,933.86	\$627,838.33	(\$524,018.79)	\$0.00	\$619,753.40
50	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$120,119.54	\$194,552.52	(\$174,852.29)	\$0.00	\$139,829.77
55	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$84,970.87	\$230,866.82	(\$232,532.36)	\$0.00	\$83,305.33
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$334,553.36	\$7,486.18	(\$261,427.09)	\$5,669,705.20	\$5,750,317.65
70	WORKING CASH	\$2,295,764.28	\$234,429.16	\$0.00	\$166,534.05	\$2,696,727.49
80	TORT IMMUNITY	\$4,907.93	\$160.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,068.32
90	LIFE SAFETY	\$186.45	\$9.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.88
Grand Total:		\$9,853,534.76	\$14,159,715.55	(\$14,737,731.73)	\$5,669,705.20	\$14,945,223.78

End of Report

PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128

AUGUST 2025

<u>GROSS PAYROLL</u>		
<u>JULY 1 THROUGH JULY 31, 2025</u>		161,902.23
<u>TRS</u>		7,593.61
<u>BOARD TRS SURCHARGE</u>		489.34
<u>THIS</u>		1,324.72
<u>IMRF, FICA, MEDICARE</u>		14,808.07
<u>TOTAL JULY PAYROLL, TRS, THIS, IMRF, FICA, MEDICARE</u>		186,117.97
<u>EDUCATION FUND</u>	<u>10</u>	187,371.48
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>20</u>	44,910.10
<u>TRANSPORTATION FUND</u>	<u>40</u>	45,735.68
<u>SPECIAL CHECKS</u>		7,777.64
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>60</u>	
<u>MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT</u>		
<u>TOTAL AUGUST 2025 BILLS PAYABLE</u>		285,794.90
<u>TOTAL AUGUST 2025 BILLS PAYABLE GROSS</u>		
<u>JULY 2025 PAYROLL, TRS, THIS, IMRF, FICA, MEDICARE</u>		471,912.87

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1022

Voucher Date: 08/13/2025

Prepared By:


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PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 is hereby authorized to draw warrants against PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 funds for the sum of \$278,017.26 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.



PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128

Fund		Amount
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$187,371.48
20	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$44,910.10
40	TRANSPORTATION	\$45,735.68
		\$278,017.26

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Voucher Batch Number: 1022

08/13/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
ACCURATE BIOMETRICS				
ACUTRANS		10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00	BOARD OF EDUCATION -PROFESS	\$310.50
		Check #: 0	SERVS/CONSULTANTS	
			Vendor Total:	\$310.50
AFFILIATED CUSTOMER SERVICE INC	8023	10.5.1800.300.0000.00.00.00	BILINGUAL PROGRAMS - TRANSLATIONS	\$4.05
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$4.05
ALLENGREEN GROUP		20.5.2540.323.0000.00.00.00	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-MTCE	\$5,762.00
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$5,762.00
ALPHA SCHOOL BUS	2011	40.5.2550.333.0000.00.00.00	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$8,750.00
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$8,750.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		40.5.2550.333.0000.00.00.00	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$15,588.84
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$15,588.84
BLUEPRINTSEL PARTNERS		10.5.1100.411.0000.00.00.00	K-12 - SUPPLIES	\$22.97
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$22.97
		10.5.2660.411.0000.00.00.00	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES- SUPPLIES	\$1,067.57
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$1,067.57
		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$79.99
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$79.99
		10.5.2210.314.0000.00.00.00	IMPROV OF INSTRUCT PROF SERV	\$1,170.53
		Check #: 0		
			Vendor Total:	\$1,170.53

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Voucher Batch Number: 1022

08/13/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
BUSHUE BACKGROUND SCREENING		10.5.2210.314.0000.01.00.00 Check #: 0	PROF SERV TRAINING/ASSEMBLY-CHIPPEWA	\$3,220.00
		10.5.2210.314.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 0	PROF SERV TRAINING/ASSEMBLY-INDEPENDENCE	\$3,220.00
		10.5.2210.314.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 0	PROF SERV TRAINING/ASSEMBLY-NAVAJO	\$1,380.00
		10.5.2210.314.0000.04.00.00 Check #: 0	PROF SERV TRAINING/ASSEMBLY-INDIAN HILL	\$1,380.00
			Vendor Total:	\$19,200.00
BUSINESSOLVER		10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -PROFESS SERV5/CONSULTANTS	\$333.00
			Vendor Total:	\$333.00
CDW GOVERNMENT, INC., 11767	11767	10.5.1100.222.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 -MEDICAL INS	\$58.50
			Vendor Total:	\$58.50
CELTIC COMMERCIAL PAINTING		10.5.2660.411.0000.00.10.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING SUPPLIES - PROJECT	\$2,018.75
			Vendor Total:	\$2,018.75
CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS	23899	20.5.2530.310.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	FAC & ACQ & CONST - ARCHITECTURAL/PRF SERVICE	\$6,750.00
			Vendor Total:	\$6,750.00
COLLEEN DUNFORD		20.5.2540.370.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-WATER/SEWER SERVICE	\$730.11
			Vendor Total:	\$730.11

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Voucher Supplement Account Summary

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Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
COOPERATIVE ASSOC. FOR SPECIAL EDUC.		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$88.20
			Vendor Total:	\$88.20
CUSTOMLANYARDS4ALL		10.5.2150.310.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 0	AUDIOLOGY SERVICES IDEA GRANT	\$1,136.80
			Vendor Total:	\$1,136.80
DECKER INC.	6030	10.5.1100.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 - SUPPLIES	\$190.00
			Vendor Total:	\$190.00
DIANE MULLER	20666	20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$420.00
			Vendor Total:	\$420.00
EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE OF ILLINOIS		10.5.1100.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 TEACHER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$78.05
			Vendor Total:	\$78.05
EISENHOWER COOPERATIVE	2745	10.5.2320.640.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	EXECUTIVE ADMIN -DUES & FEES PROF. ORGANIZATIONS	\$130.00
			Vendor Total:	\$130.00
ELIM CHRISTIAN SERVICES	4659	10.5.1912.670.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SPEC ED K-12 PRIVATE TUITION	\$2,280.00
			Vendor Total:	\$2,280.00
		10.5.1912.670.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SPEC ED K-12 PRIVATE TUITION	\$129,623.58

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Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
GAGGLE.NET, INC.		10.5.2560.490.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	FREE AND REDUCED LUNCHES	\$195.50
		40.5.2550.333.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION	\$20,979.00
			Vendor Total:	\$150,798.08
ILLINOIS SCHOOL BUS	242	10.5.2660.314.0000.00.62.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING- TECHNOLOGY & OPERATIONS	\$3,410.00
		40.5.2550.334.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 0	Athletic & Academic Conf. Buses	\$417.84
			Vendor Total:	\$3,410.00
ILLUMINATE, INC.		10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION -PROFESS SERVS/CONSULTANTS	\$12,500.00
			Vendor Total:	\$417.84
INDEPENDENCE JR HIGH	1820	10.5.1100.411.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 - SUPPLIES INDEPENDENCE	\$327.38
			Vendor Total:	\$12,500.00
KAITLIN SETTLE		10.5.2410.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL -TRAVEL/CONF	\$76.02
			Vendor Total:	\$327.38
KDM SIGNS, INC.		10.5.1100.540.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 New Equipment	\$580.00
			Vendor Total:	\$76.02
			Vendor Total:	\$580.00
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Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Voucher Batch Number: 1022

08/13/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
MENARDS INC	1008	10.5.2660.360.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	DATA PROCESSING CAPITAL LEASE	\$2,914.00
			Vendor Total:	\$2,914.00
MERRYL BROWNLOW		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$146.63
			Vendor Total:	\$146.63
MIDWEST PAPER RETRIEVER		10.5.2320.340.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	EXEC ADMIN COMMUNICATIONS	\$386.19
			Vendor Total:	\$386.19
NASCO	512	20.5.2540.321.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-SANITATION SERVICES	\$201.60
			Vendor Total:	\$201.60
NICK'S BBQ INC.		10.5.1100.411.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 -SUPPLIES - NAVAJO HEIGHTS	\$218.01
			Vendor Total:	\$218.01
NICOR GAS		10.5.2310.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUPPLIES	\$1,529.75
			Vendor Total:	\$1,529.75
PAINTERS INC.		20.5.2540.465.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-NATURAL GAS	\$591.02
			Vendor Total:	\$591.02
		20.5.2530.310.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	FAC & ACQ & CONST - ARCHITECTURAL/PRF SERVICE	\$5,760.00
			Vendor Total:	\$5,760.00

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Voucher Batch Number: 1022

08/13/2025

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
PAVEMENT SYSTEMS	7937	20.5.2530.310.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	FAC & ACQ & CONST – ARCHITECTURAL/PRF SERVICE	\$12,613.00
PERSONNEL PLANNERS, INC.	24177	10.5.2310.314.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION –PROFESS SERVS/CONSULTANTS	\$150.00
REPUBLIC SERVICES		20.5.2540.321.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-SANITATION SERVICES	\$806.00
ROCHESTER 100 INC.	18208	10.5.1100.411.0000.01.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 – SUPPLIES CHIPPEWA	\$440.00
SCHOOL OUTFITTERS.COM	20350	10.5.1100.411.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 –SUPPLIES – NAVAJO HEIGHTS	\$470.88
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$86.90
SMITHEREEN EXTERMINATING COMPANY	4755	20.5.2540.320.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPER & MAINT PROP SERVICES	\$180.00
SOUTH TOWN REFRIGERATION		20.5.2540.323.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-MTCE	\$5,781.36

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08/13/2025

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES		10.5.1912.670.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	SPEC ED K-12 PRIVATE TUITION	\$1,949.12
			Vendor Total:	\$5,781.36
STAPLES ADVANTAGE_12999	12999	10.5.1100.411.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 0	K-12 - SUPPLIES INDEPENDENCE	\$338.75
			Vendor Total:	\$1,949.12
		10.5.2310.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUPPLIES	\$26.70
SUCCESS BY DESIGN, INC.	3648	10.5.1100.411.0000.03.00.00 Check #: 0	Vendor Total:	\$365.45
			K-12 -SUPPLIES - NAVAJO HEIGHTS	\$941.21
TRI-M ELECTRIC		20.5.2540.319.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	Vendor Total:	\$941.21
			OPERATION/MAINTENANCE-OTHER PROF/TECH SERVICES	\$330.00
UNIQUE PRODUCTS		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	Vendor Total:	\$330.00
			OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$58.49
WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING.	8647	10.5.1100.314.0000.00.63.00 Check #: 0	Vendor Total:	\$58.49
			K-12 INSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY	\$4,376.00
WORTHINGTON DIRECT		20.5.2540.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 0	Vendor Total:	\$4,376.00
			OPERATION/MAINTENANCE- SUPPLIES	\$4,613.00
			Vendor Total:	\$4,613.00

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Voucher Batch Number: 1022

08/13/2025

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
Grand Total:				\$278,017.26

End of Report

PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 VOUCHER

Voucher No: 1007

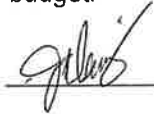
Voucher Date: 07/08/2025

Prepared By:


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PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 is hereby authorized to draw warrants against PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128 funds for the sum of \$7,777.64 on account of obligations incurred for value received in services and for materials as shown below for period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 (period cannot overlap fiscal year end.)

I certify that this claim is just and correct, and the services and/or materials herein represented have been received during the period listed above. All items are properly coded and not in excess of the budget.



PALOS HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 128

Fund		Amount
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$7,527.14
20	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$250.50
		\$7,777.64

SPECIAL CHECKS DRAWN IN JULY

Palos Heights School District 128

Voucher Supplement Account Summary

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Voucher Batch Number: 1007

07/08/2025

Vendor Remit Name	Vendor #	Account	Description	Amount
BMO FINANCIAL GROUP				
		10.5.1100.411.0000.02.00.00 Check #: 44962	K-12 - SUPPLIES INDEPENDENCE	\$311.00
		10.5.2210.314.4620.05.00.00 Check #: 44962	PROFESSIONAL DEV IDEA GRANT	\$225.00
		10.5.2310.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	BOARD OF EDUCATION -TRAVEL/CONF	\$4,639.80
		10.5.2310.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	BOARD OF EDUCATION - SUPPLIES	\$104.19
		10.5.2320.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	EXECUTIVE ADMIN -TRAVEL/CONF	\$1,760.00
		10.5.2320.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	EXECUTIVE ADMIN - SUPPLIES	\$91.24
		10.5.2410.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL -TRAVEL/CONF	(\$425.00)
		10.5.2410.411.0000.01.00.00 Check #: 44962	OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL - SUPPLIES CHIPPEWA	\$20.94
		10.5.2660.332.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	DATA PROCESSING -PROF. DEV TRAVEL/CONF	\$740.00
		10.5.2660.411.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	DATA PROCESSING SERVICES- SUPPLIES	\$15.98
		10.5.2660.470.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	DATA PROCESSING - SOFTWARE	\$43.99
		20.5.2540.464.0000.00.00.00 Check #: 44962	OPERATION /MAINTENANCE-GASOLINE	\$250.50
End of Report				
Vendor Total:				\$7,777.64
Grand Total:				\$7,777.64

Palos Heights School District 128

Fund Balances

Fiscal Year: 2025-2026

Month: July
Year: 2025
Fund Type: ☐ Include Cash Balance
☐ FY End Report

Fund	Description	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expense	Transfers	Fund Balance
10	EDUCATIONAL	\$0.00	\$127,725.78	(\$316,858.62)	\$0.00	(\$189,132.84)
11	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
20	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$149,902.50)	\$0.00	(\$149,902.50)
30	DEBT SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
40	TRANSPORTATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,297.94)	\$0.00	(\$2,297.94)
50	MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,451.31)	\$0.00	(\$7,451.31)
55	SOCIAL SECURITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7,356.76)	\$0.00	(\$7,356.76)
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$366,950.13)	\$0.00	(\$366,950.13)
70	WORKING CASH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
80	TORT IMMUNITY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
90	LIFE SAFETY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total:		\$0.00	\$127,725.78	(\$850,817.26)	\$0.00	(\$723,091.48)

End of Report

**District 128, Cook County
Palos Heights, Illinois**

BOARD MEETING August 13, 2025

Activity Fund Receipts and Expenses July 2025

	Balance 06/30/25	JULY Receipts	JULY Expenses	Balance 07/31/25
Indian Hill	500	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Chippewa	\$607.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$607.80
Navajo	\$57.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.38
Independence				
IJHS	\$2,208.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,208.79
Cheerleaders	\$3,410.86	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,410.86
Drama	\$975.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$975.11
Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Poms	\$146.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146.55
Student Council	\$513.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$513.29
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TOTAL	<u><u>\$7,919.78</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,919.78</u></u>

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**BALANCES
CARRIED OVER**

**District 128, Cook County
Palos Heights, Illinois**

BOARD MEETING (NONE)

Activity Fund Receipts and Expenses June 2025

	Balance 05/31/25	JUNE Receipts	JUNE Expenses	Balance 06/30/25
Indian Hill	500	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Chippewa	\$5,813.20	\$0.00	\$5,205.40	\$607.80
Navajo	\$57.38	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.38
Independence				
IJHS	\$5,818.02	\$530.00	\$4,139.23	\$2,208.79
Cheerleaders	\$205.86	\$3,205.00	\$0.00	\$3,410.86
Drama	\$547.11	\$428.00	\$0.00	\$975.11
Lunch	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Poms	\$146.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$146.55
Student Council	\$513.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$513.29
TOTAL	<u>\$13,101.41</u>	<u>\$4,163.00</u>	<u>\$9,344.63</u>	<u>\$7,919.78</u>

**IH/NH BALANCES
CARRIED OVER**

General Personnel

5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

Any District employee who suspects or receives knowledge that a student may be an abused or neglected child shall: (1) immediately report or cause a report to be made to the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on its Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) (within Illinois); 1-217-524-2606 (outside of Illinois); or 1-800-358-5117 (TTY), and (2) follow directions given by DCFS concerning filing a written report within 48 hours with the nearest DCFS field office. Any District employee who believes a student is in immediate danger of harm, shall first call 911. The employee shall also promptly notify the Superintendent or Building Principal that a report has been made. The Superintendent or Building Principal shall immediately coordinate any necessary notifications to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) with DCFS, the applicable school resource officer (SRO), and/or local law enforcement.

Negligent failure to report occurs when a District employee personally observes an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect and reasonably believes, in one's professional or official capacity, that the instance constitutes an act of child abuse or neglect under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA) and, without willful intent, fails to immediately report or cause a report to be made of the suspected abuse or neglect to DCFS.

Any District employee who discovers child pornography on electronic and information technology equipment shall immediately report it to local law enforcement, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678) or online at report.cybertip.org/ or www.missingkids.org. The Superintendent or Building Principal shall also be promptly notified of the discovery and that a report has been made.

Any District employee who observes any act of hazing that does bodily harm to a student must report that act to the Building Principal, Superintendent, or designee who will investigate and take appropriate action. If the hazing results in death or great bodily harm, the employee must first make the report to law enforcement and then to the Superintendent or Building Principal. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act directed to or required of a student for the purpose of being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in, or maintaining membership in any group, organization, club, or athletic team whose members are or include other students.

Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA), School Code, and *Erin's Law* Training

The Superintendent or designee shall provide staff development opportunities for District employees in the detection, reporting, and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

All District employees shall:

1. Before beginning employment, sign the *Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status* form provided by DCFS. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the signed forms are retained.
2. Complete mandated reporter training as required by law within three months of initial employment and at least every three years after that date.
3. Complete an annual evidence-informed training related to child sexual abuse, grooming behaviors (including *sexual misconduct* as defined in *Faith's Law*), and boundary violations as required by law and policy 5:100, *Staff Development Program*.

Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse: Investigations

An *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in [720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A](#), that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

If a District employee reports an alleged incident of sexual abuse to DCFS and DCFS accepts the report for investigation, DCFS will refer the matter to the local Children's Advocacy Center (CAC). The Superintendent or designee will implement procedures to coordinate with the CAC.

DCFS and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency will inform the District when its investigation is complete or has been suspended, as well as the outcome of its investigation. The existence of a DCFS and/or law enforcement investigation will not preclude the District from conducting its own parallel investigation into the alleged incident of sexual abuse in accordance with policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.

Special Superintendent Responsibilities

The Superintendent shall execute the requirements in Board policy 5:150, *Personnel Records*, whenever another school district requests a reference concerning an applicant who is or was a District employee and was the subject of a report made by a District employee to DCFS.

When the Superintendent has reasonable cause to believe that a license holder (1) committed an intentional act of abuse or neglect with the result of making a child an abused child or a neglected child under ANCRA or an act of sexual misconduct under *Faith's Law*, and (2) that act resulted in the license holder's dismissal or resignation from the District, the Superintendent shall notify the State Superintendent and the appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director in writing, providing the Ill. Educator Identification Number as well as a brief description of the misconduct alleged. The Superintendent must make the report within 30 days of the dismissal or resignation and mail a copy of the notification to the license holder.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures for notifying a student's parents/guardians when a District employee, contractor, or agent is alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct with the student as defined in *Faith's Law*. The Superintendent shall also develop procedures for notifying the student's parents/guardians when the Board takes action relating to the employment of the employee, contractor, or agent following the investigation of sexual misconduct. Notification shall not occur when the employee, contractor, or agent alleged to have engaged in sexual misconduct is the student's parent/guardian, and/or when the student is at least 18 years of age or emancipated.

The Superintendent shall execute the recordkeeping requirements of *Faith's Law*.

Special School Board Member Responsibilities

Each individual Board member must, if an allegation is raised to the member during an open or closed Board meeting that a student is an abused child as defined in ANCRA, direct or cause the Board to direct the Superintendent or other equivalent school administrator to comply with ANCRA's requirements concerning the reporting of child abuse.

If the Board determines that any District employee, other than an employee licensed under [105 ILCS 5/21B](#), has willfully or negligently failed to report an instance of suspected child abuse or neglect as required by ANCRA, the Board may dismiss that employee immediately.

When the Board learns that a licensed teacher was convicted of any felony, it must promptly report it to the State agencies listed in policy 2:20, *Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification*.

LEGAL REF:

[20 U.S.C. §7926](#), Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-21.9](#), [5/10-23.13](#), [5/21B-85](#), [5/22-85.5](#), and [5/22-85.10](#).

[20 ILCS 1305/1-1](#) *et seq.*, Department of Human Services Act.

[325 ILCS 5/](#), Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

[720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1](#), Criminal Code of 2012.

CROSS REF.: 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 3:60 (Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 5:150 (Personnel Records), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:290 (Employment Terminations and Suspensions), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews)

Adopted: June 7, 2023

Palos Heights SD 128



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MANDATED REPORTER STATUS

I, _____, understand that when I am employed as a
(Employee Name)

_____, I will become a mandated reporter under the
(Type of Employment)

Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act [325 ILCS 5/4]. This means that I am required to report or cause a report to be made to the child abuse and neglect Hotline number at 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) whenever I have reasonable cause to believe that a child known to me in my professional or official capacity may be abused or neglected. I understand that there is no charge when calling the Hotline number and that the Hotline operates 24-hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year.

I understand that in an effort to help mandated reporters understand their critical role in protecting children by recognizing and reporting child abuse/neglect, DCFS administers an online training course entitled **Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse: Training for Mandated Reporters**, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

I further understand that the privileged quality of communication between me and my patient or client is not grounds for failure to report suspected child abuse or neglect, I know that if I willfully fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect, I may be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. This does not apply to physicians who will be referred to the Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Board for action.

I also understand that if I am subject to licensing under, but not limited to, the following acts: the Illinois Nursing Act of 1987, the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Illinois Dental Practice Act, the School Code, the Acupuncture Practice Act, the Illinois Optometric Practice Act of 1987, the Illinois Physical Therapy Act, the Physician Assistants Practice Act of 1987, the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987, the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act, the Clinical Social Work and Social Work Practice Act, the Illinois Athletic Trainers Practice Act, the Dietetic and Nutrition Services Practice Act, the Marriage and Family Therapy Act, the Naprapathic Practice Act, the Respiratory Care Practice Act, the Professional Counselor and Clinical Professional Counselor Licensing Act, the Illinois Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Practice Act, I may be subject to license suspension or revocation if I willfully fail to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

I affirm that I have read this statement and have knowledge and understanding of the reporting requirements, which apply to me under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

Signature of Applicant/Employee

Date

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District 128 Portrait of a Learner

Competency Based Board of Education Goals

WELLNESS - COMMUNICATION - INNOVATION - PERSEVERANCE - CITIZENSHIP

2-Year Goal Timeline: August 2024 - July 2026

August 2025: Year 1 Update

TEACHING & LEARNING

Goal: Identify and address barriers to student learning to ensure equitable access to high quality instruction.

- **Strategy:** Evaluate and monitor instructional resources and strategies to better meet the needs of all learners and address opportunity gaps for identified subgroups

August 2025 Update:

- *New resources were adopted in ELA that were evaluated based upon the ability to meet the needs of EL, Special Education and MTSS learners. The resources were also evaluated for cultural relevance and diversity to represent our student demographics.*
- *Previous adoptions for Mathematics K-8, Science K-8 and Social Studies 6-8 were also evaluated using similar parameters.*
- *The CogAT 7 tool selected for advanced learning cognitive screening is also recommended to minimize bias for English Learners.*
- **Strategy:** Promote the integration of competencies from the Portrait of a Learner framework to foster meaningful and authentic learning experiences for all students

August 2025 Update:

- *The new curricular resources across content areas embed project based learning experiences and application to real life activities to promote competency development.*
- *Students in 3rd and 5th grade initiated the development of portfolios for the student showcase and presented on their competency development in relationship to projects from Art and STEM classes.*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Goal: Promote engagement of family and community in support of student learning and the development of the Portrait of a Learner competencies.

- **Strategy:** Promote an inclusive and supportive environment that encourages active engagement and collaboration with families and community organizations

August 2025 Update:

- *A realtor breakfast was held in May 2025 to broaden communication regarding the state of the district and to tell our story*
- *The district created a Consolidated Grant Planning group to provide feedback and input on grant expenditure plans. The invitation went out to a broad range of families to capture subgroup representation for students in the following groups: Special Education, English Learners, MTSS, At-risk Youth.*
- *A Parent Advisory Group meets annually to review discipline and special education behavior response plans. Parents provide input and feedback to promote equity, sensitivity and inclusivity in the district responses to unexpected behavior.*
- *Established a public Finance Committee structure to hold open meetings for 2025-2026.*
- *A family survey was administered seeking priorities for consideration in the hiring of the new superintendent for July 2026.*
- *Parent Faculty Association (PFA) provides opportunities for parent engagement that supports school programming through committee work and event planning, promoting inclusivity and connection. Family events include parent education programs, an annual ice cream social and a fall Boo-ingo Night.*
- *The district participates in the annual Holiday and Fourth of July parades sponsored by the city of Palos Heights.*
- *The district has an established partnership with Aunt Martha's providing supportive services to families in need.*
- *The Palos Heights Fire Protection District partners with our schools to support fire prevention education, first aid and CPR training and supports our STEM egg drop activity, providing the ladder truck for the drop.*
- *Parks and Recreation partners with the district to provide before and after school programs for elementary students.*
- *The Palos Heights Library partners with the district to promote a love of reading with a presence at parent open house events.*
- *School events welcome families and community to build connections and engage them in the work of the schools (Parent/Student Orientations; Open Houses; Fine Arts Nights; Project Based Showcases, Holiday Celebrations); Parent Volunteer Opportunities; Parent Education & Parent/Child Events (Preschool); Career Day at IJHS; Annual Alumni Event at IJHS*
- *Representation in the area's Rotary Club International*

HUMAN RESOURCES

Goal: The District 128 recruitment and hiring processes will include measures to determine a candidate's understanding and development of the Portrait of a Learner competencies.

- **Strategy:** Promote the development of interview tools and processes that measure a candidate's knowledge of the Portrait of a Learner competencies.

August 2025 Update:

- *Principals developed screening tools that included scenarios allowing candidates to demonstrate their competencies through their responses. [See sample document.](#)*

Goal: District 128 will commit resources to support professional development and promote staff wellness, cultivating a positive culture and climate that results in staff retention.

- **Strategy:** Promote the allocation of resources dedicated to professional development and wellness of all staff in the budget development process.

August 2025 Update:

- *The district embarked on a 2-year professional development initiative entitled **A Culture of Belonging**. Each building has a committee championing the work to implement strategies that foster an inclusive, collaborative and supportive school environment.*
- *The district experienced a record number of applicants for open certified positions in the current context of a teacher shortage.*
 - *Kindergarten - 50; 2nd Grade - 102; 4th/5th Grades - 41; EL - 17*

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Goal: District 128 will ensure that fiscal and operational long-range planning and priorities are guided by the five competencies of the Portrait of a Learner and are focused on providing a high quality learning experience for all students.

- **Strategy:** When engaging in long-range finance, facility and instructional planning, the district will commit itself to exploring innovative practices in maximizing fiscal and operational resources in an effort to maintain high quality programming for students.

August 2025 Update:

- *The Board of Education strategized to issue capital bonds so that the debt is distributed in a manner that will allow for the consideration of an operational referendum that would minimize the impact to taxpayers to address the explosive enrollment growth experienced over the last 5 years.*
- *The district secured Preschool for All grant funding of close to \$500K two years in a row to support the expansion of Preschool in accommodating our growing enrollment.*
- *The Parent Faculty Association was able to fundraise beyond the expected budget to provide additional financial support for facility enhancements.*
- *The district was able to negotiate free teacher resources for new curricular adoptions by piloting at the full grade levels.*
- *The district was able to reduce expenditures for the HVAC work by engaging with a performance contractor from the facility cooperative to address rooftop unit replacements in the Summer of 2025.*
- *The district worked with our transportation provider to reroute our buses for efficiency enabling us to reduce an entire route at a cost savings of approximately \$40,000.*
- *Established an expanded Finance Committee that will hold public meetings in 2025-2026*

Document Status: Draft Update

BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

A student, parent/guardian, employee, or community member should notify any District Complaint Manager if one believes that the Board of Education, its employees, or its agents have violated his or her rights guaranteed by the [State](#) or federal [Constitution](#), State or federal statute, or Board policy, or has a complaint regarding any one of the following:

1. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, [42 U.S.C. §12101](#) *et seq.*
2. [Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.*, excluding Title IX complaints governed by Board policy 2:265, \[Title IX Grievance Procedure\]\(#\)](#)^{PRESSPlus1}
3. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, [29 U.S.C. §791](#) *et seq.*
4. Discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin prohibited by the Illinois Human Rights Act, [775 ILCS 5/](#); Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, [42 U.S.C. §2000d](#) *et seq.*; and/or Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, [42 U.S.C. §2000e](#) *et seq.* (see Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*)
5. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, [42 U.S.C. §2000e](#) *et seq.* (see also number 4, above, for discrimination and/or harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin)
6. Sexual harassment prohibited by the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, [5 ILCS 430/70-5\(a\)](#); Illinois Human Rights Act, [775 ILCS 5/](#); and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, [42 U.S.C. §2000e](#) *et seq.* (Title IX sexual harassment complaints are addressed under Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*)
7. Breastfeeding accommodations for students, [105 ILCS 5/10-20.60](#)
8. Bullying, [105 ILCS 5/27-23.7](#)
9. Misuse of funds received for services to improve educational opportunities for educationally disadvantaged or deprived children
10. Curriculum, instructional materials, and/or programs
11. Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act, [820 ILCS 180/](#)
12. Illinois Equal Pay Act of 2003, [820 ILCS 112/](#)
13. Provision of services to homeless students
14. Illinois Whistleblower Act, [740 ILCS 174/](#)
15. Misuse of genetic information prohibited by the Illinois Genetic Information Privacy Act, [410 ILCS 513/](#); and Titles I and II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, [42 U.S.C. §2000ff](#) *et seq.*
16. Employee Credit Privacy Act, [820 ILCS 70/](#).

The Complaint Manager will first attempt to resolve complaints without resorting to this grievance procedure. If a formal complaint is filed under this policy, the Complaint Manager will address the complaint promptly and equitably. A student and/or parent/guardian filing a complaint under this policy may forego any informal suggestions and/or attempts to resolve it and may proceed directly to this

grievance procedure. The Complaint Manager will not require a student or parent/guardian complaining of any form of harassment to attempt to resolve allegations directly with the accused (or the accused's parent(s)/guardian(s)); this includes mediation.

Right to Pursue Other Remedies Not Impaired

The right of a person to prompt and equitable resolution of a complaint filed under this policy shall not be impaired by the person's pursuit of other remedies, e.g., criminal complaints, civil actions, etc. Use of this grievance procedure is not a prerequisite to the pursuit of other remedies and use of this grievance procedure does not extend any filing deadline related to the pursuit of other remedies. If a person is pursuing another remedy subject to a complaint under this policy, the District will continue with a simultaneous investigation under this policy.

Deadlines

All deadlines under this policy may be extended by the Complaint Manager as he or she deems appropriate. As used in this policy, *school business days* means days on which the District's main office is open.

Filing a Complaint

A person (hereinafter Complainant) who wishes to avail oneself of this grievance procedure may do so by filing a complaint with any District Complaint Manager. The Complainant shall not be required to file a complaint with a particular Complaint Manager and may request a Complaint Manager of the same gender. The Complaint Manager may request the Complainant to provide a written statement regarding the nature of the complaint or require a meeting with a student's parent(s)/guardian(s). The Complaint Manager shall assist the Complainant as needed.

For any complaint alleging bullying and/or cyberbullying of students, the Complaint Manager or designee shall process and review the complaint under Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, in addition to any response required by this policy.

For any complaint alleging sex discrimination that, if true, would implicate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ([20 U.S.C. §1681](#) et seq.), the Title IX Coordinator or designee shall process and review the complaint under Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*.

For any complaint alleging harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall process and review the complaint under Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*, in addition to any response required by this policy.

For any complaint alleging sexual harassment or other violation of Board policy 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall process and review the complaint according to that policy, in addition to any response required by this policy, and shall consider whether an investigation under Board policy 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*, should be initiated.

Investigation Process

The Complaint Manager will investigate the complaint or appoint a qualified person to undertake the investigation on the individual's behalf. The Complaint Manager shall ensure both parties have an equal opportunity to present evidence during an investigation. The complaint and identity of the

Complainant will not be disclosed except: (1) as required by law, this policy, or any collective bargaining agreement, (2) as necessary to fully investigate the complaint, or (3) as authorized by the Complainant.

The identity of any student witnesses will not be disclosed except: (1) as required by law, this policy, or any collective bargaining agreement, (2) as necessary to fully investigate the complaint, or (3) as authorized by the parent/guardian of the student witness, or by the student if the student is 18 years of age or older.

The Complaint Manager will inform, at regular intervals, the person(s) filing a complaint under this policy about the status of the investigation. Within 30 school business days after the date the complaint was filed, the Complaint Manager shall file a written report of his or her findings with the Superintendent. The Complaint Manager may request an extension of time from the Superintendent.

The Superintendent will keep the Board informed of all complaints.

If a complaint contains allegations involving the Superintendent or Board member(s), the written report shall be filed directly with the Board, which will make a decision in accordance with paragraph four of the following section of this policy.

Decision and Appeal

Within five school business days after receiving the Complaint Manager's report, the Superintendent shall provide his or her written decision to the Complainant and the accused as well as to the Complaint Manager. All decisions shall be based upon the *preponderance of evidence* standard.

Within 10 school business days after receiving the Superintendent's decision, the Complainant or the accused may appeal the decision to the Board by making a written request to the Complaint Manager. The Complaint Manager shall promptly forward all materials relative to the complaint and appeal to the Board.

Within 30 school business days after an appeal of the Superintendent's decision, the Board shall affirm, reverse, or amend the Superintendent's decision or direct the Superintendent to gather additional information. Within five school business days after the Board's decision, the Superintendent shall inform the Complainant and the accused of the Board's action.

For complaints containing allegations involving the Superintendent or Board member(s), within 30 school business days after receiving the Complaint Manager's or outside investigator's report, the Board shall provide its written decision to the Complainant and the accused, as well as to the Complaint Manager. This policy shall not be construed to create an independent right to a hearing before the Superintendent or Board. The failure to strictly follow the timelines in this grievance procedure shall not prejudice any party.

Appointing a Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, and Complaint Managers [PRESSPlus2](#)

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator to manage the District's efforts to provide equal opportunity employment and educational opportunities and prohibit the harassment of employees, students, and others.

The ~~Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's~~ Superintendent shall appoint a Title IX Coordinator to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with Title IX. [PRESSPlus3](#)

The Superintendent shall appoint at least one Complaint Manager to administer this policy. If possible,

the Superintendent will appoint two Complaint Managers, each of a different gender. The District's Nondiscrimination Coordinator may be appointed as one of the Complaint Managers.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy and keep current the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, and the Complaint Managers.

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Merryl Brownlow

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LEGAL REF.:

- [8 U.S.C. §1324a](#) *et seq.*, Immigration Reform and Control Act.
- [20 U.S.C. §1232g](#), Family Education Rights Privacy Act.
- [20 U.S.C. §1400](#), The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- [20 U.S.C. §1681](#) *et seq.*, Title IX of the Education Amendments; [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#).
- [29 U.S.C. §206](#)(d), Equal Pay Act.
- [29 U.S.C. §621](#) *et seq.*, Age Discrimination in Employment Act.
- [29 U.S.C. §791](#) *et seq.*, Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- [29 U.S.C. §2612](#), Family and Medical Leave Act.
- [42 U.S.C. §2000d](#) *et seq.*, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- [42 U.S.C. §2000e](#) *et seq.*, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- [42 U.S.C. §2000ff](#) *et seq.*, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act.

[42 U.S.C. §11431](#) *et seq.*, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

[42 U.S.C. §12101](#) *et seq.*, Americans With Disabilities Act; [28 C.F.R. Part 35](#).

[105 ILCS 5/2-3.8](#), [5/3-10](#), [5/10-20](#), [5/10-20.5](#), [5/10-20.7a](#), [5/10-20.60](#), [5/10-20.69](#), [5/10-20.75](#), [5/10-22.5](#), [5/22-19](#), [5/22-95](#) (final citation pending), [5/24-4](#), [5/27-1](#), [5/27-23.7](#), and [45/1-15](#).

[5 ILCS 415/10](#)(a)(2), Government Severance Pay Act.

[5 ILCS 430/70-5](#)(a), State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

[410 ILCS 513/](#), Ill. Genetic Information Privacy Act.

[740 ILCS 174/](#), Whistleblower Act.

[740 ILCS 175/](#), Ill. False Claims Act.

[775 ILCS 5/](#), Ill. Human Rights Act.

[820 ILCS 70/](#), Employee Credit Privacy Act.

[820 ILCS 112/](#), Equal Pay Act of 2003.

[820 ILCS 180/](#), Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act; [56 Ill.Admin.Code Part 280](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.240](#), [200.40](#), [226.50](#), and [226.570](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities), 8:95 (Parental Involvement), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Concerns)

Adopted: October 16, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated throughout in response to *State of Tennessee v. Cardona*, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. While the names and contact information are required by law to be listed, they are not part of the adopted policy and do not require board action. It is important for updated names and contact information to be inserted into this policy and regularly monitored.

Please [click here to submit the name and contact information](#) that will be applied to each of the

following policies: 2:260, 2:265, 5:10, 5:20, 7:20, 7:180, and 7:255. Following the form's submission, IASB will add the Title IX Coordinator's name and contact information to this policy. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. A district must prominently display its Title IX nondiscrimination policies (this policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*) and contact information for its Title IX Coordinator on its website, if any, and in each handbook made available to students, applicants for employment, parents/guardians, employees, and collective bargaining units. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(a) and (b). Notifications must state that nondiscrimination extends to employment, and that inquiries about the application of Title IX and its regulations may be referred to the district's Title IX coordinator, to the U.S. Dept. of Education's Assistant Secretary of Education, or both. 34 C.F.R. §106.8(b). See sample exhibit 2:250-E2, *Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4:15 Identity Protection

The collection, storage, use, and disclosure of social security numbers by the School District shall be consistent with State and federal laws. The goals for managing the District's collection, storage, use, and disclosure of social security numbers are to:

1. Limit all activities involving social security numbers to those circumstances that are authorized by State or federal law.
2. Protect each social security number collected or maintained by the District from unauthorized disclosure.

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that the District complies with the Identity Protection Act, [5 ILCS 179/](#). Compliance measures shall include each of the following:

1. All employees having access to social security numbers in the course of performing their duties shall be trained to protect the confidentiality of social security numbers. Training should include instructions on the proper handling of information containing social security numbers from the time of collection through the destruction of the information.
2. Only employees who are required to use or handle information or documents that contain social security numbers shall have access to such information or documents.
3. Social security numbers requested from an individual shall be provided in a manner that makes the social security number easily redacted if the record is required to be released as part of a public records request.
4. When collecting a social security number or upon request by an individual, a statement of the purpose(s) for which the District is collecting and using the social security number shall be provided. The stated reason for collection of the social security number must be relevant to the documented purpose.
5. All employees must be advised of this policy's existence and a copy of the policy must be made available to each employee. The policy must also be made available to any member of the public, upon request.
6. If this policy is amended, employees will be advised of the existence of the amended policy and a copy of the amended policy will be made available to each employee.

No District employee shall collect, store, use, or disclose an individual's social security number unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent. This policy shall not be interpreted as a guarantee of the confidentiality of social security numbers and/or other personal information. The District will use best efforts to comply with this policy, but this policy should not be construed to convey any rights to protection of information not otherwise afforded by law.

Treatment of Personally Identifiable Information Under Grant Awards

The Superintendent ensures that the District takes reasonable **cybersecurity and other** measures to safeguard **information including**. [PRESSPlus1](#) (1) *protected personally identifiable information*, (2) other

types of information that a federal awarding agency, pass-through agency entity, or State awarding agency designates as sensitive, such as *personally identifiable information* (PII) and (3) information that the District considers to be sensitive consistent with applicable laws regarding privacy and confidentiality (collectively, *sensitive information*), when administering federal grant awards and State grant awards governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act ([30 ILCS 708/](#)).

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the identification, handling, storage, access, disposal and overall confidentiality of sensitive information. The Superintendent shall ensure that employees and contractors responsible for the administration of a federal or State award for the District receive regular training in the safeguarding of sensitive information. Employees mishandling sensitive information are subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal.

LEGAL REF.:

[2 C.F.R. §200.303\(e\)](#).

[5 ILCS 179/](#), Identity Protection Act.

[30 ILCS 708/](#), Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

[50 ILCS 205/3](#), Local Records Act.

[105 ILCS 10/](#), Illinois School Student Records Act.

CROSS REF: 2:250 (Access to District Public Records), 5:150 (Personnel Records), 7:340 (Student Records), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

Adopted: September 18, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 2 C.F.R Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg 30046, addressing the safeguarding of information under grant awards and updating the definitions for *personally identifiable information* and *protected personally identifiable information*.

Personally Identifiable Information (PII) means information that can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, either alone or when combined with other personal or identifying information that is linked or linkable to a specific individual. Some PII is available in public sources such as telephone books and websites. This was previously defined as *public personally identifiable information* (Public PII), but 2024 revisions to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 have deleted Public PII as a definition. The definition of PII is not attached to any single category of information or technology. Instead, it requires a case-by-case assessment of the specific risk that an individual can be identified. Non-PII can become PII whenever additional information is made publicly available, in any medium and from any source, that could be used to identify an individual when combined with other available information. 2 C.F.R. §200.1.

Protected personally identifiable information (Protected PII) means PII, except for certain types of PII that must be disclosed by law. 2024 revisions to 2 C.F.R. Part 200 eliminated examples of Protected PII and instead only list examples of PII within the definition of Protected PII at 2 C.F.R. §200.1, which may indicate broadening of the definition of Protected PII. See 89 Fed. Reg. 79732. Before the 2024 revisions, examples of Protected PII contained in the regulation included, but were not limited to, social security number, passport number, credit card numbers, clearances, bank numbers, biometrics, date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, criminal records, medical records, financial records, and educational transcripts. 2 C.F.R. §200.1. Consult the board attorney for guidance in this area. See

sample administrative procedure 4:15-AP2, *Treatment of Personally Identifiable Information Under Grant Awards*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. Protected PII is similar to, but broader than, the definition of *personal information* under PIPA. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4:80 Accounting and Audits

The School District's accounting and audit services shall comply with the *Requirements for Accounting, Budgeting, Financial Reporting, and Auditing*, as adopted by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE), State and federal laws and regulations, and generally accepted accounting principles. Determination of liabilities and assets, prioritization of expenditures of governmental funds, and provisions for accounting disclosures shall be made in accordance with government accounting standards as directed by the auditor designated by the Board. The Superintendent, in addition to other assigned financial responsibilities, shall report monthly on the District's financial performance, both income and expense, in relation to the financial plan represented in the budget.

Annual Audit

At the close of each fiscal year, the Superintendent shall arrange an audit of the District funds, accounts, statements, and other financial matters. The audit shall be performed by an independent certified public accountant designated by the Board and be conducted in conformance with prescribed standards and legal requirements. A complete and detailed written audit report shall be provided to each Board member and to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall annually, on or before October 15, submit an original and one copy of the audit to the appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director.

Annual Financial Report

The Superintendent or designee shall annually prepare and submit the Annual Financial Report on a timely basis using the form adopted by the ISBE. The Superintendent shall review and discuss the Annual Financial Report with the Board before it is submitted.

Inventories

The Superintendent or designee is responsible for establishing and maintaining accurate inventory records. The inventory record of supplies and equipment shall include a description of each item, quantity, location, purchase date, and cost or estimated replacement cost, unless the supplies and equipment are acquired by the District pursuant to a federal or State grant award, in which case the inventory record shall also include the information required by [2 C.F.R. §200.313](#), if applicable. The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the management of property acquired by the District under grant awards that comply with federal and State law.

Capitalization Threshold

To be considered a capital asset for financial reporting purposes, a capital item must be at or above a capitalization threshold of \$~~5~~[10](#),000^{[PRESSPlus1](#)} and have an estimated useful life greater than one year.

Disposition of District Property

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the Board, as necessary, of the following so that the Board

may consider its disposition: (1) District personal property (property other than buildings and land) that is no longer needed for school purposes, and (2) school site, building, or other real estate that is unnecessary, unsuitable, or inconvenient. Notwithstanding the above, the Superintendent or designee may unilaterally dispose of personal property of a diminutive value. The Superintendent shall establish procedures for the disposition and, when permitted by the terms and conditions of the award, the retention [PRESSPlus2](#) of property acquired by the District under grant awards that comply with federal and State law.

Taxable Fringe Benefits

The Superintendent or designee shall: (1) require that all use of District property or equipment by employees is for the District's convenience and best interests unless it is a Board-approved fringe benefit, and (2) ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Service regulations regarding when to report an employee's personal use of District property or equipment as taxable compensation.

Controls for Revolving Funds and Petty Cash

Revolving funds and the petty cash system are established in Board policy 4:50, *Payment Procedures*. The Superintendent shall: (1) designate a custodian for each revolving fund and petty cash fund, (2) obtain a bond for each fund custodian, and (3) maintain the funds in compliance with this policy, State law, and ISBE rules. A check for the petty cash fund may be drawn payable to the designated petty cash custodian. Each revolving fund shall be maintained in a bank that has been approved by the Board and established in an amount approved by the Superintendent consistent with the annual budget. All expenditures from these bank accounts must be directly related to the purpose for which the account was established and supported with documentation, including signed invoices or receipts. All deposits into these bank accounts must be accompanied with a clear description of their intended purpose. The Superintendent or designee shall include checks written to reimburse revolving funds on the Board's monthly listing of bills indicating the recipient and including an explanation.

Control Requirements for Checks

The Board must approve all bank accounts opened or established in the District's or a District school's name or with the District's Federal Employer Identification Number. All checks issued by the School District must be signed by either the Financial Secretary and Business Manager or Superintendent's Secretary, except that checks from accounts containing student activity funds or fiduciary funds and checks from revolving accounts may be signed by their respective account custodians.

Internal Controls

The Superintendent is primarily responsible for establishing and implementing a system of internal controls for safeguarding the District's financial condition; the Board, however, will oversee these safeguards. The control objectives are to ensure efficient business and financial practices, reliable financial reporting, and compliance with State law and Board policies, and to prevent losses from fraud, waste, and abuse, as well as employee error, misrepresentation by third parties, or other imprudent employee action.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually audit the District's financial and business operations for compliance with established internal controls and provide the results to the Board. The Board may from time-to-time engage a third-party to audit internal controls in addition to the annual audit.

LEGAL REF.:

[2 C.F.R. §200](#) *et seq.*

[30 ILCS 708/](#), Grant Accountability and Transparency Act, implemented by [44 Ill.Admin.Code 7000](#) et seq.

[105 ILCS 5/2-3.27](#), [5/2-3.28](#), [5/3-7](#), [5/3-15.1](#), [5/5-22](#), [5/10-21.4](#), [5/10-20.19](#), [5/10-22.8](#), and [5/17-1](#) et seq.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 100](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:10 (Fiscal and Business Management), 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards), 4:90 (Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds)

Adopted: September 18, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 30046. A minimum threshold of \$10,000, or a lesser amount established by the board, and useful life greater than one year complies with the definition of *equipment* under federal grant rules. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to 2 C.F.R. Part 200, amended by 89 Fed. Reg. 30046. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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General Personnel

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

The School District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all persons regardless of their race; color; creed; religion; national origin; sex; sexual orientation; age; ancestry; marital status; arrest record; military status; order of protection status; unfavorable military discharge; citizenship status provided the individual is authorized to work in the United States; work authorization status; use of lawful products while not at work; being a victim of domestic violence, sexual violence, gender violence, or any other crime of violence; genetic information; physical or mental handicap or disability, if otherwise able to perform the essential functions of the job with reasonable accommodation; pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions; reproductive health decisions; credit history, unless a satisfactory credit history is an established bona fide occupational requirement of a particular position; conviction record, unless authorized by law; family responsibilities; or other legally protected categories. No one will be penalized solely for one's status as a registered qualifying patient or a registered designated caregiver for purposes of the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act, [410 ILCS 130/](#).

Persons who believe they have not received equal employment opportunities should report their claims to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or a Complaint Manager under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, or in the case of denial of equal employment opportunities on the basis of race, color, or national origin, Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*. These individuals are listed below. No employee or applicant will be discriminated or retaliated against because one: (1) requested, attempted to request, used, or attempted to use a reasonable accommodation as allowed by the Illinois Human Rights Act, or (2) initiated a complaint, was a witness, supplied information, or otherwise participated in an investigation or proceeding involving an alleged violation of this policy or State or federal laws, rules or regulations, provided the employee or applicant did not make a knowingly false accusation nor provide knowingly false information.

Administrative Implementation

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator for personnel who shall be responsible for coordinating the District's nondiscrimination efforts. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator may be the Superintendent or a Complaint Manager under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. ~~The Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's Title IX Coordinator.~~

The Superintendent shall appoint a Title IX Coordinator to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with Title IX. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, and Complaint Managers.

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

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The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members and applicants that the District is an equal opportunity employer, such as, by posting required notices and including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

Minority Recruitment

The District will attempt to recruit and hire minority employees. The implementation of this policy may include advertising openings in minority publications, participating in minority job fairs, and recruiting at colleges and universities with significant minority enrollments. This policy, however, does not require or permit the District to give preferential treatment or special rights based on a protected status without evidence of past discrimination.

LEGAL REF.:

[8 U.S.C. §1324a](#) *et seq.*, Immigration Reform and Control Act.

[20 U.S.C. §1681](#) *et seq.*, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#).

[29 U.S.C. §206](#)(d), Equal Pay Act.

[29 U.S.C. §218d](#), Fair Labor Standards Act.

[29 U.S.C. §621](#) *et seq.*, Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

[29 U.S.C. §701](#) *et seq.*, Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

[38 U.S.C. §4301](#) *et seq.*, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (1994).

[42 U.S.C. §1981](#) *et seq.*, Civil Rights Act of 1991.

[42 U.S.C. §2000d](#) *et seq.*, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; [34 C.F.R. Part 100](#).

[42 U.S.C. §2000e](#) *et seq.*, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; [29 C.F.R. Part 1601](#).

[42 U.S.C. §2000ff](#) *et seq.*, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

[42 U.S.C. §2000gg](#) *et seq.*, Pregnant Workers Fairness Act; [29 C.F.R. Part 1636](#).

[42 U.S.C. §2000e\(k\)](#), Pregnancy Discrimination Act.

[42 U.S.C. §12111](#) *et seq.*, Americans with Disabilities Act, Title I.

[Ill. Constitution, Art. I](#), §§17, 18, and 19.

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.7](#), [5/10-20.7a](#), [5/10-21.1](#), [5/10-22.4](#), [5/10-23.5](#), [5/22-19](#), [5/24-4](#), [5/24-4.1](#), and [5/24-7](#).

[410 ILCS 130/40](#), Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

[410 ILCS 513/25](#), Genetic Information Privacy Act.

[740 ILCS 174/](#), Ill. Whistleblower Act.

[775 ILCS 5/1-103](#), [5/2-101](#), [5/2-102](#), [5/2-103](#), [5/2-103.1](#), [5/2-104](#)(D) and [5/6-101](#), Ill. Human Rights Act.

[775 ILCS 35/](#), Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

[820 ILCS 55/10](#), Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act.

[820 ILCS 70/](#), Employee Credit Privacy Act.

[820 ILCS 75/](#), Job Opportunities for Qualified Applicants Act.

[820 ILCS 112/](#), Ill. Equal Pay Act of 2003.

[820 ILCS 180/30](#), Victims' Economic Security and Safety Act.

[820 ILCS 260/](#), Nursing Mothers in the Workplace Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:30 (Hiring Process and Criteria), 5:40 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 5:50 (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 5:70 (Religious Holidays), 5:180 (Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:250 (Leaves of Absence), 5:270 (Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment), 5:300 (Schedules and Employment Year),

5:330 (Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

Adopted: January 29, 2025

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Please [click here to submit the name and contact information](#) that will be applied to each of the following policies: 2:260, 2:265, 5:10, 5:20, 7:20, 7:180, and 7:255. Following the form's submission, IASB will add the Title IX Coordinator's name and contact information to this policy. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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General Personnel

5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited

The School District expects the workplace environment to be productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment. District employees shall not engage in harassment or abusive conduct on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, sexual orientation, age, citizenship status, work authorization status, disability, pregnancy, marital status, family responsibilities, reproductive health decisions, order of protection status, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military service, nor shall they engage in harassment or abusive conduct on the basis of an individual's other protected status identified in Board policy 5:10, *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*. Harassment of students, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, is prohibited by Board policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*; 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*; 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*; 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; and 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*.

The District will take remedial and corrective action to address unlawful workplace harassment, including sexual harassment.

Sexual Harassment Prohibited

The District shall provide a workplace environment free of verbal, physical, or other conduct or communications constituting harassment on the basis of sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by State and federal law. The District provides annual sexual harassment prevention training in accordance with State law.

District employees shall not make unwelcome sexual advances or request sexual favors or engage in any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature when: (1) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment; (2) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or (3) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment. Sexual harassment prohibited by this policy includes, but is not limited to, verbal, physical, or other conduct. The terms intimidating, hostile, or offensive include, but are not limited to, conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Sexual harassment will be evaluated in light of all the circumstances.

Making a Report or Complaint

Employees and *nonemployees* (persons who are not otherwise employees and are directly performing services for the District pursuant to a contract with the District, including contractors, and consultants) are encouraged to promptly report information regarding violations of this policy. Individuals may choose to report to a person of the individual's same gender. Every effort should be made to file such reports or complaints as soon as possible, while facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

Employees are encouraged to promptly report information regarding violations of this policy. Employees may choose to report to a person of the employee's same gender. Every effort should be made to file such complaints as soon as possible, while facts are known and potential witnesses are available.

Aggrieved individuals, if they feel comfortable doing so, should directly inform the person engaging in the harassing conduct or communication that such conduct or communication is offensive and must stop.

Whom to Contact with a Report or Complaint

An employee should report claims of harassment, including making a confidential report, to any of the following: his/her immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

An employee may also report claims using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. If a claim is reported using Board policy 2:260, then the Complaint Manager shall process and review the claim according to that policy, in addition to any response required by this policy.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, PRESSPlus1 and Complaint Managers. ~~The Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's Title IX Coordinator.~~

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Investigation Process

Any District employee who receives a report or complaint of harassment must promptly forward the report or complaint to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, [Title IX Coordinator](#), or a Complaint Manager. Any employee who fails to promptly forward a report or complaint may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Reports and complaints of harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain a workplace environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

For any report or complaint alleging [sexual-based](#) [PRESSPlus2](#) harassment that, if true, would implicate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ([20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.](#)), the [Nondiscrimination Title IX](#) Coordinator or designee shall consider whether action under Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, should be initiated.

For any report or complaint alleging harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall investigate under Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*.

For any other alleged workplace harassment that does not require action under Board policies 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, or 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall consider whether an investigation under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and/or 5:120, *Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest*, should be initiated, regardless of whether a written report or complaint is filed.

Reports That Involve Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse of a Child by School Personnel

An *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in [720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A\(b\)](#), that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

Any complaint alleging an incident of sexual abuse shall be processed and reviewed according to Board policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*. In addition to reporting the suspected abuse, the complaint shall also be processed under Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, or Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Enforcement

A violation of this policy by an employee may result in discipline, up to and including discharge. A violation of this policy by a third party will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent/guardian, invitee, etc. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action, which for an employee may be up to and including discharge.

Retaliation Prohibited

An employee's employment, compensation, or work assignment shall not be adversely affected by complaining or providing information about harassment. Retaliation against employees for bringing complaints or providing information about harassment is prohibited (see Board policies 2:260,

Uniform Grievance Procedure, 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, and 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*), and depending upon the law governing the complaint, whistleblower protection may be available under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act ([5 ILCS 430/](#)), the Whistleblower Act ([740 ILCS 174/](#)), and/or the Ill. Human Rights Act ([775 ILCS 5/](#)).

An employee should report allegations of retaliation to his/her immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

Employees who retaliate against others for reporting or complaining of violations of this policy or for participating in the reporting or complaint process will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge.

Recourse to State and Federal Fair Employment Practice Agencies

The District encourages all employees who have information regarding violations of this policy to report the information pursuant to this policy. The following government agencies are available to assist employees: the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Superintendent shall also use reasonable measures to inform staff members, applicants, and nonemployees of this policy, which shall include posting on the District website and/or making this policy available in the District's administrative office, and including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.

LEGAL REF.:

[42 U.S.C. §2000e](#) et seq., Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; [29 C.F.R. §1604.11](#).

[20 U.S.C. §1681](#) et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#).

[5 ILCS 430/70-5](#)(a), State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

[775 ILCS 5/2-101](#)(E) and (E-1), [5/2-102](#)(A), (A-10), (D-5), [5/2-102](#)(E-5), [5/2-109](#), [5/5-102](#), and [5/5-102.2](#), Ill. Human Rights Act.

[56 Ill. Admin.Code Parts 2500](#), [2510](#), [5210](#), and [5220](#).

[Vance v. Ball State Univ.](#), 570 U.S. 421 (2013).

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CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

Adopted: January 29, 2025

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Please [click here to submit the name and contact information](#) that will be applied to each of the following policies: 2:260, 2:265, 5:10, 5:20, 7:20, 7:180, and 7:255. Following the form's submission, IASB will add the Title IX Coordinator's name and contact information to this policy. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. Updated in response to *State of Tennessee v. Cardona*, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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General Personnel

5:60 Expenses

The Board regulates the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses by resolution. Money shall not be advanced or reimbursed, or purchase orders issued for: (1) the expenses of any person except the employee, (2) anyone's personal expenses, or (3) entertainment expenses. Entertainment includes, but is not limited to, shows, amusements, theaters, circuses, sporting events, or any other place of public or private entertainment or amusement, unless the entertainment is ancillary to the purpose of the program or event. The District is not responsible for losses due to an employee's own negligence, losses due to normal wear, or losses due to theft, unless the theft was a result of the District's negligence. Employees must submit the appropriate itemized, signed, standardized form(s) to support any requests for expense advancements, reimbursements, or purchase orders that show the following:

1. The amount of the estimated or actual expense, with attached receipts for actual incurred expenses.
2. The name and title of the employee who is requesting the expense advancement or reimbursement. Receipts from group functions must include the names, offices, and job titles of all participants.
3. The date(s) of the official business on which the expense advancement, reimbursement, or purchase order will be or was expended.
4. The nature of the official business conducted when the expense advancement, reimbursement, or purchase order will be or was expended.

Advancements

The Superintendent may advance expenses to teachers and other licensed employees for the anticipated actual and necessary expenses to be incurred while attending meetings that are related to their duties and will contribute to their professional development, provided they fall below the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations.

Expense advancement requests must be submitted to the Superintendent or designee on the District's standardized estimated expense approval form for employees. After spending expense advancements, employees must use the District's standardized expense reimbursement form and submit to the Superintendent: (a) the itemized, signed advancement voucher that was issued, and (b) the amount of actual expenses by attaching receipts. Any portion of an expense advancement not used must be returned to the District. Expense advancements and vouchers shall be presented to the Board in its regular bill process.

Reimbursements and Purchase Orders

Expense reimbursements and purchase orders may be issued by the Superintendent or designee to employees, along with other expenses necessary for the performance of their duties, provided the expenses fall below the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations.

Expense reimbursements and purchase order approvals are not guaranteed and, when possible,

employees should seek pre-approval of expenses by providing an estimation of expenses on the District's standardized estimated expense approval form for employees, except in situations when the expense is diminutive. When pre-approval is not sought, employees must seek reimbursement on the District's standardized expense reimbursement form for employees. Expense reimbursements and purchase orders shall be presented to the Board in its regular bill process.

Exceeding the Maximum Allowable Expense Amount(s)

All requests for expense advancements, reimbursements, and purchase orders exceeding the maximum allowed in the Board's expense regulations may only be approved when:

1. The Board's resolution to regulate expenses allows for such approval;
2. An emergency or other extraordinary circumstance exists; and
3. The request is approved by a roll call vote at an open Board meeting.

Registration

When possible, registration fees will be paid by the District in advance.

Travel

The least expensive method of travel will be used, provided that no hardship will be caused to the employee. Employees will be reimbursed for:

1. Air travel at the coach or economy class commercial airline rate. First class or business class air travel will be reimbursed only if emergency circumstances warrant. The emergency circumstances must be explained on the expense form and Board approval of the additional expense is required. Fees for the first checked bag will be reimbursed. Copies of airline tickets and baggage receipts must be attached to the expense form.
2. Rail or bus travel at actual cost. Rail or bus travel costs may not exceed the cost of coach airfare. Copies of tickets must be attached to the expense form to substantiate amounts.
3. Use of personal automobiles at the standard mileage rate approved by the Internal Revenue Service for income tax purposes. The reimbursement may not exceed the cost of coach airfare. Mileage for use of personal automobiles in trips to and from transportation terminals will also be reimbursed. Toll charges and parking costs will be reimbursed.
4. Automobile rental costs when the vehicle's use is warranted. The circumstances for such use must be explained on the expense form.
5. Taxis, airport limousines, ride sharing services, or other local transportation costs.

Meals

Meals charged to the District should represent mid-fare selections for the hotel/meeting facility or general area. Tips are included with meal charges. Expense forms must explain the meal charges incurred. Alcoholic beverages will not be reimbursed.

Lodging

Employees should request conference rate or mid-fare room accommodations. A single room rate will be reimbursed. Employees should pay personal expenses at checkout. If that is impossible, deductions for the charges should be made on the expense form.

Miscellaneous Expenses

Employees may seek reimbursement for other expenses incurred while attending a meeting sponsored by organizations described herein by fully describing the expenses on the expense form, attaching receipts.

Additional Requirements for Travel Expenses Charged to Federal and State Grants

All grant-related travel expenses must be pre-approved by the Superintendent or designee.

Expenses for travel, including expenses for transportation, lodging, meals, and related items incurred by employees and charged to a federal grant or State grant governed by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act ([30 ILCS 708/](#)) must also meet the following requirements:

1. The participation of the employee is necessary to the award, and the costs are specifically related to the award.
2. Expenses must be permissible under the terms and conditions of the award.
3. Expenses must be reasonable and consistent with this policy.
4. The Board does not reimburse actual expenses or pay a per diem allowance unless the employee is on official *travel status* for more than 12 hours. However, employees remain eligible for mileage reimbursement (minus regular commuting mileage/costs) and other transportation expenses if on travel status less than 12 hours.
5. Expenses may be charged based on an actual cost basis or on a per diem basis in lieu of actual costs incurred; however, only one method may be applied per trip.
6. Commercial airfare costs in excess of the least expensive coach or economy class are prohibited except when such accommodations would: (1) require circuitous routing; (2) require travel during unreasonable hours; (3) excessively prolong travel; (4) result in additional costs that would offset transportation savings; or (5) offer accommodations not reasonably adequate for the traveler's medical needs. Qualifying circumstances must be explained on the expense form, and Board approval of the additional expense is required.
7. Per diem rates and actual reimbursement amounts for mileage, meals, and lodging may not exceed the rates established by the Governor's Travel Control Board or federal travel regulations, whichever is less. These limits do not apply when: (1) an employee stays in the lowest-priced room available at or near a hotel where a conference or seminar is located or in accommodations arranged by the conference/seminar organization, or (2) lodging at or below the established rate is unavailable. In those cases, the employee will be reimbursed for actual lodging expenses with prior approval, but in no case will the reimbursement exceed 300% of the applicable maximum per diem rate. If a conference fee includes a meal, the meal or per diem allowance will be reduced by the actual value of the meal or the applicable meal allowance, whichever is less.
8. Employees must use the least expensive compact car available when using a rental car for travel, unless an exception is approved. The Board does not reimburse employees for collision damage waiver or theft insurance.
9. The Board will reimburse travel expenses not chargeable to an award from other District funds consistent with this policy.

LEGAL REF.:

2 C.F.R. §200.4754. [PRESSPlus1](#)

[30 ILCS 708/130](#), Grant Accountability and Transparency Act.

[50 ILCS 150/](#), Local Government Travel Expense Control Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-22.32.](#)

[820 ILCS 115/9.5,](#) Ill. Wage Payment and Collection Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:125 (Board Member Compensation; Expenses), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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INSTRUCTION

6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction

A student who is absent from school, or whose physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse anticipates that the student will be absent from school, because of a medical condition may be eligible for instruction in the student's home or hospital. Eligibility shall be determined by State law and the Ill. State Board of Education rules governing (1) the continuum of placement options for students who have been identified for special education services or (2) the home and hospital instruction provisions for students who have not been identified for special education services. Appropriate educational services from qualified staff will begin no later than five school days after receiving a written statement from: (1) a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, (2) a licensed physician assistant, or (3) a licensed advanced practice registered nurse. Instructional or related services for a student receiving special education services will be determined by the student's individualized education program.

A student who is unable to attend school because of pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, the fulfillment of parenting obligations related to the health of the child, or health and safety concerns arising from domestic or sexual violence as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A, will be provided home instruction, correspondence courses, or other courses of instruction under the following circumstances: [PRESSPlus1](#)

1. ~~(1) b~~ Before the birth of the child when the student's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse indicates, in writing, that she is medically unable to attend regular classroom instruction, ~~and (2) f~~
2. For up to three months after the child's birth or a miscarriage. [PRESSPlus2](#)
3. When a student must care for his or her ill child if:
 - a. The child's physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse informs the District, in writing, that the child has a serious health condition [PRESSPlus3](#) that would require the student to be absent from school for two or more consecutive weeks; and
 - b. The student or the student's parent/guardian informs the District, in writing, that the student needs to care for the child during this period.
4. The student must treat physical or mental health complications or address safety concerns arising from domestic or sexual violence when a health care provider or an employee of the student's domestic or sexual violence organization, as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A, informs the District, in writing, that the care is needed by the student and will cause the student's absence from school for two or more consecutive weeks.

The District may reassess home instruction provided to a student under No. 3 or No. 4 every two months to determine the student's continuing need for home instruction.

Periodic conferences will be held between appropriate school personnel, parent(s)/guardian(s), and hospital staff to coordinate course work and facilitate a student's return to school.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-19.05\(e\)](#), [5/10-22.6a](#), [5/14-13.01](#), and [5/18-4.5](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.520, 1.610](#), and [226.300](#).

CROSS REF.: 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

Adopted: September 18, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6a, amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. Number 2 does not require a written statement from a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse. See policy 7:255, *Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. *Serious health condition* means an illness, injury, impairment, or physical or mental health condition that involves inpatient care in a hospital, hospice, or residential medical care facility or continuing treatment by a health care provider that is not controlled by medication alone. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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INSTRUCTION

6:235 Access to Electronic Networks

Electronic networks are a part of the District's instructional program and serve to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The term *electronic networks* includes all of the District's technology resources, including, but not limited to:

1. The District's local-area and wide-area networks, including wireless networks (Wi-Fi), District-issued Wi-Fi hotspots, and any District servers or other networking infrastructure;
2. Access to the Internet or other online resources via the District's networks or to any District-issued online account from any computer or device, regardless of location;
3. District-owned or District-issued computers, laptops, tablets, phones, or similar devices.

The Superintendent shall develop an implementation plan for this policy and appoint system administrator(s).

The School District is not responsible for any information that may be lost or damaged, or become unavailable when using the network, or for any information that is retrieved or transmitted via the Internet. Furthermore, the District will not be responsible for any unauthorized charges or fees resulting from access to the Internet.

Curriculum and Appropriate Online Behavior

The use of the District's electronic networks shall: (1) be consistent with the curriculum adopted by the District as well as the varied instructional needs, learning styles, abilities, and developmental levels of the students, and (2) comply with the selection criteria for instructional materials and library resource center materials. As required by federal law and Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, students will be educated about appropriate online behavior, including but not limited to: (1) interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, and (2) cyberbullying awareness and response. Staff members may, consistent with the Superintendent's implementation plan, use the Internet throughout the curriculum.

The District's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use.

Acceptable Use

All use of the District's electronic networks must be: (1) in support of education and/or research, and be in furtherance of the goals stated herein, or (2) for a legitimate school business purpose. Use is a privilege, not a right. Users of the District's electronic networks have no expectation of privacy in any material that is stored on, transmitted, or received via the District's electronic networks. General rules for behavior and communications apply when using electronic networks. The District's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*, contains the appropriate uses, ethics, and protocol. Electronic communications and downloaded material, including files deleted from a user's account but not erased, may be monitored or read by school officials.

Internet Safety

Technology protection measures shall be used on each District computer with Internet access. They shall include a filtering device that protects against Internet access by both adults and minors to visual depictions that are: (1) obscene, (2) pornographic, or (3) harmful or inappropriate for students, as defined by federal law and as determined by the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee shall enforce the use of such filtering devices. An administrator, supervisor, or other authorized person may disable the filtering device for bona fide research or other lawful purpose, provided the person receives prior permission from the Superintendent or system administrator. The Superintendent or designee shall include measures in this policy's implementation plan to address the following:

1. Ensure staff supervision of student access to online electronic networks,
2. Restrict student access to inappropriate matter as well as restricting access to harmful materials,
3. Ensure student and staff privacy, safety, and security when using electronic communications,
4. Restrict unauthorized access, including "hacking" and other unlawful activities, and
5. Restrict unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information, such as, names and addresses.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)-Enabled Tools [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Board recognizes that AI-enabled tools are important to enhance student learning, educator effectiveness, and school operations. The use of AI-enabled tools in the District shall be implemented in a safe, ethical, and equitable manner and in accordance with Board policies 1:30, *School District Philosophy*, and 7:345, *Use of Educational Technologies*.

To implement the use of AI-enabled tools in the District, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Develop a District-wide AI Plan that addresses the District's approach to the integration of AI;
2. Based on the District-wide AI Plan, establish AI Responsible Use Guidelines to address the responsible use of AI in the District by students and staff;
3. Ensure that AI-enabled tools comply with State and federal law;
4. Ensure that staff receive training and students receive instruction on the use of AI, as appropriate; and
5. Review the District's AI Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines on an annual basis and update them as needed.

Authorization for Electronic Network Access

Each staff member must sign the *Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks* as a condition for using the District's electronic network. Each student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign the *Authorization* before being granted unsupervised use.

Confidentiality

All users of the District's computers to access the Internet shall maintain the confidentiality of student records. Reasonable measures to protect against unreasonable access shall be taken before confidential student information is loaded onto the network.

Violations

The failure of any user to follow the terms of the District's administrative procedure, *Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks*, or this policy, will result in the loss of privileges, disciplinary action, and/or appropriate legal action.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §7131](#), Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

[47 U.S.C. §254](#)(h) and (l), Children's Internet Protection Act.

[47 C.F.R. Part 54](#), Subpart F, Universal Service Support for Schools and Libraries.

[115 ILCS 5/14](#)(c-5), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

[720 ILCS 5/26.5](#).

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:170 (Copyright), 6:40 (Curriculum Development), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 6:220 (Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program), 6:230 (Library Media Program), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

Adopted: September 15, 2021

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Optional. Artificial intelligence is a rapidly evolving and complex technology that implicates many unsettled legal and ethical issues. This content contains an item on which collective bargaining may be required. Any policy that impacts upon wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment is subject to collective bargaining upon request by the employee representative, even if the policy involves an inherent managerial right.

A Statewide Generative AI and Natural Language Processing Taskforce issued a report to the General Assembly in December 2024 (<https://doit.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/doit/meetings/ai-taskforce/reports/2024-gen-ai-task-force-report.pdf>) that recommended the Ill. State Board of Education provide guidance on the use of AI in schools, best practices, and educator training. The U.S. Dept. of Education released a toolkit to assist education leaders with the safe, ethical, and equitable integration of AI within education systems, available at: http://downloads.microscribepub.com/il/press/federal_resources/FINAL-ED-OET-EdLeaders-AI-Toolkit-10.29.24_20250221.pdf. Note: This resource may no longer be available on a federal government website but is being maintained at PRESS Online to provide consistent subscriber access.

Adopting policy language that addresses AI provides (a) a way for boards to monitor how this technology is being used in the district, and (b) an opportunity for the board and the superintendent to examine all current policies, collective bargaining agreements, and administrative procedures on this subject. Before adoption of this subhead, the board may want to have a conversation with the superintendent to determine how local conditions, resources, and current practices will support the full implementation of a policy that addresses AI and its goals. The use of AI will be most effective when the policy reflects local conditions and circumstances. Consult the board attorney about these issues. See sample administrative procedure 6:235-AP3, *Development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Plan and AI Responsible Use Guidelines*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for a

suggested framework for developing an AI plan and guidelines. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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STUDENTS

7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to color, race, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, gender identity, status of being homeless, immigration status, order of protection status, military status, unfavorable military discharge, reproductive health decisions, or 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 Board policy 8:20, *Community Use of School Facilities*. Any student may file a discrimination complaint by using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, or in the case of discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin, Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*.

Sex Equity

No student shall, based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities.

Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A student may appeal the Board's resolution of the complaint to the appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director (pursuant to [105 ILCS 5/3-10](#)) and, thereafter, to the State Superintendent of Education (pursuant to [105 ILCS 5/2-3.8](#)).

Any student may file a sexual harassment discrimination ^{PRESSPlus1} complaint by using Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*.

Administrative Implementation

The Superintendent shall appoint a Nondiscrimination Coordinator, ~~who also serves as the District's~~ ^{and a} Title IX Coordinator. The Superintendent and Building Principal shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students of this policy and related grievance procedures.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1681](#) et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#).

[29 U.S.C. §791](#) et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973; [34 C.F.R. Part 104](#).

[42 U.S.C. §2000d](#), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; [34 C.F.R. Part 100](#).

[42 U.S.C. §11431](#) et seq., McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

[Good News Club v. Milford Central Sch.](#), 533 U.S. 98 (2001).

[III. Constitution, Art. I, §18.](#)

[105 ILCS 5/3.25b](#), [5/3.25d\(b\)](#), [5/10-20.12](#), [5/10-20.60](#), [5/10-20.63](#), [5/10-22.5](#), [5/26A](#), and [5/27-1](#).

[775 ILCS 5/1-101](#) et seq., Illinois Human Rights Act.

[775 ILCS 35/5](#), Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240](#) and [Part 200](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:250 (Student Support Services), [7:255 \(Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence\)](#), 7:340 (Student Records), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities)

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PRESSPlus Comments

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STUDENTS

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

No person, including a School District employee, 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; physical appearance; socioeconomic status; academic status; association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics; or any other distinguishing characteristic. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, sexual, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, stalking, sexual violence, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, threatened or actual destruction of property, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

Sexual Harassment Prohibited

The District shall provide an educational environment free of verbal, physical, or other conduct or communications constituting harassment on the basis of sex as defined and otherwise prohibited by State and federal law. See Board policies 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, and 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Making a Report or Complaint

Students are encouraged to promptly report claims or incidents of bullying, intimidation, harassment, sexual harassment, or any other prohibited conduct to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, a Complaint Manager, or any employee with whom the student is comfortable speaking. ~~A student may choose to report to an employee of the student's same gender.~~ [PRESSPlus1](#)

Reports under this policy will be considered a report under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and/or Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator, [Title IX Coordinator](#), [PRESSPlus2](#) and/or Complaint Manager or designee shall process and review the report according to the appropriate grievance procedure.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator, [Title IX Coordinator](#), and Complaint Managers. ~~The Nondiscrimination Coordinator also serves as the District's Title IX Coordinator.~~

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The Superintendent shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students of this policy by including:

1. For students, age-appropriate information about the contents of this policy in the District's student handbook(s), on the District's website, and, if applicable, in any other areas where policies, rules, and standards of conduct are otherwise posted in each school.
2. For staff members, this policy in the appropriate employee handbook(s), if applicable, and/or in any other areas where policies, rules, and standards of conduct are otherwise made available to staff.

Investigation Process

Any District employee who receives a report or complaint of harassment must promptly forward the report or complaint to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, or a Complaint Manager. Any employee who fails to promptly comply may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

Reports and complaints of harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain an educational environment that is productive, respectful, and free of unlawful discrimination, including harassment.

For any report or complaint alleging sexual-based PRESSPlus3 harassment that, if true, would implicate Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.), the Nondiscrimination Title IX Coordinator or designee shall consider whether action under Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, should be initiated.

For any report or complaint alleging harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall investigate under Board policy 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*.

For any other alleged student harassment that does not require action under Board policies 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, or 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator or a Complaint Manager or designee shall consider whether an investigation under Board policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, and/or 7:190, *Student Behavior*, should be initiated, regardless of whether a written report or complaint is filed.

Reports That Involve Alleged Incidents of Sexual Abuse of a Child by School Personnel

An *alleged incident of sexual abuse* is an incident of sexual abuse of a child, as defined in [720 ILCS 5/11-9.1A\(b\)](#), that is alleged to have been perpetrated by school personnel, including a school vendor or volunteer, that occurred: on school grounds during a school activity; or outside of school grounds or not during a school activity.

Any complaint alleging an incident of sexual abuse shall be processed and reviewed according to Board policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*. In addition to reporting the suspected abuse, the complaint shall also be processed under Board policy 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, or Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any third party who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent/guardian, invitee, etc. Any District student who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in conduct prohibited by this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, suspension and expulsion consistent with the behavior policy. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding prohibited conduct will likewise be subject to disciplinary action.

Retaliation Prohibited

Retaliation against any person for bringing complaints or providing information about harassment is prohibited (see Board policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*, 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*, and 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*).

Students should report allegations of retaliation to the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1681](#) et seq., Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; [34 C.F.R. Part 106](#).

[29 U.S.C. §791](#) et seq., Rehabilitation Act of 1973; [34 C.F.R. Part 104](#).

[42 U.S.C. §2000d](#), Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; [34 C.F.R. Part 100](#).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.12](#), [5/10-22.5](#), [5/10-23.13](#), [5/26A](#), [5/27-1](#), and [5/27-23.7](#).

[775 ILCS 5/1-101](#) et seq., Illinois Human Rights Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240](#) and [Part 200](#).

[Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ.](#), 526 U.S. 629 (1999).

[Franklin v. Gwinnett Co. Public Schs.](#), 503 U.S. 60 (1992).

[Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent Sch. Dist.](#), 524 U.S. 274 (1998).

West v. Derby Unified Sch. Dist. No. 260, 206 F.3d 1358 (10th Cir. 2000).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 4:165 (Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence)

Adopted: October 16, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. This sentence is stricken because the preceding sentence already states that students are encouraged to report to any employee with whom the student is comfortable speaking. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. Please [click here to submit the name and contact information](#) that will be applied to each of the following policies: 2:260, 2:265, 5:10, 5:20, 7:20, 7:180, and 7:255. Following the form's submission, IASB will add the Title IX Coordinator's name and contact information to this policy. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. Updated in response to *State of Tennessee v. Cardona*, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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7:60 Residence

Resident Students

Only students who are residents of the District may attend a District school without a tuition charge, except as otherwise provided below or in State law. A student's residence is the same as the person who has legal custody of the student.

A person asserting legal custody over a student, who is not the child's natural or adoptive parent, shall complete a signed statement, stating: (a) that he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the child, (b) the reason the child lives with him or her, other than to receive an education in the District, and (c) that he or she exercises full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency. If the District knows the current address of the child's natural or adoptive parent, the District shall request in writing that the person complete a signed statement or affidavit stating: (a) the role and responsibility of the person with whom their child is living, and (b) that the person with whom the child is living has full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency.

A student whose family moves out of the District during the school year will be permitted to attend school for the remainder of the year without payment of tuition.

When a student's change of residence is due to the military service obligation of the student's legal custodian, the student's residence is deemed to be unchanged for the duration of the custodian's military service obligation if the student's custodian made a written request. The District, however, is not responsible for the student's transportation to or from school.

If, at the time of enrollment, a dependent child of military personnel is housed in temporary housing located outside of the District, but will be living within the District within six months after the time of initial enrollment, the child is allowed to enroll, subject to the requirements of State law, and must not be charged tuition.

Residence of Students with Disabilities

The residence of a child with a disability is determined in accordance with [105 ILCS 5/14-1.11](#), [5.14-1.11a](#), and [5/14-1.11b](#).

Admission of Nonresident Students Pursuant to an Agreement or Order

Nonresident students may attend District schools pursuant to whenever any State or federal law or a court order mandates the acceptance of a non-resident student.

- [According to an intergovernmental agreement, including, but not limited to, an agreement for interdistrict transfer of students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence under 105 ILCS 5/26A.](#) [PRESSPlus1](#)

Homeless Children

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce records normally required to establish residency. Board of Education policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, and its implementing administrative procedure, govern the enrollment of homeless children.

Challenging a Student's Residence Status

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a student attending school on a tuition-free basis is a nonresident of the District for whom tuition is required to be charged, he or she on behalf of the Board of Education shall notify the person who enrolled the student of the tuition amount that is due. The notice shall detail the specific reasons why the Board believes that the student is a nonresident of the District and shall be given by certified mail, return receipt requested. The person who enrolled the student may challenge this determination and request a hearing as provided by the School Code, [105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b](#).

LEGAL REF.:

[42 U.S.C. §11431](#) *et seq.*, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.12a](#), [5/10-20.12b](#), [5/10-22.5](#), [5/10-22.5a](#), [5/14-1.11](#), [5/14-1.11a](#), [5/14-1.11b](#), and [5/26A](#).

[105 ILCS 45/](#), Education for Homeless Children Act.

[105 ILCS 70/](#), Educational Opportunity for Military Children Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240](#).

Israel S. by Owens v. Bd. of Educ. of Oak Park and River Forest High Sch. Dist. 200, 235 Ill.App.3d 652 (5th Dist. 1992).

Joel R. v. Board of Education of Manheim School District 83, 292 Ill.App.3d 607 (1st Dist. 1997).

Kraut v. Rachford, 51 Ill.App.3d 206 (1st Dist. 1977).

CROSS REF.: 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), [7:255 \(Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence\)](#)

Adopted: January 24, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. An example of an agreement described in #3 is one to accept nonresident students; entering into such an agreement is optional. Nonresident students may include students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence under 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, *a/k/a Ensuring Success in School Law*, eff. 7-1-25. Interdistrict transfer is not required by Article 26A, but including language about it in this policy is recommended in the 2024 Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Task Force Report to the Governor and the General Assembly, available here: www.isbe.net/Documents_ESSTaskForce/Final-Report-ESS-Report-June-2024.pdf. For further information about the 2024 ESS Task Force, see footnote 1 in sample policy 7:255, *Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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7:70 Attendance and Truancy

Compulsory School Attendance

This policy applies to individuals who have custody or control of a child: (a) between the ages of six (on or before September 1) and 17 years (unless the child has graduated from high school), or (b) who is enrolled in any of grades kindergarten through 8 in the public school regardless of age. Subject to specific requirements in State law, the following children are not required to attend public school: (1) any child attending a private school (including a home school) or parochial school, (2) any child who is physically or mentally unable to attend school (including a pregnant student suffering medical complications as certified by her physician), (3) any child lawfully and necessarily employed, (4) any child over 12 and under 14 years of age while in confirmation classes, and (5) any child absent because of religious reasons, including to observe a religious holiday, for religious instruction, or because his or her religion forbids secular activity on a particular day(s) or time of day.

The parent/guardian of a student who is enrolled must authorize all absences from school and notify the school in advance or at the time of the student's absence. A valid cause for absence includes illness (including mental or behavioral health of the student), attendance at a verified medical or therapeutic appointment (including a victim services provider), [PRESSPlus1](#) observance of a religious holiday, death in the immediate family, attendance at a civic event, family emergency, other situations beyond the control of the student as determined by the Board, other circumstances that cause reasonable concern to the parent/guardian for the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or safety, or other reason as approved by the Superintendent or designee. For students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence, valid cause for absence also includes the fulfillment of a parenting responsibility and addressing circumstances resulting from domestic or sexual violence. [PRESSPlus2](#) Students absent for a valid cause may make up missed homework and classwork assignments in a reasonable timeframe.

Absenteeism and Truancy Program

The Superintendent or designee shall manage an absenteeism and truancy program in accordance with the School Code and Board of Education policy. The program shall include but not be limited to:

1. A protocol for excusing a student in grades 6 through 8 from attendance to sound *Taps* at a military honors funeral held in Illinois for a deceased veteran.
2. A protocol for excusing a student from attendance on a particular day(s) or at a particular time of day when his/her parent/guardian is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called to duty for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone or combat-support postings.
3. A process to telephone, within two hours after the first class, the parents/guardians of students in grade 8 or below who are absent without prior parent/guardian notification.
4. A process to identify and track students who are truants, chronic or habitual truants, or truant minors as defined in [105 ILCS 5/26-2a](#).
5. A description of diagnostic procedures for identifying the cause(s) of a student's unexcused

absenteeism, including interviews with the student, his or her parent(s)/guardian(s), and staff members or other people who may have information about the reasons for the student's attendance problem.

6. The identification of supportive services that may be offered to truant, chronically truant, or chronically absent students, including parent-teacher conferences, student and/or family counseling, ~~or~~ and information about available community ~~agency~~ services relevant to such students' needs. See Board policy 6:110, *Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program*.
7. A process for the collection and review of chronic absence data and to:
 - a. Determine what systems of support and resources are needed to engage chronically absent students and their families, and
 - b. Encourage the habit of daily attendance and promote success.
8. Reasonable efforts to provide ongoing professional development to ~~teachers, administrators~~ all school personnel, Board members, and school resource officers, ~~and staff~~ PRESSPlus3 on the appropriate and available supportive services for the promotion of student attendance and engagement.
9. A process to request the assistance and resources of outside agencies, such as, the juvenile officer of the local police department or the truant office of the appropriate Intermediate Service Center, if truancy continues after supportive services have been offered.
10. A protocol for cooperating with non-District agencies including County or municipal authorities, the Intermediate Service Center, truant officers, the Community Truancy Review Board, and a comprehensive community based youth service agency. Any disclosure of school student records must be consistent with Board policy 7:340, *Student Records*, as well as State and federal law concerning school student records.
11. An acknowledgement that no punitive action, including out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, or court action, shall be taken against a truant minor for his or her truancy unless available supportive services and other school resources have been provided to the student.
12. The criteria to determine whether a student's non-attendance is due to extraordinary circumstances shall include economic or medical necessity or family hardship and such other criteria that the Superintendent believes qualifies.

Monitoring Updating

Pursuant to State law and Board

policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board updates this policy at least once every two years. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its update.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/22-92 and 5/26-1 through 5/26-3, 5/26-5 through 5/26-16, ~~and 5/26-18,~~ and 5/26A.

705 ILCS 405/3-33.5, Juvenile Court Act of 1987.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.242 and 1.290.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools), 7:60 (Residence), 7:80 (Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance), 7:90 (Release During School Hours), 7:190 (Student Behavior),

7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence),
7:340 (Student Records)

Adopted: January 24, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26-2a, amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Law*, eff. 7-1-25. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. 105 ILCS 5/26-2a, amended by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. *Fulfillment of a parenting responsibility* includes, but is not limited to, arranging and providing child care, caring for a sick child, attending prenatal or other medical appointments for the expectant student, and attending medical appointments for a child. *Circumstances resulting from domestic or sexual violence* includes, but is not limited to, experiencing domestic or sexual violence, recovering from physical or psychological injuries, seeking medical attention, seeking services from a domestic or sexual violence organization as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A-10, seeking psychological or other counseling, participating in safety planning, temporarily or permanently relocating, seeking legal assistance or remedies, or taking any other action to increase the safety or health of the student or to protect the student from future domestic or sexual violence. Before an absence of three or more consecutive days that is related to domestic or sexual violence, a district may require a student to verify his or her claim of domestic or sexual violence under 105 ILCS 5/26A-45. See policy 7:255, *Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, and sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(c-5), amended by P.A. 103-896. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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STUDENTS

7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Bullying, intimidation, and harassment diminish a student's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate. Preventing students from engaging in these disruptive behaviors and providing all students equal access to a safe, non-hostile learning environment are important District goals.

Bullying on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical appearance, socioeconomic status, academic status, pregnancy, parenting status, homelessness, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, military status, sexual orientation, gender-related identity or expression, unfavorable discharge from military service, order of protection status, association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics, or any other distinguishing characteristic **is prohibited** in each of the following situations:

1. During any school-sponsored education program or activity.
2. While in school, on school property, on school buses or other school vehicles, at designated school bus stops waiting for the school bus, or at school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.
3. Through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or other similar electronic school equipment.
4. Through the transmission of information from a computer that is accessed at a non-school-related location, activity, function, or program or from the use of technology or an electronic device that is not owned, leased, or used by the School District or school if the bullying causes a substantial disruption to the educational process or orderly operation of a school. This paragraph (item #4) applies only when a school administrator or teacher receives a report that bullying through this means has occurred; it does not require staff members to monitor any non-school-related activity, function, or program.

Definitions from [105 ILCS 5/27-23.7](#)

Bullying includes *cyberbullying* and means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically, directed toward a student or students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following:

1. Placing the student or students in reasonable fear of harm to the student's or students' person or property;
2. Causing a substantially detrimental effect on the student's or students' physical or mental health;
3. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' academic performance; or
4. Substantially interfering with the student's or students' ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

Bullying may take various forms, including without limitation one or more of the following: harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying. This list is

meant to be illustrative and non-exhaustive.

Cyberbullying means bullying through the use of technology or any electronic communication, including without limitation any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic system, photo-electronic system, or photo-optical system, including without limitation electronic mail, Internet communications, instant messages, or facsimile communications. *Cyberbullying* includes the creation of a webpage or weblog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person or the knowing impersonation of another person as the author of posted content or messages if the creation or impersonation creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*. *Cyberbullying* also includes the distribution by electronic means of a communication to more than one person or the posting of material on an electronic medium that may be accessed by one or more persons if the distribution or posting creates any of the effects enumerated in the definition of *bullying*.

Restorative measures means a continuum of school-based alternatives to exclusionary discipline, such as suspensions and expulsions, that: (i) are adapted to the particular needs of the school and community, (ii) contribute to maintaining school safety, (iii) protect the integrity of a positive and productive learning climate, (iv) teach students the personal and interpersonal skills they will need to be successful in school and society, (v) serve to build and restore relationships among students, families, schools, and communities, (vi) reduce the likelihood of future disruption by balancing accountability with an understanding of students' behavioral health needs in order to keep students in school, and (vii) increase student accountability if the incident of bullying is based on religion, race, ethnicity, or any other category that is identified in the Ill. Human Rights Act.

School personnel means persons employed by, on contract with, or who volunteer in a school district, including without limitation school and school district administrators, teachers, school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, school resource officers, and security guards.

Bullying Prevention and Response Plan

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a bullying prevention and response plan that advances the District's goal of providing all students with a safe learning environment free of bullying and harassment. This plan must be consistent with the requirements listed below.

1. The District uses the definition of *bullying* as provided in this policy.
2. Bullying is contrary to State law and the policy of this District. However, nothing in the District's bullying prevention and response plan is intended to infringe upon any right to exercise free expression or the free exercise of religion or religiously based views protected under the [First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution](#) or under [Section 3 of Article I of the Illinois Constitution](#).
3. Students are encouraged to immediately report bullying. A report may be made orally or in writing to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, [Title IX Coordinator](#), [PRESSPlus1](#) Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, a Complaint Manager, or any staff member with whom the student is comfortable speaking. Anyone, including staff members and parents/guardians, who has information about actual or threatened bullying is encouraged to report it to the District named officials or any staff member. The District named officials and all staff members are available for help with a bully or to make a report about bullying. Anonymous reports are also accepted; however, this shall not be construed to permit formal disciplinary action solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

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4. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, the parents/guardians of all students involved in an alleged incident of bullying will be notified of such, along with threats, suggestions, or instances of self-harm determined to be the result of bullying, within 24 hours after the school's administration is made aware of the student's involvement in the incident. As appropriate, the school's administration shall also discuss the availability of social work services, counseling, school psychological services, other interventions, and restorative measures. The school shall make diligent efforts to notify a parent or legal guardian, utilizing all contact information the school has available or that can be reasonably obtained within the 24-hour period.
5. The Superintendent or designee shall promptly investigate and address reports of bullying, by, among other things:
 - a. Making all reasonable efforts to complete the investigation within 10 school days after the date the report of a bullying incident was received and taking into consideration additional relevant information received during the course of the investigation about the reported bullying incident.
 - b. Involving appropriate school support personnel and other staff persons with knowledge, experience, and training on bullying prevention, as deemed appropriate, in the investigation process.
 - c. Notifying the Building Principal or school administrator or designee of the reported incident of bullying as soon as possible after the report is received.
 - d. Consistent with federal and State laws and rules governing student privacy rights, providing parents/guardians of the students who are parties to the investigation information about the investigation and an opportunity to meet with the Building Principal

or school administrator or his or her designee to discuss the investigation, the findings of the investigation, and the actions taken to address the reported incident of bullying.

The Superintendent or designee shall investigate whether a reported incident of bullying is within the permissible scope of the District's jurisdiction and shall require that the District provide the victim with information regarding services that are available within the District and community, such as counseling, support services, and other programs.

6. The Superintendent or designee shall use interventions to address bullying, that may include, but are not limited to, school social work services, restorative measures, social-emotional skill building, counseling, school psychological services, and community-based services.
7. A reprisal or retaliation against any person who reports an act of bullying **is prohibited**. Any person's act of reprisal or retaliation will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge with regard to employees, or suspension and/or expulsion with regard to students.
8. A student will not be punished for reporting bullying or supplying information, even if the District's investigation concludes that no bullying occurred. However, a person who is found to have falsely accused another of bullying, as a means of retaliation, as a means of bullying, or provided false information will be treated as either: (a) *bullying*, (b) student discipline up to and including suspension and/or expulsion, and/or (c) both (a) and (b) for purposes of determining any consequences or other appropriate remedial actions.
9. The District's bullying prevention and response plan is based on the engagement of a range of school stakeholders, including students and parents/guardians.
10. The Superintendent or designee shall post this policy on the District's publicly accessible website, if any, and include it in the student handbook, and, where applicable, post it where other policies, rules, and standards of conduct are currently posted. The policy must be distributed annually to parents/guardians, students, and school personnel (including new employees when hired), and must also be provided periodically throughout the school year to students and faculty.
11. Pursuant to State law and Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board monitors this policy every two years by conducting a review and re-evaluation of this policy to make any necessary and appropriate revisions. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its re-evaluation and assessment of this policy's outcomes and effectiveness. Updates to this policy will reflect any necessary and appropriate revisions. This process shall include, without limitation:
 - a. The frequency of victimization;
 - b. Student, staff, and family observations of safety at a school;
 - c. Identification of areas of a school where bullying occurs;
 - d. The types of bullying utilized; and
 - e. Bystander intervention or participation.

The evaluation process may use relevant data and information that the District already collects for other purposes. Acceptable documentation to satisfy the re-evaluated policy submission include one of the following:

- 1) An updated version of the policy with the amendment/modification date included in the reference portion of the policy;
- 2) If no revisions are deemed necessary, a copy of board minutes indicating that the policy was re-evaluated and no changes were deemed to be necessary; or
- 3) A signed statement from the Board President indicating that the Board re-evaluated the

policy and no changes to it were necessary.

The Superintendent or designee must post the information developed as a result of the policy re-evaluation on the District's website, or if a website is not available, the information must be provided to school administrators, Board members, school personnel, parents/guardians, and students. Reviews and re-evaluations in years they are due must be submitted to ISBE by September 30.

12. The Superintendent or designee shall fully implement the Board policies, including without limitation, the following:
 - a. 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. A student may use this policy to complain about bullying.
 - b. 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. Any person may use this policy to complain about sexual harassment ~~discrimination~~ [PRESSPlus2](#) in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.
 - c. 2:270, *Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited*. Any person may use this policy to complain about discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and/or the Illinois Human Rights Act.
 - d. 6:60, *Curriculum Content*. Bullying prevention and character instruction is provided in all grades in accordance with State law.
 - e. 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*. Student social and emotional development is incorporated into the District's educational program as required by State law.
 - f. 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*. This policy states that the use of the District's electronic networks is limited to: (1) support of education and/or research, or (2) a legitimate business use.
 - g. 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. This policy prohibits any person from harassing, intimidating, or bullying a student based on an identified actual or perceived characteristic (the list of characteristics in 7:20 is the same as the list in this policy).
 - h. 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*. This policy prohibits teen dating violence on school property, at school sponsored activities, and in vehicles used for school-provided transportation.
 - i. 7:190, *Student Behavior*. This policy prohibits, and provides consequences for, hazing, bullying, or other aggressive behaviors, or urging other students to engage in such conduct.
 - j. 7:310, *Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools*. This policy prohibits students from and provides consequences for: (1) accessing and/or distributing at school any written, printed, or electronic material, including material from the Internet, that will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities, and (2) creating and/or distributing written, printed, or electronic material, including photographic material and blogs, that causes substantial disruption to school operations or interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.14](#), [5/10-22.6\(b-20\)](#), [5/24-24](#), and [5/27-23.7](#).

[405 ILCS 49/](#), Children's Mental Health Act.

[775 ILCS 5/1-103](#), Ill. Human Rights Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§1.240, 1.280](#), and [1.295](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 2:270 (Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited), 4:170 (Safety), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:285 (Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools)

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PRESSPlus Comments

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7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is prohibited. For purposes of this policy, the term *teen dating violence* occurs whenever a student who is 13 to 19 years of age uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control an individual in the dating relationship; or uses or threatens to use sexual violence in the dating relationship.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program to respond to incidents of teen dating violence that:

1. Fully implements and enforces each of the following Board policies:
 - a. 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. This policy provides a method for any student, parent/guardian, employee, or community member to file a complaint if he or she believes that the School Board, its employees, or its agents have violated his or her rights under the State or federal Constitution, State or federal statute, Board policy, or various enumerated bases.
 - b. 2:265, *Title IX Grievance Procedure*. This policy prohibits a District employee, agent, or student from engaging in sexual discrimination, including sex-based harassment, [PRESSPlus1](#) in violation of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Prohibited conduct includes but is not limited to sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.
 - c. 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. This policy prohibits any person, including a District employee, agent, or student, from harassing intimidating, or bullying a student based on the student's actual or perceived characteristics of sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; and gender-related identity or expression (this policy includes more protected statuses).
 - d. 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*. This policy prohibits students from engaging in bullying, intimidation, and harassment at school, school-related events and electronically. Prohibited conduct includes threats, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation for asserting or alleging an act of bullying.
2. Encourages anyone with information about incidents of teen dating violence to report them to any of the following individuals:
 - a. Any school staff member. School staff shall respond to incidents of teen dating violence by following the District's established procedures for the prevention, identification, investigation, and response to bullying and school violence.
 - b. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Manager identified in policy 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.

3. Incorporates age-appropriate instruction in grades 7 through 12, in accordance with the District's comprehensive health education program in Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*. This includes incorporating student social and emotional development into the District's educational program as required by State law and in alignment with Board policy 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*.
4. Incorporates education for school staff, as recommended by the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Manager.
5. Notifies students and parents/guardians of this policy.

Incorporated

by Reference: 7:180-AP1, (Prevention, Identification, Investigation, and Response to Bullying)

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 110/3.10.](#)

CROSS REF.: 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 2:265 (Title IX Grievance Procedure), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities)

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PRESSPlus Comments

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7:190 Student Behavior

The goals and objectives of this policy are to provide effective discipline practices that: (1) ensure the safety and dignity of students and staff; (2) maintain a positive, weapons-free, and drug-free learning environment; (3) keep school property and the property of others secure; (4) address the causes of a student's misbehavior and provide opportunities for all individuals involved in an incident to participate in its resolution; and (5) teach students positive behavioral skills to become independent, self-disciplined citizens in the school community and society.

When and Where Conduct Rules Apply

A student is subject to disciplinary action for engaging in *prohibited student conduct*, as described in the section with that name below, whenever the student's conduct is reasonably related to school or school activities, including, but not limited to:

1. On, or within sight of, school grounds before, during, or after school hours or at any time;
2. Off school grounds at a school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school;
3. Traveling to or from school or a school activity, function, or event; or
4. Anywhere, if the conduct interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including, but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

Prohibited Student Conduct

The school administration is authorized to discipline students for gross disobedience or misconduct, including but not limited to:

1. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling tobacco or nicotine materials, including without limitation, electronic cigarettes.
2. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, or selling alcoholic beverages. Students who are under the influence of an alcoholic beverage are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had alcohol in their possession.
3. Using, possessing, distributing, purchasing, selling, or offering for sale:
 - a. Any illegal drug or controlled substance, or cannabis (including marijuana, hashish, and medical cannabis unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law*).
 - b. Any anabolic steroid unless it is being administered in accordance with a physician's or licensed practitioner's prescription.
 - c. Any performance-enhancing substance on the Illinois High School Association's most current banned substance list unless administered in accordance with a physician's or

licensed practitioner's prescription.

- d. Any prescription drug when not prescribed for the student by a physician or licensed practitioner, or when used in a manner inconsistent with the prescription or prescribing physician's or licensed practitioner's instructions. The use or possession of medical cannabis, even by a student for whom medical cannabis has been prescribed, is prohibited unless the student is authorized to be administered a medical cannabis infused product under *Ashley's Law*.
- e. Any inhalant, regardless of whether it contains an illegal drug or controlled substance: (a) that a student believes is, or represents to be capable of, causing intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system; or (b) about which the student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student intended the inhalant to cause intoxication, hallucination, excitement, or dulling of the brain or nervous system. The prohibition in this section does not apply to a student's use of asthma or other legally prescribed inhalant medications.
- f. Any substance inhaled, injected, smoked, consumed, or otherwise ingested or absorbed with the intention of causing a physiological or psychological change in the body, including without limitation, pure caffeine in tablet or powdered form.
- g. "Look-alike" or counterfeit drugs, including a substance that is not prohibited by this policy, but one: (a) that a student believes to be, or represents to be, an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy; or (b) about which a student engaged in behavior that would lead a reasonable person to believe that the student expressly or impliedly represented to be an illegal drug, controlled substance, or other substance that is prohibited by this policy.
- h. Drug paraphernalia, including devices that are or can be used to: (a) ingest, inhale, or inject cannabis or controlled substances into the body; and (b) grow, process, store, or conceal cannabis or controlled substances.

Students who are under the influence of any prohibited substance are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the prohibited substance, as applicable, in their possession.

- 4. Using, possessing, controlling, or transferring a *weapon* as that term is defined in the **Weapons** section of this policy, or violating the **Weapons** section of this policy.
- 5. Using or possessing an electronic paging device.
- 6. Using a cellular telephone, video recording device, personal digital assistant (PDA), or other electronic device in any manner that disrupts the educational environment or violates the rights of others, including using the device to take photographs in locker rooms or bathrooms, cheat, or otherwise violate student conduct rules. ~~Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing an indecent visual depiction of oneself or another person through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone.~~ [PRESSPlus1](#) Unless otherwise banned under this policy or by the Building Principal, all electronic devices must be kept powered off or silenced and out-of-sight during the regular school day unless: (a) the supervising teacher grants permission; (b) use of the device is provided in a student's individualized education program (IEP) or Section 504 plan; (c) it is used during the student's lunch period, or (d) it is needed in an emergency that threatens the safety of students, staff, or other individuals.
- 7. Sexting, which, for purposes of this policy, is the act of creating, sending, sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing sexually explicit messages, images, or videos electronically, regardless of whether they are authentic or computer-generated, through the use of a computer, electronic communication device, or cellular phone. Sexting also includes creating, sending,

sharing, viewing, receiving, or possessing *indecent visual depictions, non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images, and non-consensual dissemination of sexually explicit digitized depictions*, as defined in State law. [PRESSPlus2](#)

8. Using or possessing a laser pointer unless under a staff member's direct supervision and in the context of instruction.
9. Disobeying rules of student conduct or directives from staff members or school officials. Examples of disobeying staff directives include refusing a District staff member's request to stop, present school identification, or submit to a search.
10. Engaging in academic dishonesty, including cheating, intentionally plagiarizing, using a writing service and/or generative artificial intelligence technology in place of original work unless specifically authorized by staff, wrongfully giving or receiving help during an academic examination, altering report cards, and wrongfully obtaining test copies or scores.
11. Engaging in hazing or any kind of bullying or aggressive behavior that does physical or psychological harm to a staff person or another student, or urging other students to engage in such conduct. Prohibited conduct specifically includes, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, harassment, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, bullying using a school computer or a school computer network, or other comparable conduct.
12. Engaging in any sexual activity, including without limitation, offensive touching, sexual harassment, indecent exposure (including mooning), and sexual assault. This does not include the non-disruptive: (a) expression of gender or sexual orientation or preference, or (b) display of affection during non-instructional time.
13. Teen dating violence, as described in Board policy 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*.
14. Causing or attempting to cause damage to, or stealing or attempting to steal, school property or another person's personal property.
15. Entering school property or a school facility without proper authorization.
16. In the absence of a reasonable belief that an emergency exists, calling emergency responders (such as calling 911); signaling or setting off alarms or signals indicating the presence of an emergency; or indicating the presence of a bomb or explosive device on school grounds, school bus, or at any school activity.
17. Being absent without a recognized excuse; State law and Board of Education policy regarding truancy control will be used with chronic and habitual truants.
18. Being involved with any public school fraternity, sorority, or secret society, by: (a) being a member; (b) promising to join; (c) pledging to become a member; or (d) soliciting any other person to join, promise to join, or be pledged to become a member.
19. Being involved in gangs or gang-related activities, including displaying gang symbols or paraphernalia.
20. Violating any criminal law, including but not limited to, assault, battery, arson, theft, gambling, eavesdropping, vandalism, and hazing.
21. Making an explicit threat on an Internet website against a school employee, a student, or any school-related personnel if the Internet website through which the threat was made is a site that was accessible within the school at the time the threat was made or was available to third parties who worked or studied within the school grounds at the time the threat was made, and the threat could be reasonably interpreted as threatening to the safety and security of the threatened individual because of his or her duties or employment status or status as a student inside the school.
22. Operating an unmanned aircraft system (UAS) or drone for any purpose on school grounds or at any school event unless granted permission by the Superintendent or designee.

23. Engaging in any activity, on or off campus, that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the school environment, school operations, or an educational function, including but not limited to, conduct that may reasonably be considered to: (a) be a threat or an attempted intimidation of a staff member; or (b) endanger the health or safety of students, staff, or school property.

For purposes of this policy, the term "possession" includes having control, custody, or care, currently or in the past, of an object or substance, including situations in which the item is: (a) on the student's person; (b) contained in another item belonging to, or under the control of, the student, such as in the student's clothing, backpack, or automobile; (c) in a school's student locker, desk, or other school property; or (d) at any location on school property or at a school-sponsored event.

Efforts, including the use of positive interventions and supports, shall be made to deter students, while at school or a school-related event, from engaging in aggressive behavior that may reasonably produce physical or psychological harm to someone else. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the parent/guardian of a student who engages in aggressive behavior is notified of the incident. The failure to provide such notification does not limit the Board's authority to impose discipline, including suspension or expulsion, for such behavior.

No disciplinary action shall be taken against any student that is based totally or in part on the refusal of the student's parent/guardian to administer or consent to the administration of psychotropic or psychostimulant medication to the student.

Disciplinary Measures

School officials shall limit the number and duration of expulsions and out-of-school suspensions to the greatest extent practicable, and, where practicable and reasonable, shall consider forms of non-exclusionary discipline before using out-of-school suspensions or expulsions. School personnel shall not advise or encourage students to drop out voluntarily due to behavioral or academic difficulties. Potential disciplinary measures include, without limitation, any of the following:

1. Notifying parent(s)/guardian(s).
2. Disciplinary conference.
3. Withholding of privileges.
4. Temporary removal from the classroom.
5. Return of property or restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.
6. In-school suspension. The Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
7. After-school study or Saturday study provided the student's parent/guardian has been notified. If transportation arrangements cannot be agreed upon, an alternative disciplinary measure must be used. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher or the Building Principal or designee.
8. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhances community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs. The District will not provide transportation. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure, giving the student and/or parent/guardian the choice.
9. Seizure of contraband; confiscation and temporary retention of personal property that was used to violate this policy or school disciplinary rules.
10. Suspension of bus riding privileges in accordance with Board policy 7:220, *Bus Conduct*.
11. Out-of-school suspension from school and all school activities in accordance with Board policy 7:200, *Suspension Procedures*. A student who has been suspended may also be restricted

from being on school grounds and at school activities.

12. Expulsion from school and all school activities for a definite time period not to exceed two calendar years in accordance with Board policy 7:210, *Expulsion Procedures*. A student who has been expelled may also be restricted from being on school grounds and at school activities.
13. Transfer to an alternative program if the student is expelled or otherwise qualifies for the transfer under State law. The transfer shall be in the manner provided in [Article 13A](#) or [13B of the School Code](#).
14. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement whenever the conduct involves criminal activity, including but not limited to, illegal drugs (controlled substances), "look-alikes," alcohol, or weapons or in other circumstances as authorized by the reciprocal reporting agreement between the District and local law enforcement agencies.

The above list of disciplinary measures is a range of options that will not always be applicable in every case. In some circumstances, it may not be possible to avoid suspending or expelling a student because behavioral interventions, other than a suspension and expulsion, will not be appropriate and available, and the only reasonable and practical way to resolve the threat and/or address the disruption is a suspension or expulsion.

Corporal punishment is prohibited in all circumstances. *Corporal punishment* is defined as a discipline method in which a person deliberately inflicts pain upon a student in response to the student's unacceptable behavior or inappropriate language, with an aim to halt an offense, prevent its recurrence, or set an example for others. [PRESSPlus3](#) It includes slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as permitted by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33 ~~needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.~~

Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint

Neither isolated time out, time out, nor physical restraint shall be used to discipline or punish a student. These methods are only authorized for use as permitted in [105 ILCS 5/10-20.33](#), State Board of Education rules ([23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285](#)), and the District's procedure(s).

Weapons

A student who is determined to have brought one of the following objects to school, any school-sponsored activity or event, or any activity or event that bears a reasonable relationship to school shall be expelled for a period of at least one calendar year but not more than two calendar years:

1. A *firearm*, meaning any gun, rifle, shotgun, or weapon as defined by Section 921 of Title 18 of the United States Code ([18 U.S.C. § 921](#)), firearm as defined in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act ([430 ILCS 65/](#)), or firearm as defined in Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012([720 ILCS 5/24-1](#)).
2. A knife, brass knuckles, or other knuckle weapon regardless of its composition, a billy club, or any other object if used or attempted to be used to cause bodily harm, including *look-alikes* of any *firearm* as defined above.

The expulsion requirement under either paragraph 1 or 2 above may be modified by the Superintendent, and the Superintendent's determination may be modified by the Board on a case-by-case basis. The Superintendent or designee may grant an exception to this policy, upon the prior request of an adult supervisor, for students in theatre, cooking, ROTC, martial arts, and similar programs, whether or not school-sponsored, provided the item is not equipped, nor intended, to do

bodily harm.

This policy's prohibitions concerning weapons apply regardless of whether: (1) a student is licensed to carry a concealed firearm, or (2) the Board permits visitors, who are licensed to carry a concealed firearm, to store a firearm in a locked vehicle in a school parking area.

Re-Engagement of Returning Students

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a process to facilitate the re-engagement of students who are returning from an out-of-school suspension, expulsion, or an alternative school setting. The goal of re-engagement shall be to support the student's ability to be successful in school following a period of exclusionary discipline and shall include the opportunity for students who have been suspended to complete or make up work for equivalent academic credit.

Required Notices

A school staff member shall immediately notify the office of the Building Principal in the event that he or she: (1) observes any person in possession of a firearm on or around school grounds; however, such action may be delayed if immediate notice would endanger students under his or her supervision, (2) observes or has reason to suspect that any person on school grounds is or was involved in a drug-related incident, or (3) observes a battery committed against any staff member or is subject to a battery. *School grounds* includes modes of transportation to school activities and any public way within 1000 feet of the school, as well as school property itself.

Upon receiving a report of (1), above, the Building Principal or designee shall immediately notify local law enforcement. In addition, upon receiving a report on any of the above (1)-(3), the Building Principal or designee shall notify the Superintendent or designee and any involved student's parent/guardian.

Upon receiving a report on any of the above (1)-(3), the Superintendent or designee shall immediately notify local law enforcement. The Superintendent or designee shall also report these incidents involving battery against staff members to the Ill. State Board of Education ISBE through its web-based School Incident Reporting System as they occur during the year and no later than August 1 July 31 PRESSPlus4 for the preceding school year.

Delegation of Authority

Each teacher, and any other school personnel when students are under his or her charge, is authorized to impose any disciplinary measure, other than suspension, expulsion, corporal punishment, or in-school suspension, that is appropriate and in accordance with the policies and rules on student discipline. Teachers, other certificated licensed educational employees, and any other persons (whether or not a licensed employee) providing a related service for or with respect to a student, may only use reasonable force as permitted by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.33 PRESSPlus5 needed to maintain safety for other students, school personnel, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property. Teachers may temporarily remove students from a classroom for disruptive behavior.

The Superintendent, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, or Dean of Students is authorized to impose the same disciplinary measures as teachers and may suspend students guilty of gross disobedience or misconduct from school (including all school functions) and from riding the school bus, up to 10 consecutive school days, provided the appropriate procedures are followed. The Board may suspend a student from riding the bus in excess of 10 school days for safety reasons.

Student Handbook

The Superintendent, with input from the parent-teacher advisory committee, shall prepare disciplinary rules implementing the District's disciplinary policies. These disciplinary rules shall be presented annually to the Board for its review and approval.

A student handbook, including the District disciplinary policies and rules, shall be distributed to the students' parents/guardians within 15 days of the beginning of the school year or a student's enrollment.

Incorporated

by Reference: 7:190-AP4, (Use of Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint)

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §7971](#), Pro-Children Act of 2004.

[20 U.S.C. §7961](#) *et seq.*, Gun Free Schools Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.5b](#), [5/10-20.14](#), [5/10-20.28](#), [5/10-20.36](#), [5/10-21.7](#), [5/10-21.10](#), [5/10-22.6](#), [5/10-27.1A](#), [5/10-27.1B](#), [5/22-33](#), [5/22-100](#), [5/24-24](#), [5/26-12](#), [5/27-23.7](#), and [5/31-3](#).

[105 ILCS 110/3.10](#), Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Education Act.

[410 ILCS 130/](#), Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program.

[410 ILCS 647/](#), Powdered Caffeine Control and Education Act.

[430 ILCS 66/](#), Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§ 1.280, 1.285](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 5:230 (Maintaining Student Discipline), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:170 (Vandalism), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:210 (Expulsion Procedures), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 7:310 (Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. This text is moved to #7, below. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. This definition of sexting is adapted from Merriam-Webster's definition at www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/sexting, and it incorporates offenses under State law that address the dissemination of explicit images. A district may wish to use another definition or create its own with the board attorney. See sample administrative procedure 7:190-AP6, *Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for

definitions of the italicized terms in this paragraph and their accompanying citations. See also sample administrative procedure 7:190-AP5, *Student Handbook - Electronic Devices*. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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7:200 Suspension Procedures

In-School Suspension

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to maintain an in-school suspension program. The program shall include, at a minimum, each of the following:

1. Before assigning a student to in-school suspension, the charges will be explained and the student will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges.
2. Students are supervised by licensed school personnel.
3. Students are given the opportunity to complete classroom work during the in-school suspension for equivalent academic credit.

Out-of-School Suspension

The Superintendent or designee shall implement suspension procedures that provide, at a minimum, for each of the following:

1. A conference during which the charges will be explained and the student will be given an opportunity to respond to the charges before he or she may be suspended.
2. A pre-suspension conference is not required, and the student can be immediately suspended when the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property or an ongoing threat of disruption to the educational process. In such cases, the notice and conference shall follow as soon as practicable.
3. An attempted phone call to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s).
4. A written notice of the suspension to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the student, which shall:
 - a. Provide notice to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of their child's right to a review of the suspension;
 - b. Include information about an opportunity to make up work missed during the suspension for equivalent academic credit;
 - c. Detail the specific act of gross disobedience or misconduct resulting in the decision to suspend;
 - d. Provide rationale or an explanation of how the chosen number of suspension days will address the threat or disruption posed by the student or his or her act of gross disobedience or misconduct; and
 - e. Depending upon the length of the out-of-school suspension, include the following applicable information:
 - i. For a suspension of 3 school days or less, an explanation that the student's continuing presence in school would either pose:

- a) A threat to school safety, or

b) A disruption to other students' learning opportunities.

ii. For a suspension of 4 or more school days, an explanation:

a) That other appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions have been exhausted,

b) As to whether school officials attempted other interventions or determined that no other interventions were available for the student, and

c) That the student's continuing presence in school would either:

i) Pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or

ii) Substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.

~~d) Of~~ For a suspension of 4 or more school days, the information listed in section 4.e.ii., above, along with documentation by the Superintendent or designee determining what, if any, appropriate and available support services will be provided to the student during the length of his or her suspension, as determined by the Superintendent or designee.

5. A summary of the notice, including the reason for the suspension and the suspension length, must be given to the Board by the Superintendent or designee.

6. Upon request of the parent(s)/guardian(s), a review of the suspension shall be conducted by the Board or a hearing officer appointed by the Board.

a. At the review, the student ~~s~~ and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) may appear with a representative of their choice and at their expense, be accompanied by a support person of their choice and at their expense, disclose any factor to be considered in mitigation (including the student's status as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A), and discuss the suspension with the Board or its hearing officer ~~and may be represented by counsel~~. Any representative and support person must comply with hearing rules and may be prohibited from further participation if they violate the rules or engage in behavior or advocacy that harasses, abuses, or intimidates either party, a witness, or anyone else in attendance at the hearing. [PRESSPlus1](#)

b. If the review involves allegations of sexual violence by the student, neither the student nor the student's representative shall directly question nor have direct contact with the alleged victim. The student or the student's representative may, at the discretion of the Board or its hearing officer, suggest questions to be posed by the Board or its hearing officer to the alleged victim. [PRESSPlus2](#)

c. Whenever there is evidence that mental illness may be the cause for the suspension, the Superintendent or designee shall invite a representative from a local mental health agency to consult with the Board.

d. After presentation of the evidence or receipt of the hearing officer's report, the Board shall take such action as it finds appropriate. If the suspension is upheld, the Board's written suspension decision shall specifically detail items (a) and (e) in number 4, above.

LEGAL REF.:

[Goss v. Lopez](#), 419 U.S. 565 (1975).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6.](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.280.](#)

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:220 (Bus Conduct)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b-35), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Law*, eff. 7-1-25. A representative chosen by the parent/guardian (or by the student, if emancipated) must be permitted to represent the student "throughout the proceedings and to address the school board or its appointed hearing officer." A support person chosen by the parent/guardian (or by the student, if emancipated) must also be permitted to accompany the student to any expulsion hearing or proceeding. For the definition of *support person*, see sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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7:210 Expulsion Procedures

The Superintendent or designee shall implement expulsion procedures that provide, at a minimum, for the following:

1. Before a student may be expelled, the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided a written request to appear at a hearing to determine whether the student should be expelled. The request shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The request shall:
 - a. Include the time, date, and place for the hearing.
 - b. Briefly describe what will happen during the hearing.
 - c. Detail the specific act of gross disobedience or misconduct resulting in the decision to recommend expulsion.
 - d. Inform the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) that a representative of their choice and at their expense is permitted to represent the student throughout the proceedings and to address the Board or its hearing officer. [PRESSPlus1](#)
 - e. Inform the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) that a support person [PRESSPlus2](#) of their choice and at their expense is permitted to accompany the student throughout the proceedings.
 - f. List the student's prior suspension(s).
 - g. State that the School Code allows the Board of Education to expel a student for a definite period of time not to exceed 2 calendar years, as determined on a case-by-case basis.
 - h. Ask that the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) ~~or attorney~~ inform the Superintendent or Board Attorney if the student will ~~be represented by an attorney~~ appear with a representative and/or support person and, if so, provide the ~~attorney's~~ name(s) and contact information for the representative and/or support person.
 - i. Unless the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) indicate that they do not want a hearing or fail to appear at the designated time and place, the hearing will proceed. It shall be conducted by the Board or a hearing officer appointed by it. If a hearing officer is appointed, he or she shall report to the Board the evidence presented at the hearing and the Board shall take such final action as it finds appropriate.
 - j. Whenever there is evidence that mental illness may be the cause for the recommended expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall invite a representative from a local mental health agency to consult with the Board.
 - k. During the expulsion hearing, the Board or hearing officer shall hear evidence concerning whether the student is guilty of the gross disobedience or misconduct as charged.
 - a. School officials must provide: (1) testimony of any other interventions attempted and exhausted or of their determination that no other appropriate and available interventions were available for the student, and (2) evidence of the threat or disruption posed by the student.

5. Upon expulsion, the District may refer the student to appropriate and available support services.

LEGAL REF.:

[Goss v. Lopez](#), 419 U.S. 565 (1975).

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6.](#)

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:200 (Suspension Procedures), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

Adopted: March 9, 2022

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Items d and e are required by 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b-35), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Law*, eff. 7-1-25. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. For the definition of support person, see sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Sexual or Domestic Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b-35), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 4. 105 ILCS 5/10-22.6(b-40), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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STUDENTS

7:250 Student Support Services

The District provides a liaison to facilitate the enrollment and transfer of records of students in the legal custody of the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services when enrolling in or changing schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop protocols for responding to students with social, emotional, or mental health needs that impact learning ability. The District, however, assumes no liability for preventing, identifying, or treating such needs.

Erin's Law Counseling Options, Assistance, and Intervention

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that each school building's Student Support Committee identifies counseling options for students who are affected by sexual abuse and grooming behaviors, along with District and community-based options for victims of sexual abuse and grooming behaviors to obtain assistance and intervention. Community-based options must include a Children's Advocacy Center and sexual assault crisis center(s) that serve the District, if any.

Article 26A Domestic or Sexual Violence and Parenting Resource Personnel [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that at least one staff member in each school building is designated as a resource person (Article 26A Resource Person) for students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence and offers those services required by 105 ILCS 5/26A. See Board policy 7:255, *Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*. The Article 26A Resource Person may be a member of the building's Student Support Committee.

The Superintendent shall ensure that this policy shall be implemented in a manner consistent with State and federal laws, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq., and that it is respectful of student privacy, including that student records are maintained and their confidentiality protected in accordance with Board policy and District procedures. [PRESSPlus2](#)

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-23.13(b), 5/10-20.59, ~~and 5/21B-25(G)~~, and 5/26A.

405 ILCS 5/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

405 ILCS 49/, Children's Mental Health Act.

740 ILCS 110/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act.

CROSS REF.: 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 6:270 (Guidance and Counseling Program), 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence), 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease), 7:340 (Student Records)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Required by 105 ILCS 5/26A-35, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. See policy 7:255, *Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, and sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. This policy text is based on recommendations of the second ESS Task Force. See pp. 13-14 of the June 2024 ESS Task Force final report, at: www.isbe.net/Documents_ESSTaskForce/Final-Report-ESS-Report-June-2024.pdf. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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STUDENTS

7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

Students should not take medication during school hours or during school-related activities unless it is necessary for a student's health and well-being. When a student's licensed health care provider and parent/guardian believe that it is necessary for the student to take a medication during school hours or school-related activities, the parent/guardian must request that the school dispense the medication to the child and otherwise follow the District's procedures on dispensing medication.

No School District employee shall administer to any student, or supervise a student's self-administration of, any prescription or non-prescription medication until a completed and signed *School Medication Authorization Form (SMA Form)* is submitted by the student's parent/guardian. No student shall possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication on school grounds or at a school-related function other than as provided for in this policy and its implementing procedures.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit any school employee from providing emergency assistance to students, including administering medication.

The Building Principal shall include this policy in the Student Handbook and shall provide a copy to the parents/guardians of students.

Self-Administration of Medication

A student may possess and self-administer an epinephrine injector, e.g., EpiPen®, and/or asthma medication prescribed for use at the student's discretion, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed an *SMA Form*. The Superintendent or designee will ensure an Emergency Action Plan is developed for each self-administering student.

A student may self-administer medication required under a *qualifying plan*, provided the student's parent/guardian has completed and signed an *SMA Form*. A qualifying plan means: (1) an asthma action plan, (2) an Individual Health Care Action Plan, (3) an allergy emergency action plan, (4) a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or (5) a plan pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. A student may also possess the supplies and equipment necessary to monitor and treat diabetes in accordance with the student's diabetes care plan and/or the supplies, equipment, and medication necessary to treat epilepsy in accordance with the student's seizure action plan. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The District shall incur no liability, except for willful and wanton conduct, as a result of any injury arising from a student's self-administration of medication, including asthma medication or epinephrine injectors, or medication required under a qualifying plan. A student's parent/guardian must indemnify and hold harmless the District and its employees and agents, against any claims, except a claim based on willful and wanton conduct, arising out of a student's self-administration of an epinephrine injector, asthma medication, and/or a medication required under a qualifying plan.

School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Injectors

The Superintendent or designee shall implement [105 ILCS 5/22-30\(f\)](#) and maintain a supply of undesignated epinephrine injectors in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Undesignated epinephrine injector* means an epinephrine injector prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated epinephrine injector to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an anaphylactic reaction. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law.

School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists

The Superintendent or designee shall implement [105 ILCS 5/22-30\(f\)](#) and maintain a supply of undesignated opioid antagonists and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. *Opioid antagonist* means a drug that binds to opioid receptors and blocks or inhibits the effect of opioids acting on those receptors, including, but not limited to, naloxone hydrochloride or any other similarly acting drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. *Undesignated opioid antagonist* is not defined by the School Code; for purposes of this policy it means an opioid antagonist prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools or obtained by the District without a prescription. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may administer an undesignated opioid antagonist to a person when they, in good faith, believe a person is having an opioid overdose. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law. See the website for the Ill. Dept. of Human Services for information about opioid prevention, abuse, public awareness, and a toll-free number to provide information and referral services for persons with questions concerning substance abuse treatment.

Administration of Medical Cannabis

The Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act allows a *medical cannabis infused product* to be administered to a student by one or more of the following individuals:

1. A parent/guardian of a student who is a minor who registers with the Ill. Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) as a *designated caregiver* to administer medical cannabis to their child. A designated caregiver may also be another individual other than the student's parent/guardian. Any designated caregiver must be at least 21 years old and is allowed to administer a *medical cannabis infused product* to a child who is a student on the premises of his or her school or on his or her school bus if:
 - a. Both the student and the designated caregiver possess valid registry identification cards issued by IDPH;
 - b. Copies of the registry identification cards are provided to the District;
 - c. That student's parent/guardian completed, signed, and submitted a *School Medication Authorization Form - Medical Cannabis*; and
 - d. After administering the product to the student, the designated caregiver immediately removes it from school premises or the school bus.
2. A properly trained school nurse or administrator, who shall be allowed to administer the *medical cannabis infused product* to the student on the premises of the child's school, at a school-sponsored activity, or before/after normal school activities, including while the student is in before-school or after-school care on school-operated property or while being transported on a school bus.
3. The student him or herself when the self-administration takes place under the direct supervision

of a school nurse or administrator.

Medical cannabis infused product (product) includes oils, ointments, foods, and other products that contain usable cannabis but are not smoked or vaped. Smoking and/or vaping medical cannabis is prohibited.

The product may not be administered in a manner that, in the opinion of the District or school, would create a disruption to the educational environment or cause exposure of the product to other students. A school employee shall not be required to administer the product.

Discipline of a student for being administered a product by a designated caregiver, or by a school nurse or administrator, or who self-administers a product under the direct supervision of a school nurse or administrator pursuant to this policy is prohibited. The District may not deny a student attendance at a school solely because he or she requires administration of the product during school hours.

Void Policy

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Epinephrine Injectors** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is, for whatever reason, unable to: (1) obtain for the District a prescription for undesignated epinephrine injectors from a physician or advanced practice nurse licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, or (2) fill the District's prescription for undesignated school epinephrine injectors.

The **School District Supply of Undesignated Opioid Antagonists** section of the policy is void whenever the Superintendent or designee is unable to obtain a supply of opioid antagonists due to a shortage, in which case the District shall make reasonable efforts to maintain a supply.

The **Administration of Medical Cannabis** section of the policy is void and the District reserves the right not to implement it if the District or school is in danger of losing federal funding.

Administration of Undesignated Medication

Upon any administration of an undesignated medication permitted by State law, the Superintendent or designee(s) must ensure all notifications required by State law and administrative procedures occur.

Undesignated Medication Disclaimers

Upon implementation of this policy, the protections from liability and hold harmless provisions applicable under State law apply.

No one, including without limitation, parents/guardians of students, should rely on the District for the availability of undesignated medication. This policy does not guarantee the availability of undesignated medications. Students and their parents/guardians should consult their own physician regarding these medication(s).

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.14b](#), [5/10-22.21b](#), [5/22-30](#), and [5/22-33](#).

[105 ILCS 145/](#), Care of Students with Diabetes Act.

[105 ILCS 150/](#), Seizure Smart School Act.

[410 ILCS 130/](#), Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

[720 ILCS 550/](#), Cannabis Control Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.540](#).

CROSS REF.: 7:285 (Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program)

Adopted: January 24, 2024

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. 105 ILCS 145/30; 105 ILCS 150/30. This is not a new requirement, but it is added to make clear in policy that self-carry may also be authorized for diabetes/seizure management. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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STUDENTS

7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

School-Sponsored Publications and Web Sites

School-sponsored publications, productions, and web sites are part of the curriculum and are not a public forum for general student use. School authorities may edit or delete material that is inconsistent with the District's educational mission.

All school-sponsored communications shall comply with the ethics and rules of responsible journalism. Text that is libelous, obscene, vulgar, lewd, invades the privacy of others, conflicts with the basic educational mission of the school, is socially inappropriate, is inappropriate due to the maturity of the students, or is materially disruptive to the educational process will not be tolerated.

The author's name will accompany personal opinions and editorial statements. An opportunity for the expression of differing opinions from those published/produced will be provided within the same media.

Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed On-Campus

For purposes of this section and the following section, a *publication* includes, without limitation: (1) written or electronic print material, (2) audio-visual material on any medium including electromagnetic media (e.g., images, digital files flash memory, etc.), or combinations of these whether off-line (e.g., a printed book, digital files, etc.) or online (e.g., any website, social networking site, database for information retrieval, etc.), or (3) information or material on electronic devices (e.g., text or voice messages delivered by cell phones, tablets, and other hand-held devices).

Creating, distributing and/or accessing non-school sponsored publications shall occur at a time and place and in a manner that will not cause disruption, be coercive, or result in the perception that the distribution or the publication is endorsed by the School District.

Students are prohibited from creating, distributing, and/or accessing at school any publication that:

1. Will cause substantial disruption of the proper and orderly operation and discipline of the school or school activities;
2. Violates the rights of others, including but not limited to material that is libelous, invades the privacy of others, or infringes on a copyright;
3. Is socially inappropriate or inappropriate due to maturity level of the students, including but not limited to material that is obscene, pornographic, or pervasively lewd and vulgar, contains indecent and vulgar language, or *sexting* as defined by Board of Education policy [7:190. Student Behavior](#), [PRESSPlus1](#) and/or Student Handbooks;
4. Is reasonably viewed as promoting illegal drug use; or
5. Is distributed in kindergarten through eighth grade and is primarily prepared by non-students, unless it is being used for school purposes. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to prevent the inclusion of material from outside sources or the citation to such sources as long as the material

to be distributed or accessed is primarily prepared by students.

Accessing or distributing "on-campus" includes accessing or distributing on school property or at school-related activities. A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for: (1) accessing or distributing forbidden material, or (2) for writing, creating, or publishing such material intending for it to be accessed or distributed at school.

Non-School Sponsored Publications Accessed or Distributed Off-Campus

A student engages in gross disobedience and misconduct and may be disciplined for creating and/or distributing a publication that: (1) causes a substantial disruption or a foreseeable risk of a substantial disruption to school operations, or (2) interferes with the rights of other students or staff members.

Bullying and Cyberbullying

The Superintendent or designee shall treat behavior that is *bullying* and/or *cyberbullying* according to Board policy 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, in addition to any response required by this policy.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/27-23.7.](#)

[Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier](#), 484 U.S. 260 (1988).

[Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist.](#), 393 U.S. 503 (1969).

Hedges v. Wauconda Cmty. Unit Sch. Dist. No. 118, 9 F.3d 1295 (7th Cir. 1993).

CROSS REF.: 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), [7:190 \(Student Behavior\)](#), 8:25 (Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities)

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PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated in response to the addition of a definition of *sexting* in 7:190, *Student Behavior*. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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STUDENTS

7:340 Student Records

School student records are confidential. Information from them shall not be released other than as provided by law. A school student record is any writing or other recorded information concerning a student and by which a student may be identified individually that is maintained by a school or at its direction by a school employee, regardless of how or where the information is stored, except as provided in State or federal law as summarized below:

1. Records kept in a staff member's sole possession.
2. Records maintained by law enforcement officers working in the school.
3. Video and other electronic recordings (including without limitation, electronic recordings made on school buses) that are created in part for law enforcement, security, or safety reasons or purposes. The content of these recordings may become part of a school student record to the extent school officials create, use, and maintain this content, or it becomes available to them by law enforcement officials, for disciplinary or special education purposes regarding a particular student.
4. Any information, either written or oral, received from law enforcement officials concerning a student less than the age of 18 years who has been arrested or taken into custody.

State and federal law grants students, parents/guardians, and when applicable, the Ill. Dept. of Children and Family Services' Office of Education and Transition Services, certain rights, including the right to inspect, copy, and/or challenge school student records. The information contained in school student records shall be kept current, accurate, clear, and relevant. All information maintained concerning a student receiving special education services shall be directly related to the provision of services to that child. The District may release directory information as permitted by law, but a parent/guardian shall have the right to opt-out of the release of directory information regarding his or her child. The District will comply with State or federal law with regard to release of a student's school records, including, where applicable, without notice to, or the consent of, the student's parent/guardian or eligible student. Upon request, the District discloses school student records without parent consent to the official records custodian of another school in which a student has enrolled or intends to enroll, as well as to any other person as specifically required or permitted by State or federal law.

The Superintendent shall fully implement this policy and designate an *official records custodian* for each school who shall maintain and protect the confidentiality of school student records, inform staff members of this policy, and inform students and their parents/guardians of their rights regarding school student records.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1232g](#), Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; [34 C.F.R. Part 99](#).

[50 ILCS 205/7](#), Local Records Act.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.12b, 5/10-20.40, ~~and 5/14-1.01 et seq.~~ [and 5/26A-30.](#) [PRESSPlus1](#)

[105 ILCS 10/](#), Ill. School Student Records Act.

[105 ILCS 85/](#), Student Online Personal Protection Act.

[325 ILCS 17/](#), Children's Privacy Protection and Parental Empowerment Act.

[750 ILCS 5/602.11](#), Ill. Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code Parts 226](#) and [375](#).

[Owasso I.S.D. No. I-011 v. Falvo](#), 534 U.S. 426 (2002).

Chicago Tribune Co. v. Chicago Bd. of Ed., 332 Ill.App.3d 60 (1st Dist. 2002).

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:130 (Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information), 7:15 (Student and Family Privacy Rights), 7:220 (Bus Conduct), [7:255 \(Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence\)](#), 7:345 (Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security)

Adopted: January 25, 2023

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. The Legal References are updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A-30, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. . **Issue 118, April 2025**

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7:255 Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

New/Unpublished Section

Domestic and sexual violence affect a student's ability to learn. Students who are parents or expectant parents have unique needs. Providing support services that enable students who are parents, expectant parents, [PRESSPlus1](#) or victims of domestic or sexual violence (Article 26A Students) to succeed in school are important District goals and required by 105 ILCS 5/26A (Article 26A). [PRESSPlus2](#)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a program for supporting Article 26A Students that:

1. Distributes this policy and procedures for requesting supportive services or filing a complaint to all students at the beginning of each school year. [PRESSPlus3](#)
2. Ensures at least one staff member in each school building is designated as a resource person for Article 26A Students (Article 26A Resource Person) and receives training in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/26A-35. [PRESSPlus4](#)
3. Notifies all District employees and agents that, upon learning or suspecting that a student is a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence, they must refer the student to a designated Article 26A Resource Person. [PRESSPlus5](#)
4. Ensures any employees whose duties include the resolution of Article 26A complaints receive training in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/26A-25(b)(1).
5. Requires verification of a student's claim of Article 26A status relating to domestic or sexual violence in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/26A-45. [PRESSPlus6](#)
6. Provides Article 26A Students with in-school support services, information about non-school-based support services, and the ability to make up work missed due to circumstances related to the student's Article 26A status in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/26A-40. [PRESSPlus7](#)
7. Ensures the prompt and equitable resolution of all Article 26A complaints through a complaint resolution procedure that fully complies with 105 ILCS 5/26A-25. [PRESSPlus8](#)
8. Ensures that all information concerning an Article 26A Student's status and related experiences, or information concerning a student who is a named perpetrator of domestic or sexual violence, provided to or otherwise obtained by the District or its employees or agents pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/26A is retained in a confidential temporary file in accordance with 105 ILCS 10/2(f). [PRESSPlus9](#) Confidentiality procedures will: [PRESSPlus10](#)
 - a. Provide that such information may not be disclosed to any other individual outside of the District, including any other employee, except if such disclosure is: (1) permitted by the Ill. School Student Records Act (105 ILCS 10/), the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g), or other applicable State or federal laws; or (2) requested or consented to, in writing, by the Article 26A Student or their parent/guardian if it is safe to obtain written consent from the parent/guardian; and
 - b. Comply with the requirements of 105 ILCS 5/26A-30.
9. Ensures that in the event an Article 26A Student or their parent/guardian reports an incident of alleged domestic or sexual violence, the District's procedures comply with 105 ILCS 5/26A-

20(c).[PRESSPlus11](#)

10. Complies with State and federal law and aligns with Board policies.[PRESSPlus12](#)

Requesting Support Services

An Article 26A Student and/or their parent/guardian may request support services under this policy by contacting the building-level Article 26A Resource Person, whose name and contact information will be annually distributed to employees, students, and parents/guardians by each Building Principal.

Filing a Complaint

An Article 26A Student and/or their parent/guardian may file a complaint under this policy with the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students,[PRESSPlus13](#) a Complaint Manager, or any employee with whom the person is comfortable speaking.[PRESSPlus14](#)

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy and keep current the names, office addresses, email addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Title IX Coordinator, and Complaint Managers.[PRESSPlus15](#)

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Title IX Coordinator:

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Complaint Managers:

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Complaint Resolution Procedure

When a complaint is filed, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator and/or Complaint Manager or designee shall process and review it according to administrative procedure 7:255-AP2, *Complaint Resolution Procedure for Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*.

Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, at the conclusion of the complaint resolution procedure, to have violated Article 26A will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any third party who is determined, at the conclusion of the complaint resolution procedure, to have violated Article 26A will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent/guardian, invitee, etc.

This policy does not increase or diminish the ability of the District or the parties to exercise any other

rights under existing law.

Policy Review [PRESSPlus16](#)

At least once every two years, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/26A-20 and Board policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, the Board reviews and makes any necessary updates to this policy and to any other policies that may act as a barrier to their immediate enrollment and re-enrollment, attendance, graduation, and success in school of any student who is a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence. The Superintendent or designee shall assist the Board with its review and any updates.

Retaliation Prohibited [PRESSPlus17](#)

Retaliation against an Article 26A Student or their parent/guardian for exercising or attempting to exercise their rights under Article 26A is prohibited. Individuals should report allegations of retaliation to the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, and/or a Complaint Manager.

A student, employee, or other person authorized by the District to provide aid, benefit, or service under the District's education program or activity who retaliates against others for reporting or complaining of violations of this policy or for participating in any manner under this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge, with regard to employees, or suspension or expulsion, with regard to students.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/26A.

105 ILCS 10/, III. School Student Records Act.

405 ILCS 5/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

405 ILCS 49/, Children's Mental Health Act.

740 ILCS 110/, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act.

23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240 and Part 200.

CROSS REF.: 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:110 (Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program), 6:120 (Education of Children with Disabilities), 6:150 (Home and Hospital Instruction), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:60 (Residence), 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy), 7:250 (Student Support Services), 7:340 (Student Records)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. An *expectant parent* is a student who (i) is pregnant and (ii) has not yet received a diploma for completion of a secondary education as defined in 105 ILCS 5/22-22. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. This policy is created in response to 105 ILCS 5/26A, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25, requiring districts to ensure they have policies, procedures, and resources in

place to ensure that Article 26A Students are provided with support services necessary to enable them to meet State educational standards and successfully attain a school diploma.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.147, added by P.A. 95-558 and repealed by P.A. 99-30, created the first Ensuring Success in School (ESS) Task Force. Supervised by the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE), it developed policies, procedures, and protocols for school boards to adopt to address the education and related needs of students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence; the goal was to encourage these students to stay in school, stay safe while in school, and successfully complete their education. The June 2010 report of the first ESS Task Force is available here: www.isbe.net/Documents/ess-task-force-final-report0610.pdf.

105 ILCS 5/26A-15, added by P.A. 102-466 (a/k/a *ESS Law*) and scheduled to be repealed on 12-1-25, created a second ESS Task Force supervised by ISBE, also focused on the education and related needs of students who are parents, expectant parents, or victims of domestic or sexual violence. The second ESS Task Force was to: (1) draft and publish model policies and intergovernmental agreements for inter-district transfers, (2) draft and publish model complaint resolution procedures, and (3) identify current mandatory and new staff trainings needed.

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PRESSPlus 3. 105 ILCS 5/26A-20(d), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 4. See footnote 25 in sample policy 5:100, *Staff Development Program*, and sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for further information about training requirements. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 5. 105 ILCS 5/26A-40(e), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. *Agents* is not defined and who is considered an agent for the district is fact-specific; consult the board attorney for guidance. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 6. 105 ILCS 5/26A-45, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. See detailed verification requirements and restrictions in sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 7. 105 ILCS 5/26A-40, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. Providing accommodations to ensure equal educational opportunities for students who are parents and expectant parents is also required by federal regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) (20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.) and ISBE sex equity regulations. 34 C.F.R. §106.40 and 49 C.F.R. §25.445; 23 Ill.Admin.Code §200.50. See policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*, and sample administrative procedure 7:10-AP2, *Accommodating Breastfeeding Students*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. Reasonable accommodations for breastfeeding students are also required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.60. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 8. 105 ILCS 5/26A-25 and 5/26A-20(c), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-

1-25, list the basic requirements for a complaint resolution procedure. Live hearings are not required but may be offered as part of the complaint resolution procedure. **Consult the board attorney if the board wants the district to use a live hearing in its complaint resolution procedure.** For an Article 26A complaint resolution procedure, see sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP2, *Complaint Resolution Procedure for Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*. See also sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*. Sample administrative procedures are available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 9. 105 ILCS 5/26A-45(a), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. The ESS Law amended the definition of *student temporary record* in the Ill. School Student Records Act (ISSRA) (105 ILCS 10/) to include information concerning a student's status and related experiences as a parent, expectant parent, or victim of domestic or sexual violence as defined in 105 ILCS 5/26A. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 10. Required by 105 ILCS 5/26A-30, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25.

The policy text is based on recommendations of the second ESS Task Force. See p. 14 of the June 2024 ESS Task Force final report, at: www.isbe.net/Documents_ESSTaskForce/Final-Report-ESS-Report-June-2024.pdf. The phrase "including any other employee" comes directly from 105 ILCS 5/26A-30(a) and is confusing because it is unclear whose employee is being referenced. The Ill. School Student Records Act (ISSRA) permits student records to be disclosed to any district employees with a "current demonstrable educational or administrative interest" in a student if disclosure is "in furtherance of such interest." 105 ILCS 10/6(a)(2). **Consult the board attorney for guidance. Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 11. 105 ILCS 5/26A-20(c)(1)-(6), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25, states elements that must be in a district's "policy on the procedures" that a student or their parent/guardian may follow if he or she chooses to report an incident of alleged domestic or sexual violence. Having a "policy on the procedures" is a misnomer because the board does not adopt procedures but rather, through policy, directs the superintendent to establish procedures to implement policy. Only the required element at 105 ILCS 5/26A-20(c)(6), to establish a complaint resolution procedure, appears in this policy's text because the remaining elements are not board work and therefore inappropriate to include in board policy. Instead, required elements from 105 ILCS 5/26A-20(c)(1)-(5) appear in sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP2, *Complaint Resolution Procedure for Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 12. See sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for a list of board policies implicated by the ESS Law and that may interact with this policy. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 13. If the district does not employ an Assistant Building Principal and/or Dean of Students, strike the title(s) that do not apply, and use the Save Status "Adopted with Additional District

Edits." **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 14. By including “any employee” in this list, this policy contains an item on which collective bargaining may be required. Any policy that impacts upon wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment is subject to collective bargaining upon request by the employee representative, even if the policy involves an inherent managerial right. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 15. While the names and contact information are required by law to be listed, they are not part of the adopted policy and do not require board action. It is important for updated names and contact information to be inserted into this policy and regularly monitored.

Please [click here to submit the name and contact information](#) that will be applied to each of the following policies: 2:260, 2:265, 5:10, 5:20, 7:20, 7:180, and 7:255. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 16. 105 ILCS 5/26A-20(a), added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. This provision also requires districts to review and revise any procedures that act as a barrier to Article 26A Students. Since procedure review and revision is administrator work and not board work, this requirement is addressed in sample administrative procedure 7:255-AP1, *Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 17. 105 ILCS 5/26A-50, added by P.A. 102-466, a/k/a *ESS Law*, eff. 7-1-25. **Issue 118, April 2025**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure

Sexual harassment affects a student's ability to learn and an employee's ability to work. Providing an educational and workplace environment free from sexual harassment is an important District goal. The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in any of its education programs or activities, and it complies with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) [PRESSPlus1](#) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 106) concerning everyone in the District's education programs and activities, including applicants for employment, students, parents/guardians, employees, and third parties.

Title IX Sexual Harassment Prohibited

Sexual harassment as defined in Title IX (Title IX Sexual Harassment) is prohibited. Any person, including a District employee or agent, or student, engages in Title IX Sexual Harassment when that person engages in conduct on the basis of an individual's sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. A District employee conditions the provision of an aid, benefit, or service on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct; or
2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's educational program or activity; or
3. *Sexual assault* as defined in 20 U.S.C. §1092(f)(6)(A)(v), *dating violence* as defined in 34 U.S.C. §12291(a)(11), *domestic violence* as defined in 34 U.S.C. §12291(a)(12), or *stalking* as defined in 34 U.S.C. §12291(a)(36).

Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, touching, rape, sexual battery, sexual abuse, sexual coercion, crude jokes or pictures, discussions of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities.

Definitions from 34 C.F.R. §106.30

Complainant means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

Education program or activity includes locations, events, or circumstances where the District has substantial control over both the *Respondent* and the context in which alleged sexual harassment occurs.

Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint means a document filed by a *Complainant* or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging sexual harassment against a *Respondent* and requesting that the District investigate the allegation.

Respondent means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of the conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

Supportive measures mean non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the *Complainant* or the *Respondent* before or after the filing of a Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint or where no Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint has been filed.

Title IX Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that the District prevents and responds to allegations of Title IX Sexual Harassment as follows:

1. Ensures that the District's comprehensive health education program in Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content*, incorporates (a) age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention programs in grades pre-K through 12, and (b) age-appropriate education about the warning signs, recognition, dangers, and prevention of teen dating violence in grades 7-12. This includes incorporating student social and emotional development into the District's educational program as required by State law and in alignment with Board policy 6:65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*.
2. Incorporates education and training for school staff as recommended by the Superintendent, Title IX Coordinator, Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, [PRESSPlus2](#) or a Complaint Manager.
3. Notifies applicants for employment, students, parents/guardians, employees, and collective bargaining units of this policy and contact information for the Title IX Coordinator by, at a minimum, prominently displaying them on the District's website, if any, and in each handbook made available to such persons.

Making a Report

A person who wishes to make a report under this Title IX grievance procedure may make a report to the Title IX Coordinator, Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, [PRESSPlus3](#) a Complaint Manager, or any employee with whom the person is comfortable speaking.

School employees shall respond to incidents of sexual harassment by promptly making or forwarding the report to the Title IX Coordinator. An employee who fails to promptly make or forward a report may be disciplined, up to and including discharge.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy and keep current the name, office address, email address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator. [PRESSPlus4](#)

Title IX Coordinator:

Name

Address

Email

Telephone

Processing and Reviewing a Report

Upon receipt of a report made under this Title IX grievance procedure, the Title IX Coordinator and/or designee will promptly contact the Complainant to: (1) discuss the availability of supportive measures, (2) consider the *Complainant's* wishes with respect to *supportive measures*, (3) inform the

Complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint, and (4) explain to the Complainant the process for filing a Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint.

Further, the Title IX Coordinator will analyze the report to identify and determine whether there is another or an additional appropriate method(s) for processing and reviewing it. For any report received, the Title IX Coordinator shall review Board policies 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*; 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*; 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*; 5:120, *Employee Ethics*; *Code of Professional Conduct*; and *Conflict of Interest*; 7:20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*; 7:180, *Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*; 7:185, *Teen Dating Violence Prohibited*; and 7:190, *Student Behavior*, to determine if the allegations in the report require further action.

Reports of alleged sexual harassment will be confidential to the greatest extent practicable, subject to the District's duty to investigate and maintain an educational program or activity that is productive, respectful, and free of sexual harassment.

Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Grievance Process

When a Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint is filed, the Title IX Coordinator will investigate it or appoint a qualified person to undertake the investigation.

The Superintendent or designee shall implement procedures to ensure that all Formal Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaints are processed and reviewed according to a Title IX grievance process that fully complies with 34 C.F.R. §106.45. The District's grievance process shall, at a minimum:

1. Treat *Complainants* and *Respondents* equitably by providing remedies to a *Complainant* where the *Respondent* is determined to be responsible for sexual harassment, and by following a grievance process that complies with 34 C.F.R. §106.45 before the imposition of any disciplinary sanctions or other actions against a *Respondent*.
2. Require an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence – including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence – and provide that credibility determinations may not be based on a person's status as a *Complainant*, *Respondent*, or witness.
3. Require that any individual designated by the District as a Title IX Coordinator, investigator, decision-maker, or any person designated by the District to facilitate an informal resolution process:
 - a. Not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against complainants or respondents generally or an individual *Complainant* or *Respondent*.
 - b. Receive training on the definition of sexual harassment, the scope of the District's education program or activity, how to conduct an investigation and grievance process (including hearings, appeals, and informal resolution processes, as applicable), and how to serve impartially.
4. Require that any individual designated by the District as an investigator receiving training on issues of relevance to create an investigative report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence.
5. Require that any individual designated by the District as a decision-maker receive training [PRESSPlus5](#) on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the *Complainant's* sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant.
6. Include a presumption that the *Respondent* is not responsible for the alleged conduct until a determination regarding responsibility is made at the conclusion of the grievance process.

7. Include reasonably prompt timeframes for conclusion of the grievance process.
8. Describe the range of possible disciplinary sanctions and remedies the District may implement following any determination of responsibility.
9. Base all decisions upon the *preponderance of evidence* standard. [PRESSPlus6](#)
10. Include the procedures and permissible bases for the *Complainant* and *Respondent* to appeal.
11. Describe the range of *supportive measures* available to *Complainants* and *Respondents*.
12. Not require, allow, rely upon, or otherwise use questions or evidence that constitute, or seek disclosure of, information protected under a legally recognized privilege, unless the person holding such privilege has waived the privilege.

Enforcement

Any District employee who is determined, at the conclusion of the grievance process, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any third party who is determined, at the conclusion of the grievance process, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be addressed in accordance with the authority of the Board in the context of the relationship of the third party to the District, e.g., vendor, parent, invitee, etc. Any District student who is determined, at the conclusion of the grievance process, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion consistent with student behavior policies. Any person making a knowingly false accusation regarding sexual harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action.

This policy does not increase or diminish the ability of the District or the parties to exercise any other rights under existing law.

Retaliation Prohibited

The District prohibits any form of retaliation against anyone who, in good faith, has made a report or complaint, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in a proceeding under this policy. Any person should report claims of retaliation using Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Any person who retaliates against others for reporting or complaining of violations of this policy or for participating in any manner under this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including discharge, with regard to employees, or suspension and expulsion, with regard to students.

LEGAL REF.:

20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106.

Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ., 526 U.S. 629 (1999).

Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent Sch. Dist., 524 U.S. 274 (1998).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment), 5:20 (Workplace Harassment Prohibited), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 5:120 (Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:65 (Student Social and Emotional Development), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:180 (Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment), 7:185 (Teen Dating Violence Prohibited), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:255 (Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence)

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Rewritten in response to *State of Tennessee v. Cardona*, striking down the 2024 Title IX sex discrimination regulations and restoring the 2020 Title IX regulations. See the sample policy 2:265's footnotes, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, for more information. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 2. If the district does not employ an Assistant Building Principal and/or Dean of Students, strike the title(s) that do not apply, and use the Save Status "Adopted with Additional District Edits." **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 3. If the district does not employ an Assistant Building Principal and/or Dean of Students, strike the title(s) that do not apply, and use the Save Status "Adopted with Additional District Edits." **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 4. While the name and contact information is required by law to be listed, it is not part of the adopted policy and does not require board action. It is important for the updated name and contact information to be inserted into this policy and regularly monitored. A district's Nondiscrimination Coordinator often also serves as its Title IX Coordinator. If the district has more than one Title IX Coordinator, it should designate one of its Title IX Coordinators to retain ultimate oversight to ensure the district's consistent compliance with its responsibilities under Title IX and its implementing regulations. The Title IX Coordinator with ultimate oversight should be listed in this policy.

Please [click here to submit the name and contact information](#) that will be applied to each of the following policies: 2:260, 2:265, 5:10, 5:20, 7:20, 7:180, and 7:255. Following the form's submission, IASB will add the Title IX Coordinator's name and contact information to this policy. **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 5. While live hearings are only required for postsecondary institutions, elementary and secondary schools may choose to offer them as part of their grievance process. **Consult the board attorney** if the board wants the district to use a live hearing in its grievance process.

If using a live hearing during the grievance process, amend #5 by inserting the following underscored text: "Require that any individual designated by the District as a decision-maker receive training on any technology to be used at a live hearing and on issues of relevance of questions and evidence, including when questions and evidence about the Complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant." After inserting the underscored text, use the Save Status "Adopted with Additional District Edits." **Issue 118, April 2025**

PRESSPlus 6. 34 C.F.R. §106.45(b)(1)(vii) requires the Title IX sexual harassment grievance process to state the standard of proof it will use to determine responsibility of the respondent. The standard of proof selected must be applied "consistently to formal complaints alleging Title IX sexual harassment regardless of whether the respondent is a student or an employee." 85 Fed. Reg. 30373. *Preponderance of evidence* is a standard of proof used in civil cases. It means "the greater weight of the evidence, not necessarily established by the greater number of witnesses testifying to a fact but by evidence that has the most convincing force." See *Black's Law Dictionary*, 11th ed. 2019. *Preponderance of evidence* is the standard of proof used in sample policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.

Clear and convincing is a higher standard of proof, requiring more than *preponderance of evidence* but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. It means “evidence indicating that the thing to be proved is highly probable or reasonably certain.” See *Black’s Law Dictionary*, 11th ed. 2019. **Consult the board attorney regarding the appropriate standard of proof for the district, as well as implications if a different standard of proof is used in this policy than in 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*.** For boards that choose the *clear and convincing evidence* standard of proof, delete “~~*preponderance of*~~” and insert “*clear and convincing*.” Ensure the same standard of proof is used in 2:265-AP2, *Formal Title IX Complaint Grievance Process*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 118, April 2025**

See the Question and Answer section below the policy. Review the sentence highlighted in yellow for consideration to be added to policy. If we want to add, answer to question is "yes" if not, we will answer "no". Will edit recommendation here once we review.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct

Each Board of Education member, before taking his or her seat on the Board, shall take the following oath of office:

I, *(name)*, **do solemnly swear** (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education (or Board of School Directors, as the case may be) of Palos Heights District 128, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear (or affirm) that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting; and meeting;

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels;

As part of the Board of Education, I shall accept the responsibility for my role in the equitable and quality education of every student in the School District;

I shall foster with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for Palos Heights District 128;

I shall assist in establishing a structure and an environment designed to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework;

I shall strive to ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children, in compliance with State law;

I shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community's school (or schools) to advance the vision for Palos Heights District 128; and

I shall strive to work together with the District Superintendent to lead the School District toward fulfilling the vision the Board has created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

The Board President will administer the oath in an open Board meeting; in the absence of the

President, the Vice President will administer the oath. If neither is available, the Board member with the longest service on the Board will administer the oath.

The Board adopts the Illinois Association of School Boards' *Code of Conduct for Members of School Boards* (Code). [PRESSPlus1](#) A copy of the Code shall be displayed in the regular Board meeting room. [Q1](#)

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-16.5.](#)

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification), 2:50 (Board Member Term of Office), [2:60 \(Board Member Removal from Office\)](#), 2:100 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 2:105 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 2:210 (Organizational Board of Education Meeting)

Adopted: September 20, 2023

Questions and Answers:

***Required Question 1. The School Code does not specifically address what happens when board members violate their oath of office, nor does it create an opportunity to take legal action for such violations. *Collins v. Bd. of Educ. of North Chicago Comm. Unit Sch. Dist. 187*, 792 F.Supp.2d 992 (N.D.Ill. 2011). **Consult the board attorney for guidance when considering any type of disciplinary action or sanction against a board member.**

Depending on the situation, a board self-evaluation or private one-on-one meetings with a board member may be appropriate to address an issue relating to board member behavior (for a list of IASB workshops, see www.iasb.com/conference-training-and-events/training/workshops/). When a board member's violation of the oath of office also constitutes a willful failure to perform his or her official duties, the board may request the regional superintendent to remove the member from office. See sample policy 2:60, *Board Member Removal from Office*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com, at footnote 2, for further discussion. A board member whose conduct violates conflict of interest laws may also be subject to criminal liability and removal from office. See sample policy 2:100, *Board Member Conflict of Interest*, and its footnotes, for additional information. In consultation with the board attorney, a board may also consider other actions to address a member's violation of the oath of office, such as publicly censuring a member. *Houston Comm. College System v. Wilson*, 595 U.S. 468 (2022) (holding that a college board of trustees did not violate a trustee's First Amendment rights when it adopted a resolution censuring him for "reprehensible" conduct). Other sanctions may be also warranted, depending on the facts. For example, in *Earnest v. Jasper Cty. Comm. Unit Sch. Dist. No. 1*, 371 F.Supp.3d 459 (S.D.Ill 2019), a court held a board member was not deprived of his liberty interest under the 14th Amendment when the board limited his access to confidential board packet information after it found the board member shared confidential personnel and student information with members of the public.

To encourage appropriate conduct, boards may wish to have their policy express potential consequences for violating the oath of office or the *Code of Conduct for Members of School Boards*. Such boards may add the following sentence to the end of this policy:

"A board member who fails to abide by the oath of office or the Code may be subject to action by the Board, including, but not limited to, formal censure and/or referral to the Regional Superintendent for

removal from office under Board policy 2:60, *Board Member Removal from Office.*"

Has the Board adopted this policy to include the optional sentence shown above?

☐ No. (Default)

☒ **Yes.** (For districts in suburban Cook County, IASB will replace "Regional Superintendent" with "appropriate Intermediate Service Center Executive Director.")

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated for continuous improvement. **Issue 119, June 2025**

Recommmend as presented. 5-year review Minor language change. We track electronically, but the exhibit is good to keep so the public knows there is accountability for tracking.

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Board Member Development

2:120-E2 Exhibit - Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members

District website administrator master: [PRESSPlus1](#) Post this template (including the explanatory paragraphs) on the District's website and update the table as information is provided.

Each Illinois school board member who is elected or appointed to fill a vacancy of at least one year's duration must complete State-mandated *professional development and leadership training* (PDLT) and *Open Meetings Act* (OMA) training. State-mandated training is also required for board members who want to vote upon a dismissal based upon the *Performance Evaluation Reform Act*. For additional information, see Board policy 2:120, *Board Member Development*.

The following table contains State-mandated training requirements and other professional development activities that were completed by each Board member. When the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) provided the training, the acronym "IASB" follows the listed activity.

Name	Development and Training Activity and Provider	Date Completed

IASB is a voluntary organization of local boards of education dedicated to strengthening the Illinois public schools through local citizen control. Although not a part of State government, IASB is organized by member [school boards](#) [Board of Educations](#) as a private not-for-profit corporation under authority granted by [Article 23 of the School Code](#). The vision of IASB is excellence in local school [board](#)

governance in support of quality public education.

For more information regarding IASB and its programs visit www.iasb.com.

DATED : September 15, 2021

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. Updated throughout in response to a PRESS five-year review. PRESS Editors have a quality assurance goal to ensure that a review of each piece of the 1500+ page IASB PRESS Policy Reference Manual occurs once every five years. **Issue 119, June 2025**

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship

The Board of Education directs, through policy, the Superintendent in his or her charge of the administration of the District by delegating its authority to operate the District and provide leadership to staff. The Board employs and evaluates the Superintendent and holds him or her responsible for the operation of the District in accordance with Board policies and State and federal law.

The Board-Superintendent relationship is based on mutual respect for their complementary roles. The relationship requires clear communication of expectations regarding the duties and responsibilities of both the Board and Superintendent.

The Board considers the recommendations of the Superintendent as the District's Chief Executive Officer. The Board adopts policies necessary to provide **general** [PRESSPlus1](#) direction for the District and to encourage achievement of District goals. The Superintendent develops plans, programs, and procedures needed to implement the policies and directs the District's operations.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-16.7](#) and [5/10-21.4](#).

CROSS REF.: 3:40 (Superintendent)

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Recommend as presented.
Footnotes and minor language
updated in 5-year review.

Board of Education Meeting Procedure

2:220-E4 Exhibit - Open Meeting Minutes

PRESSPlus1

Meeting Minutes Protocol

- 1. Meeting minutes are the permanent record of the proceedings during a Board of Education meeting. All Board action must be recorded in the minutes; thus, the minutes focus on Board action.
- 2. The minutes only include information provided at the meeting. Information may not be corrected or updated in the minutes unless it was discussed at the meeting.
- 3. Minutes include a summary of the Board's discussion on an agenda topic; the minutes do not state what is said verbatim. The minutes do not repeat the same point made by different individuals. If appropriate, the minutes include a brief background and an explanation of the circumstances surrounding an issue discussed. The minutes do not include the names of Board members making specific points during discussion. Requests from individual Board members to include their vote or an opinion in the minutes PRESSPlus2 are handled according to Board policy 2:220, Board of Education Meeting Procedure.
- 4. The minutes include the topic of reports that are made to the Board including reports from the Superintendent or a Board committee. Written reports are filed with the minutes but do not become part of the minutes.
- 5. The minutes note when a member is not present for the entire meeting due to late arrival and/or early departure.
- 6. Although items may be considered by the Board in a different order than appeared on the agenda, items in the minutes are generally recorded in the same order as they appeared on the agenda. When a meeting is reconvened on a different date, the minutes must describe what happened on each meeting date.
- 7. The minutes should be recorded in an objective but positive/constructive tone. Answers and explanations, rather than questions, are recorded. Writing style, including choice of words and sentence structure, is at the discretion of the individual recording the minutes.
- 8. The minutes include individuals' names who speak during the meeting's public participation segment as well as the topics they address. All written documents presented at a Board meeting are filed with the minutes but do not become part of the minutes.
- 9. The following template generally governs meeting minutes.

Open Meeting Minutes

Date:	Time:
Location:	

Type of meeting: ☐ Regular ☐ Special ☐ Reconvened or rescheduled ☐ Emergency

Name of person taking the minutes:

Name of person presiding:

Members in attendance:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Members absent:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Members in attendance remotely (by audio or video conference

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Approval of Agenda

List any items removed from the consent agenda:

Motion made by:

Motion: ☐ To approve

☐ To add items as follows: *(No action may be taken on new agenda items.)*

Motion seconded by: _____

Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes *(Needed only if this item is not on the consent agenda.)*

Minutes from the Board meeting held on:

Motion made by:

Motion: ☐ To approve

☐ To approve subject to incorporation of the following amendment(s):

Motion seconded by: _____

Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

Approval of Items on Consent Agenda *(This may include expense advancements, reimbursements, and/or purchase orders regulated by the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act (see Board policies 2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses, and 5:60, Expenses))*

Summary of discussion:

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by:

Motion seconded by: _____

Roll Call: *(Needed when consent agenda contains an item involving the expenditure of money.)*

"Yeas"

"Nays"

Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

Public Comments *(Reproduce this section for each individual making a comment.)*

The following individual appeared and commented on the topic noted below: *(Include the title of any documents presented to the Board.)*

Name:

Topic:

Remaining Agenda Items *(Reproduce this section for each agenda item.)*

Agenda item:

Summary of discussion:

Motion made by:

Motion to:

Motion seconded by: _____

Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

(If a roll call vote occurred, record the vote of individual Board members.)

"Yeas"

"Nays"

If Applicable, Approval of Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting *(Insert exhibit 2:220-E2, Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting.)*

Approval of Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by:

Motion seconded by: _____

Action: ☐ Passed ☐ Failed

Time of adjournment:

Post-Meeting Action

Date minutes approved:

Date minutes were available for public inspection:

Date minutes were posted on District website:

DATED : September 15, 2021

PRESSPlus Comments

PRESSPlus 1. The footnote information previously included above within a popup note has been deleted. Footnotes are not intended to be included in an adopted policy and/or implemented board exhibit. Up-to-date footnote information can be found by viewing the Policy Reference Manual samples available at PRESS Online by logging in at www.iasb.com. **Issue 119, June 2025**

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Recommend as presented.
Minor language
updated in 5-year review.

Board of Education Meeting Procedure

2:220-E7 Exhibit - Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings

The Board must allow its duly elected officials or appointed officials filling a vacancy of an elected office access to closed session minutes and verbatim recordings. [5 ILCS 120/2.06](#)(e). The following subheads implement the logistics of granting this access.

Access to Closed Meeting Minutes

Duplicate this section for each grant of access to closed meeting minutes.

Date:		Time:		Storage Location:
Name of person(s) responsible for storing the closed meeting minutes:				
☐ Access granted				
Date access occurred:		Start time:		
Requesting Board member's name <i>(Please print)</i>				
In the presence of: <i>(Check appropriate box and insert name on line.)</i> PRESSPlus1				
☐ Records Secretary				
☐ Administrative official of the public body				
☐ Any elected official of the public body				

For requesting Board member: *(Read the following and sign below.)*

While the Open Meetings Act does not provide a cause of action against me or the Board for disclosing closed session discussions (*Swanson v. Bd. of Police Commissioners*, 197 Ill.App.3d 592 (2nd Dist. 1990)), I acknowledge and understand that any disclosures by me of information in the closed session minutes not yet released to the public could subject me to a possible civil action

alleging that I created harm to another, i.e., an intentional tort(s).

Requesting Board Member Signature _____ Date _____

Verbatim Recording Access

Duplicate this section for each grant of access to verbatim recordings.

Date:		Time:		Storage Location:	
Name of person(s) responsible for storing the verbatim recording:					
☐ Access granted					
Date access occurred:		Start time:		End time:	
Requesting Board member's name <i>(Please print)</i>					
In the presence of: <i>(Check appropriate box and insert name on line.)</i>					
☐ Records Secretary					
☐ Administrative official of the public body					
☐ Any elected official of the public body					
☐ Access denied ☐ Access unavailable. Verbatim recording requested is older than 18 months and was destroyed pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c) .					

For requesting Board member: *(Read the following and sign below.)*

While the Open Meetings Act does not provide a cause of action against me or the Board for disclosing closed session discussions (*Swanson v. Bd. of Police Commissioners*, 197 Ill.App.3d 592 (2nd Dist. 1990)), I acknowledge and understand that any disclosures by me of information in the closed session verbatim recordings could subject me to a possible civil action alleging that I created harm to another, i.e., an intentional tort(s).

Requesting Board Member Signature _____ Date _____

DATED : September 15, 2021

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STUDENTS

7:140 Search and Seizure

In order to maintain order and security in the schools, school authorities are authorized to conduct reasonable searches of school property and equipment, as well as of students and their personal effects. "School authorities" includes school liaison police officers.

School Property and Equipment as well as Personal Effects Left ~~There~~ On School Property [PRESSPlus1](#) by Students

School authorities may inspect and search school property and equipment owned or controlled by the school (such as, lockers, desks, and parking lots), as well as personal effects left there by a student, without notice to or the consent of the student. Students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in these places or areas or in their personal effects left there.

The Superintendent may request the assistance of law enforcement officials to conduct inspections and searches of lockers, desks, parking lots, and other school property and equipment for illegal drugs, weapons, or other illegal or dangerous substances or materials, including searches conducted through the use of specially trained dogs.

Students

School authorities may search a student and/or the student's personal effects in the student's possession (such as, purses, wallets, knapsacks, book bags, lunch boxes, etc.) when there is a reasonable ground for suspecting that the search will produce evidence the particular student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's student conduct rules. The search itself must be conducted in a manner that is reasonably related to its objective and not excessively intrusive in light of the student's age and sex, and the nature of the infraction.

When feasible, the search should be conducted as follows:

1. Outside the view of others, including students,
2. In the presence of a school administrator or adult witness, and
3. By a ~~certificated~~ licensed employee or liaison police officer of the same sex as the student.

Immediately following a search, a written report shall be made by the school authority who conducted the search, and given to the Superintendent.

Seizure of Property

If a search produces evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the District's policies or rules, such evidence may be seized and impounded by school authorities, and disciplinary action may be taken. When appropriate, such evidence may be transferred to law enforcement authorities.

Notification Regarding Student Accounts or Profiles on Social Networking Websites

The Superintendent or designee shall notify students and their parents/guardians of each of the following in accordance with the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act, [105 ILCS 75/](#):

1. School officials may not request or require a student or his or her parent/guardian to provide a password or other related account information to gain access to the student's account or profile on a social networking website.
2. School officials may conduct an investigation or require a student to cooperate in an investigation if there is specific information about activity on the student's account on a social networking website that violates a school disciplinary rule or policy. In the course of an investigation, the student may be required to share the content that is reported in order to allow school officials to make a factual determination.

LEGAL REF.:

[T.L.O. v. New Jersey, 469 U.S. 325 \(1985\).](#)

[Vernonia Sch. Dist. 47J v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646 \(1995\).](#)

[Safford Unified Sch. Dist. No. 1 v. Redding, 557 U.S. 364 \(2009\).](#)

105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/10-22.6, and 5/10-22.10a.

~~Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act, 105 ILCS 75/~~, [Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act.](#)

[Cornfield v. Consolidated High Sch. Dist. No. 230, 991 F.2d 1316 \(7th Cir. 1993\).](#)

[People v. Dilworth, 169 Ill.2d 195 \(1996\), cert. denied, 116 S.Ct. 1692](#) [517 U.S. 1197 \(1996\).](#)

[People v. Pruitt, 278 Ill.App.3d 194 \(1st Dist. 1996\), app. denied, 167 Ill.2d 564](#) ~~667 N.E. 2d 1061 (Ill.App.1, 1996).~~

~~T.L.O. v. New Jersey, 469 U.S. 325 (1985).~~

~~Vernonia School Dist. 47J v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646 (1995).~~

~~Safford Unified School Dist. No. 1 v. Redding, 557 U.S. 364 (2009).~~

CROSS REF.: 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

Adopted: January 20, 2021

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STUDENTS

7:300 Extracurricular Athletics

Student participation in school-sponsored extracurricular athletic activities is contingent upon the following:

1. The student must meet the academic criteria set forth in Board policy 6:190, *Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities*.
2. A parent/guardian of the student must provide written permission for the student's participation, giving the District full waiver of responsibility of the risks involved.
3. The student must present a current certificate of physical fitness issued by a licensed physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant. The ***Pre-Participation Physical Examination Form***, offered by the Illinois High School Association and the Illinois Elementary School Association, is the preferred certificate of physical fitness.
4. The student must show proof of accident insurance coverage either by a policy purchased through the District-approved insurance plan or a parent/guardian written statement that the student is covered under a family insurance plan.
5. The student must agree to follow all conduct rules and the coaches' instructions.
6. The student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) must: (a) comply with the eligibility rules of, and complete any forms required by, any sponsoring association (such as, the Illinois Elementary School Association, the Illinois High School Association, or the Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association), and (b) complete all forms required by the District including, without limitation, signing an acknowledgment of receiving information about the Board's concussion policy 7:305, *Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries*.

The Superintendent or designee (1) is authorized to impose additional requirements for a student to participate in extracurricular athletics, provided the requirement(s) comply with Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*, and (2) shall maintain the necessary records to ensure student compliance with this policy.

LEGAL REF.:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.30, ~~5/10-20.54~~, [PRESSPlus1](#) 5/22-80, and 25/2.

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.530\(b\)](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:100 (Insurance Management), 4:170 (Safety), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities), 7:20 (Harassment of Students Prohibited), 7:240 (Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities), 7:305 (Student Concussions and Head Injuries), 7:340 (Student Records)

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

8:80 Gifts to the District

The Board of Education appreciates gifts from any education foundation, other entities, or individuals. All gifts must adhere to each of the following:

1. Be accepted by the Board or, if less than \$500.00 in value, the Superintendent or designee. Individuals should obtain a pre-acceptance commitment before identifying the District, any school, or school program or activity as a beneficiary in any fundraising attempt, including without limitation, any Internet fundraising attempt.
2. Be given without a stated purpose or with a purpose deemed by the party with authority to accept the gift to be compatible with the Board's educational objectives and policies.
3. Be consistent with the District's mandate to provide equal educational and extracurricular opportunities to all students in the District as provided in Board policy 7:10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*. State and federal laws require the District to provide equal treatment for members of both sexes to educational programming, extracurricular activities, and athletics. This includes the distribution of athletic benefits and opportunities.
4. Permit the District to maintain resource equity among its learning centers.
5. Be viewpoint neutral when the gift involves the incorporation of any messages. [PRESSPlus1](#) The Superintendent or designee shall manage a process for the review and approval of donations involving the incorporation of messages into or placing messages upon school property.
6. Comply with all laws applicable to the District including, without limitation, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Prevailing Wage Act, the Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools, and all applicable procurement and bidding requirements.

The District will provide equal treatment to all individuals and entities seeking to donate money or a gift. Upon acceptance, all gifts become the District's property. The acceptance of a gift is not an endorsement by the Board, District, or school of any product, service, activity, or program. The method of recognition is determined by the party accepting the gift.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §1681](#) et seq., Title IX of the Education Amendments; ~~implemented by~~ [34 C.F.R. Part 106.](#)

[105 ILCS 5/16-1.](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §200.40.](#)

CROSS REF.: 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:150 (Facility Management and Building Programs), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives), 6:210 (Instructional Materials), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities)

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Board Member Development

2:120-E1 Exhibit - Guidelines for Serving as a Mentor to a New Board of Education Member

On District letterhead [PRESSPlus1](#)

Date

Recommend as presented.

See redlined version of exhibit following this update.. The assigning of a mentor by policy is an option and not required. We have not typically assigned a formal mentor, but we can if deemed necessary!

Dear Board of Education Member:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a mentor to a new Board member. The goal of the mentoring program is to orient a new Board member to the Board and District and to help the new Board member be comfortable and become an effective member of our governance team. Follow these guidelines to maximize your mentoring effectiveness:

1. During your first contact with the new Board member, introduce yourself and explain that you will serve as the new Board member's mentor and are looking forward to sharing information about the Board and District. If possible, meet with the individual to become acquainted. Be available as needed to provide assistance, advice, and support. The Superintendent's office will have already provided the new Board member with a web link or paper copy of the Board's policies, as well as other helpful material.
2. Share your knowledge and experiences with the new Board member. Take a personal interest in helping the new Board member succeed.
3. Try to develop an informal, collegial relationship with the new Board member – explain that you are there to help. Listen respectfully to all concerns and answer questions honestly.
4. Be prepared to introduce the new Board member at upcoming Board events until the new Board member becomes a familiar face.
5. Be available and maintain a helpful attitude.

Being a mentor can bring rewards to you, the new Board member, and the District. You will assist the new Board member in becoming an effective member of the Board and ensuring skilled and knowledgeable future leadership for the District. Thank you for your assistance and commitment.

Sincerely,

Board of Education President

PRESSPlus Comments

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School Board

Exhibit - Guidelines for Serving as a Mentor to a New School Board Member

On District letterhead

Date

Dear School Board Member:

Thank you for agreeing to serve as a mentor to a new Board member. The goal of the mentoring program is to orient a new Board member to the Board and District and to help the new Board member be comfortable, develop self confidence, and become an effective leader member of our governance team. Follow these guidelines to maximize your mentoring effectiveness:-

1. During your first contact with the new Board member, introduce yourself and explain that you will serve as the new Board member's mentor and are looking forward to sharing information about the Board and District. If possible, meet with the individual to become acquainted. Be available as needed to provide assistance, advice, and support. The Superintendent's office will have already provided the new Board member with a web link or paper copy of the Board's policies, as well as other helpful material.
- ~~1.2.~~ Be a good mentor by sSharing your knowledge and experiences with ~~others~~the new Board member. Take a personal interest in helping ~~others~~the new Board member succeed.
- ~~2.3.~~ Try to develop an informal, collegial relationship with the new Board member – explain that you are there to help. Listen respectfully to all concerns and answer questions honestly.
- ~~3.~~ During your first contact with the new Board member, introduce yourself and explain that you will serve as the new Board member's mentor and are looking forward to sharing information about the Board and District. If possible, meet with the individual to become acquainted. Be available as needed to provide assistance, advice, and support. The Superintendent's office will have already provided the new Board member with a web link or paper copy of the Board's policies as well as other helpful material.
4. Be prepared to introduce the new Board member at upcoming Board events until the new Board member becomes a familiar face.
5. Be available and maintain a helpful attitude. ~~You will assist the new Board member in becoming an effective member of the Board and ensuring skilled and knowledgeable future leadership for the District.~~

Being a mentor can bring rewards to you, the new Board member, and the District. You will assist the new Board member in becoming an effective member of the Board and ensuring skilled and knowledgeable future leadership for the District. Thank you for your assistance and commitment.

Sincerely,

School Board President

Document Status: Draft Update - Rewritten

Board of Education Meeting Procedure

2:220-E9 Exhibit - Requirements for No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video During Disaster Declaration

Use this exhibit to document the Board's and/or its committee(s)'s (5 ILCS 120/1.02) processes to comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (OMA) when a board and/or its committee(s) must meet during a disaster declaration related to a public health emergency/concern, and the meeting will have no physical presence of a quorum and participation by audio or video. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Note: If a Board committee uses this exhibit, replace Board President, Vice President, and Superintendent with the appropriate committee leaders.

Consult the Board Attorney for guidance.

Documentation of OMA Requirements for Board Members to Participate in a Meeting with No Physical Presence of Quorum

☐ The Governor or the Director of the Ill. Dept. of Public Health has issued a disaster declaration related to a public health emergency because of a disaster as defined in 20 ILCS 3305/4, and all or part of the jurisdiction of the Board is covered by the disaster area. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(1). **Note:** OMA uses "public health concerns," but the Ill. Emergency Management Agency Act (IEMA) uses "public health emergency;" this exhibit matches the IEMA term because it governs disaster declarations.

Insert Disaster Declaration or Executive Order number [] or attach to this document.

☐ The Board President or, if the office is vacant or the President is absent or unable to perform the office's duties, the Vice President, or if neither the President nor Vice President are present or able to perform this determination, the Superintendent (5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) and 140/2(e)) signs below that the following three **Steps** were executed by:

Step 1. Determining whether the meeting is a bona fide emergency (5 ILCS 120/7(e)(7)) (*check Yes or No, below*):

☐ Yes; it is an emergency meeting, and I:

- a. Notified the Board members and the public, including any news medium which has filed an annual request for notice of meetings as soon as practicable, but in any event prior to the holding of such meeting pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.02(a) and 120/7(e)(7)(A);
- b. Stated the nature of the emergency at the beginning of the meeting; and
- c. Provided the Superintendent or Board Secretary the resources necessary during the meeting to keep a verbatim record of the meeting, **for both open and closed**, and managed it the same way that the Board complies with the verbatim recording requirements for closed meetings (see exhibit 2:220-E1, *Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes*).

Note: In this situation, a verbatim recording is not limited to closed meetings only.

d. Move to Step 2, below.

☐ No; it is a regular or special meeting, and I:

- a. Ensured that the Board provided 48 hours' notice of the meeting to all Board members, to any news medium on file in the District that have requested notice of meetings pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.02(a), and to members of the public by posting it on the District's website. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(7). **Note:** 5 ILCS 120/7(e) does not have the "if any" exception for school boards that do not have websites. Consult the Board Attorney regarding alternate ways to communicate notice of a meeting when the District does not have a website and a Disaster Declaration or Executive Order has been issued.

Insert meeting date and time, and a link to the meeting notice or attach a copy of the notice to this document.

b. Move to Step 2, below.

Step 2. Determining whether it is practical, prudent, or feasible for any in-person attendance at the regular meeting location (5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2)). (*check Yes or No, below*):

☐ Yes; in-person attendance is practical, prudent, or feasible, and I:

- a. Ensured that at least one Board member, the Board Attorney, or the Superintendent was physically present at the regular meeting location (5 ILCS 120/7(e)(5)), and
- b. Verified that members of the public who were present could hear all discussion and testimony and all votes of the members of the Board. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(4).
- c. Move to Step 3, below.

☐ No; in-person attendance is not practical, prudent, or feasible, and I:

- a. Made a written determination referring to the specific Executive Order or Disaster Declaration citing the public health concern/emergency that applies to the Board and the meeting. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(1) and (2).
- b. Included the written determination made in letter a., above, on the Board's published notice and agenda for the alternative arrangements for the meeting. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(7)(A).
- c. Offered the alternative arrangements to the public by offering a telephone number or a web-based link. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(4).

Insert a link to the meeting notice or attach a copy of the notice or refer to above if already attached to this document (see above).

Include this written determination on the Board/committee's published notice and agenda for the audio or video meeting, and in the meeting minutes.

d. Move to Step 3, below.

Step 3. During the meeting, I:

☐ Directed the Recording Secretary to, in addition to the requirements for open meetings under OMA, also keep verbatim record of the open meeting by recording it and making it open and available to the public under all provisions of OMA. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(9). *Sample text follows below in the*

subhead Report to the Public Following the Board's Meeting with No Physical Presence of Quorum.

☐ Read my written determination referring to the specific Executive Order or Disaster Declaration citing the public health concern/emergency that applies to the Board and the meeting and directed the Recording Secretary to include it in the meeting minutes.

☐ Ensured that any interested member of the public has access to contemporaneously hear all discussion, testimony, and roll call votes. 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(4).

☐ Requested the Recording Secretary to enter into the appropriate minutes of the Board that each Board member participating in the meeting, wherever their physical locations:

1. Announced themselves present (5 ILCS 120/7(e)(3)), and
2. Verified that they could hear one another and all discussion and testimony. Id.

See exhibits 2:220-E3, *Closed Meeting Minutes* and/or 2:220-E4, *Open Meeting Minutes*.

Attach to this document copies or information about where these minutes may be found.

☐ Announced and considered each Board member participating in the meeting present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum and participating in all proceedings (5 ILCS 120/7(e)(8)) and directed the Recording Secretary to reflect it in the minutes (best practice for transparency).

☐ Conducted all votes by roll call, so each Board member's vote on each issue could be identified and recorded (5 ILCS 120/7(e)(6)), and ensured that the Recording Secretary entered all votes as **Roll Call Votes** (Use exhibit 2:220-E4, *Open Meeting Minutes*, but ensure all votes are recorded as roll call votes pursuant to the example below):

"Yeas"	"Nays"
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Motion: ☐ Carried ☐ Failed

☐ Executed or directed execution of the subhead below **Report to the Public Following the Board's Meeting with No Physical Presence of Quorum.**

Report to the Public Following the Board's Meeting with No Physical Presence of Quorum

The text below may be used for the actual report.

The Board of Education met on *[insert date]* with no physical presence of quorum to conduct its business.

The verbatim *[circle one]* audio | video recording of this meeting is available to the public under all provisions of OMA and will be destroyed pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c)(no less than 18 months after the completion of the meeting recorded but only after: (1) the Board approves the destruction of the particular recording; and (2) the Board approves minutes of the meeting that meet the written minutes requirements of OMA). 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(9).

Insert links to the verbatim recording of meeting here or attach to this document.

Note: Consult the Board Attorney for guidance on the destruction of a verbatim recording of an open meeting without the physical presence of a quorum. While 5 ILCS 120/2.06(c) refers to the process for

destroying closed session verbatim recordings, 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(9), applies that process for destroying closed session verbatim recordings to the destruction of the verbatim open session recordings that are required when a board determines it is necessary for it to meet without the physical presence of a quorum due to a public health emergency.

Completed By: _____

Title: _____

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:240 Board Policy Development

The Board of Education governs using written policies. Written policies ensure legal compliance, establish Board processes, articulate District ends, delegate authority, and define operating limits. Board policies also provide the basis for monitoring progress toward District ends. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Policy Development

Anyone may propose new policies, changes to existing policies, or deletion of existing policies. Staff suggestions should be processed through the Superintendent. Suggestions from all others should be made to the Board President or the Superintendent.

The Superintendent is responsible for: (1) providing relevant policy information and data to the Board, (2) notifying those who will implement or be affected by or required to implement a proposed policy and obtaining their advice and suggestions, and (3) having policy recommendations drafted into written form for Board deliberation. The Superintendent shall seek the counsel of the Board Attorney when appropriate.

Policy Adoption and Dissemination

Policies or policy revisions will not be adopted at the Board meeting at which they are first introduced, except when: (1) appropriate for a consent agenda because no Board discussion is required, or (2) necessary or prudent in order to meet emergency or special conditions or to be legally compliant. Further Board consideration may be given at a subsequent meeting(s) and after opportunity for community input. The adoption of a policy will serve to supersede all previously adopted policies on the same topic.

The Board policies are available for public inspection in the District's main office during regular office hours. Copy requests should be made pursuant to Board policy 2:250, *Access to District Public Records*.

Board Policy Review and Monitoring

The Board will periodically review its policies for relevancy, monitor its policies for effectiveness, and consider whether any modifications are required. The Board may use an annual policy review and monitoring calendar.

Words Importing Gender

Throughout this policy manual, words importing the masculine and/or feminine gender include all gender neutral/inclusive pronouns.

Superintendent Implementation

The Board will support any reasonable interpretation of Board policy made by the Superintendent. If reasonable minds differ, the Board will review the applicable policy and consider the need for further

clarification.

In the absence of Board policy, the Superintendent is authorized to take appropriate action.

Suspension of Policies

The Board, by a majority vote of members present at any meeting, may temporarily suspend a Board policy except those provisions that are controlled by law or contract. The failure to suspend with a specific motion does not invalidate the Board action.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.5.](#)

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:250 (Access to District Public Records), 3:40 (Superintendent)

Adopted: September 15, 2021

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Board Policy Development

2:240-E1 Exhibit - PRESS Issue Updates

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Actor	Action
Superintendent	Manages the process for the Board to receive PRESS updates to policies. Requests review of recommended revisions by the Board Attorney, as appropriate. Manages the Board's compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Ensures that, as appropriate, the agendas for the Board Policy Committee and full Board include discussion and list action to consider, adopt, implement, or revise Board policies and Board exhibits. Manages the process for approving new or revised administrative procedures, administrative procedure exhibits, and changes to employee and student handbooks. Communicates all policy and administrative procedure revisions or adoptions, as appropriate, to staff members, parents, students, and community members.
Superintendent or Superintendent's Secretary	Updates the District's <i>Roster</i> as follows: 1. Go to www.iasb.com and click on the Member Login button. 2. Log in using your email address and password. If you do not know your password, use the "forgot your password?" link. 3. At the bottom of your Profile page, click on Districts You Manage and then the District name. 4. Review and verify or change the District's existing records. Ensure that all current board members, administrators, and anyone else on staff who needs access to PRESS Online are listed with their current email addresses. For detailed roster management instructions, see www.iasb.com/IASB/media/Documents/rostermanagementinstructions.pdf.
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Designated support staff	To each member of the Policy Committee, full Board, and/or other interested school official, emails or otherwise distributes the following: 1. PRESS Update Memo; 2. PRESS video tutorial link at: www.iasb.com/policy-services-and-school-law/policy-services/press-policy-reference-education-subscription-serv/; 3. Committee worksheets (showing tracked changes in redline); and 4. Current District policy in relevant areas. As appropriate, includes new and revised policies in the Board meeting packets. After a policy is adopted or revised, updates the District's policy manual master electronic file and adds or updates adoption dates. Archives previous version of revised policy. Follows District process for updating paper and online manuals. Considers distributing the PRESS Update Memo to Building Principals.
Policy Committee (or Full Board)	Considers each PRESS update. Reviews all footnote changes. Decides which changes require Board discussion and which are appropriate as consent agenda items. Policies or policy revisions may be appropriate for a consent agenda when providing for legal compliance; updating legal references; correcting substantive grammar, spelling, or punctuation; or clarifying pre-existing policy language. Presents recommendations regarding PRESS updates to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting.
Full Board	Conducts a first reading of the policies that are recommended for adoption or revision. Policies may be adopted after a first reading when: (1) appropriate for a consent agenda because no Board discussion is required, or (2) necessary or prudent in order to meet emergency or special conditions or to be legally compliant. During the next regular meeting, conducts a second reading. A second reading allows the Board to hear feedback from interested parties, including staff, parents, students, and community members; however, State law does not require two readings. After the second reading, consider and take action to approve the policies at a duly convened open meeting.
Assistant Superintendents, Directors, Building Principals, and supervisory employees	Reads the PRESS Update Memo (if applicable) and adopted policies, follows the Superintendent's process for updating administrative procedures, and makes necessary changes to employee and student handbooks within their assigned building(s).

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Board Policy Development

2:240-E2 Exhibit - Developing Local Policy

Actor PRESSPlus1	Action
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Superintendent	Confers with the Board Attorney as appropriate. Manages the Board's compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Ensures that, as appropriate, the agendas for the Board Policy Committee and full Board include discussion and list actions to consider, adopt, implement, or revise Board policies and Board exhibits. Manages the process for approving new or revised administrative procedures, administrative procedure exhibits, and changes to employee and student handbooks. Communicates all policy and administrative procedure revisions or adoptions as appropriate to staff members, parents, students, and community members.
Policy Committee (or Full Board)	First, answers these questions to decide whether new policy language is needed: 1. Does the IASB Policy Reference Manual provide guidance? 2. Is the request something that should be covered in policy (i.e., Board work), or is it something that should be covered in an administrative procedure (i.e., staff work)? 3. Is it already covered in Board policy? Checks for policies that cover similar or connected topics. Tools such as search engines, Tables of Contents, cross references, and indexes at PRESS Online can be used to identify relevant policy numbers to check for in the Board's policy manual. Second, uses a 3-step process to draft new policy language: 1. Frames the question and discusses the topic. 2. Requests the Superintendent to provide research, including appropriate data, and input from others, such as those who may be affected by the policy and those who will implement the policy.

	3. Drafts or requests the Superintendent or Board Attorney to draft language addressing the concern that aligns with the Board's mission, vision, goals, and objectives. Third, decides whether the new language should be included in an existing policy or added as a new policy. Assigns any new policy an appropriate location and number. The PRESS coding system reserves policy numbers ending in a '0' and '5' for PRESS material. Locally developed Board policies should use policy numbers ending in 2, 4, 6, or 8.
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Actor	Action
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Superintendent	Confers with the Board Attorney as appropriate. Manages the Board's compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Ensures that, as appropriate, the agendas for the Board Policy Committee and ~~full School~~ Board include discussion and list actions to consider, adopt, <u>implement</u>, or revise Board policies and Board exhibits. Manages the process for approving new or revised administrative procedures, administrative procedure exhibits, and changes to employee and student handbooks. Communicates all policy and administrative procedure revisions or adoptions as appropriate to staff members, parents, students, and community members.
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SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

1:10 School District Legal Status

The [Illinois Constitution](#) requires the State to provide for an efficient system of high-quality public educational institutions and services in order to achieve the educational development of all persons to the limits of their capabilities. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The General Assembly has implemented this mandate through the creation of school districts. The District is governed by the laws for school districts serving a resident population of not fewer than 1,000 and not more than 500,000.

The Board of Education constitutes a body corporate that possesses all the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes, and in that name may sue and be sued, purchase, hold and sell personal property and real estate, and enter into such obligations as are authorized by law.

LEGAL REF.:

[Ill. Constitution, Art. X](#), Sec. 1.

[105 ILCS 5/10-1](#) *et seq.*

CROSS REF.: 2:10 (School District Governance), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification)

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SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

The District is organized and operates as an Elementary District serving the educational needs of children in grades Pre-K through 8 and others as required by the School Code. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The District enters into and participates in joint programs and intergovernmental agreements with units of local government and other school districts in order to jointly provide services and activities in a manner that will increase flexibility, scope of service opportunities, cost reductions, and/or otherwise benefit the District and the community. The Superintendent shall manage these activities to the extent the program or agreement requires the District's participation, and shall provide periodic implementation or operational data and/or reports to the Board of Education concerning these programs and agreements.

LEGAL REF.:

[Ill. Constitution, Art. VII](#), Sec. 10.

[5 ILCS 220/](#), Intergovernmental Cooperation Act.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

1:30 School District Philosophy

The School District, in an active partnership with parents and community, will promote excellence in a caring environment in which all students learn and grow. This partnership aims to educate all children as individuals, to foster a love of learning and to prepare children for a responsible and successful future in a diversified world. The School District is committed to developing and using a visionary and innovative curriculum, a knowledgeable and dedicated staff, and sound fiscal and management practices. [PRESSPlus1](#)

CROSS REF: 2:10 (School District Governance), 3:10 (Goals and Objectives), 6:10 (Educational Philosophy and Objectives)

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:10 School District Governance

The District is governed by a Board of Education consisting of seven members. The Board's powers and duties include the authority to adopt, enforce, and monitor all policies for the management and governance of the District's schools. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Official action by the Board may only occur at a duly called and legally conducted meeting. Except as otherwise provided by the Open Meetings Act, a quorum must be physically present at the meeting.

As stated in the Board member oath of office prescribed by the School Code, a Board member has no legal authority as an individual.

LEGAL REF.:

[5 ILCS 120/](#), Open Meetings Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-1](#), [5/10-10](#), [5/10-12](#), [5/10-16.5](#), [5/10-16.7](#), and [5/10-20.5](#).

CROSS REF.: 1:10 (School District Legal Status), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification), 2:80 (Board Member Oath and Conduct), 2:120 (Board Member Development), 2:200 (Types of Board of Education Meetings), 2:220 (Board of Education Meeting Procedure)

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GENERAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

3:30 Chain of Command

The Superintendent shall develop an organizational chart indicating the channels of authority and reporting relationships for school personnel. These channels should be followed, and no level should be bypassed except in unusual situations. [PRESSPlus1](#)

All personnel should refer matters requiring administrative action to the responsible administrator, and may appeal a decision to a higher administrative officer. Whenever possible, each employee should be responsible to only one immediate supervisor. When this is not possible, the division of responsibility must be clear.

CROSS REF.: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 3:70 (Succession of Authority), 8:110 (Public Suggestions and Concerns)

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4:50 Payment Procedures

The Treasurer shall prepare a list of all due and payable bills, indicating vendor name and amount, and shall present it to the Board of Education in advance of the Board's first regular monthly meeting or, if necessary, a special meeting. These bills are reviewed by the Board, after which they may be approved for payment by Board order. Approval of all bills shall be given by a roll call vote and the votes shall be recorded in the minutes. The Treasurer shall pay the bills after receiving a Board order or pertinent portions of the Board minutes, even if the minutes are unapproved, provided the order or minutes are signed by the Board President and Secretary, or a majority of the Board. [PRESSPlus1](#)

The Treasurer is authorized, without further Board approval, to pay Social Security taxes, wages, pension contributions, utility bills, and other recurring bills. These disbursements shall be included in the listing of bills presented to the Board.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to establish revolving funds and a petty cash fund system for school cafeterias, lunchrooms, athletics, or similar purposes, provided such funds are maintained in accordance with Board policy 4:80, *Accounting and Audits*, and remain in the custody of an employee who is properly bonded according to State law.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/8-16](#), [5/10-7](#), and [5/10-20.19](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §100.70](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:55 (Use of Credit and Procurement Cards), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 4:80 (Accounting and Audits)

Adopted: June 10, 2020

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds

The Board of Education, upon the Superintendent or designee's recommendation, establishes student activity funds to be managed by student organizations under the guidance and direction of a staff member for educational, recreational, or cultural purposes. The Board, upon the Superintendent or designee's recommendation, also establishes fiduciary funds to be supervised by the Superintendent or designee. The District has custodial responsibilities for fiduciary funds but no direct involvement in the management of such funds. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Student Activity Funds

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for supervising student activity funds in accordance with Board policy, 4:80, *Accounting and Audits*; State law; and the Ill. State Board of Education (ISBE) rules for student activity funds. The Board will appoint a treasurer for each fund to serve as the fund's custodian and be bonded in accordance with the School Code. The treasurer shall have all of the authority and responsibilities specific to the treasurer listed in ISBE rules for school activity funds, except that the treasurer is not authorized to make loans between activity funds.

Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, a student activity fund's balance will carry over to the next fiscal year. An account containing student activity funds that is inactive for 12 consecutive months shall be closed and its funds transferred to another student activity fund or authorized fund with a similar purpose.

Fiduciary Funds

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for supervising fiduciary funds in accordance with Board policy 4:80, *Accounting and Audits*; State law; and ISBE rules for fiduciary funds. The Board will appoint a treasurer for each fund to serve as the fund's sole custodian and be bonded in accordance with the School Code. The treasurer shall have all of the responsibilities specific to the treasurer listed in the ISBE rules for fiduciary funds.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/8-2](#) and [5/10-20.19](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code §§100.20](#), [100.80](#), and [100.85](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:80 (Accounting and Audits), 7:325 (Student Fundraising Activities)

Adopted: January 20, 2021

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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery

The School Board recognizes that the District will play an essential role along with the local health department and emergency management agencies in protecting the public's health and safety during a pandemic. [PRESSPlus1](#)

A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Pandemics happen when a new virus emerges to infect individuals and, because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it spreads sustainably.

To prepare the School District community for a pandemic, the Superintendent or designee shall: (1) learn and understand how the roles that the federal, State, and local government function; (2) form a pandemic planning team consisting of appropriate District personnel and community members to identify priorities and oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive pandemic school action plan; and (3) build awareness of the final plan among staff, students, and community.

Emergency School Closing

In the case of a pandemic, the Governor may declare a disaster due to a public health emergency that may affect any decision for an emergency school closing. Decisions for an emergency school closing will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the Governor, Ill. Dept. of Public Health, District's local health department, emergency management agencies, and/or Intermediate Service Center.

During an emergency school closing, the Board Policy Committee may, to the extent the emergency situation allows, examine existing Board policies pursuant to Policy 2:240, *Board Policy Development*, and recommend to the Board for consideration any needed amendments or suspensions to address mandates that the District may not be able to accomplish or implement due to a pandemic.

Board Meeting Procedure: No Physical Presence of Quorum and Participation by Audio or Video

A disaster declaration related to a public health emergency may affect the Board's ability to meet in person and generate a quorum of members who are physically present at the location of a meeting. Policy 2:220, *School Board Meeting Procedure*, governs Board meetings by video or audio conference without the physical presence of a quorum.

Payment of Employee Salaries During Emergency School Closures

The Superintendent shall consult with the Board to determine the extent to which continued payment of salaries and benefits will be made to the District's employees, pursuant to Board policies 3:40, *Superintendent*, 3:50, *Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent*, 5:35, *Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act*, 5:200, *Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal*, and 5:270, *Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment*, and consistent with: (1) applicable laws, regulations, federal or State or local emergency declarations, executive orders, and agency

directives; (2) collective bargaining agreements and any bargaining obligations; and (3) the terms of any grant under which an employee is being paid.

Suspension of In-Person Instruction; Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s)

When the Governor declares a disaster due to a public health emergency pursuant to [20 ILCS 3305/7](#), and the State Superintendent of Education declares a requirement for the District to use *Remote Learning Days* or *Blended Remote Learning Days*, the Superintendent shall approve and present to the Board for adoption a Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan (Plan) that:

1. Recommends to the Board for consideration any suspensions or amendments to curriculum-related policies to reduce any Board-required graduation or other instructional requirements in excess of minimum curricular requirements specified in School Code that the District may not be able to provide due to the pandemic;
2. Implements the requirements of [105 ILCS 5/10-30](#) by adapting into a Plan the District's e-learning program implemented pursuant to [105 ILCS 5/10-20.56](#); and
3. Ensures a plan for periodic review of and/or amendments to the Plan when needed and/or required by statute, regulation, or State guidance.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-16.7](#), [5/10-20.5](#), [5/10-20.56](#), and [5/10-30](#).

[5 ILCS 120/2.01](#) and [120/7](#)(e), Open Meetings Act.

[20 ILCS 2305/2](#)(b), Ill. Dept. of Public Health Act (Part 1).

[20 ILCS 3305/](#), Ill. Emergency Management Agency Act.

[115 ILCS 5/](#), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

CROSS REF.: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification), 2:220 (School Board Meeting Procedure), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 3:40 (Superintendent), 3:50 (Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent), 3:70 (Succession of Authority), 4:170 (Safety), 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 5:200 (Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal), 5:270 (Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment), 6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 6:300 (Graduation Requirements), 7:90 (Release During School Hours), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

Adopted: August 12, 2020

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Workplace Harassment Prohibited

5:20-E Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment

WHEREAS, Section 10-20 of the School Code ([105 ILCS 5/10-20](#)) grants school boards other powers that are not inconsistent with their duties; [PRESSPlus1](#)

WHEREAS, Section 1-5 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act ([5 ILCS 430/1-5](#)) includes school districts within the definition of a *governmental entity*;

WHEREAS, Section 5-65 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act ([5 ILCS 430/5-65](#)) provides that all persons have a right to work in an environment free from sexual harassment;

WHEREAS, Section 70-5 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act ([5 ILCS 430/70-5](#)) requires governmental entities to adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing a policy to prohibit sexual harassment which, at a minimum, includes: (1) a prohibition on sexual harassment; (2) details on how an individual can report an allegation of sexual harassment, including options for making a confidential report to a supervisor, ethics officer, Inspector General, or the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights; (3) a prohibition on retaliation for reporting sexual harassment allegations, including availability of whistleblower protections under the Act, the Whistleblower Act ([740 ILCS 174/](#)), and the Ill. Human Rights Act ([775 ILCS 5/](#)); (4) the consequences: (a) of a violation of the prohibition on sexual harassment; and (b) for knowingly making a false report; and (5) a mechanism for reporting and independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against a Board member by a fellow Board member or other elected official;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Palos Heights District 128, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The Board adopts Board policies 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*, and 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*, attached as Exhibit A, which collectively contain the following: (1) a prohibition on sexual harassment; (2) detail regarding how an individual can report an allegation of sexual harassment, including options for making a confidential report to an immediate supervisor, the Building Principal, an administrator, the Nondiscrimination Coordinator, a Complaint Manager, or the Ill. Dept. of Human Rights; (3) a prohibition on retaliation for reporting sexual harassment allegations and a statement regarding the availability of whistleblower protections under the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, the Whistleblower Act, and the Ill. Human Rights Act; and (4) the consequences: (a) of a violation of the prohibition on sexual harassment; and (b) for knowingly making a false report, and (5) a mechanism for reporting and independent review of allegations of sexual harassment made against a Board member by a fellow Board member or other elected official.

Section 2: Any prior versions of Board policies 2:105, *Ethics and Gift Ban*, and 5:20, *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*, adopted by the Board are superseded by this Resolution.

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Adopted this 12th day of February, 2020.

Attested by: _____ Board President

Attested by: _____ Board Secretary

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Educational Support Personnel

5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment

Employment At-Will [PRESSPlus1](#)

Unless otherwise specifically provided, District employment is at-will, meaning that employment may be terminated by the District or employee at any time for any reason, other than a reason prohibited by law, or no reason at all. Nothing in Board of Education policy is intended or should be construed as altering the employment at-will relationship.

Exceptions to employment at-will may include employees who are employed annually, have an employment contract, or are otherwise granted a legitimate interest in continued employment. The Superintendent is authorized to make exceptions to employing nonlicensed employees at-will but shall maintain a record of positions or employees who are not at-will.

Compensation

The Board will determine salary and wages for educational support personnel. Increments are dependent on evidence of continuing satisfactory performance. An employee covered by the overtime provisions in State or federal law shall not work overtime without the prior authorization from the employee's immediate supervisor. Educational support personnel are paid twice a month.

Assignment

The Superintendent is authorized to make assignments and transfers of educational support personnel.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-22.34](#) and [5/10-23.5](#).

CROSS REF.: 5:10 (Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment) 5:35 (Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act), 5:290 (Employment Termination and Suspensions), 5:310 (Compensatory Time-Off)

Adopted: January 20, 2021

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STUDENTS

7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students

Part-Time Attendance [PRESSPlus1](#)

The District accepts nonpublic school students, including parochial and home-schooled students, who live within the District for part-time attendance in the District's regular education program on a space-available basis. Requests for part-time attendance must be submitted to the Building Principal. All requests for attendance in the following school year must be submitted before May 1.

A student accepted for partial enrollment must comply with all discipline and attendance requirements established by the school. He or she may participate in any co-curricular activity associated with a District class in which he or she is enrolled. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student accepted for partial enrollment must pay all fees, pro-rated on the basis of a percentage of full-time fees. Transportation to and/or from school is provided on regular bus routes to or from a point on the route nearest or most easily accessible to the nonpublic school or student's home. This transportation shall be on the same basis as the District provides transportation for its full-time students. Transportation on other than established bus routes is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s).

Students with a Disability

The District accepts for part-time attendance those children for whom it has been determined that special education services are needed, are enrolled in nonpublic schools, and otherwise qualify for enrollment in the District. Requests must be submitted by the student's parent/guardian. Special educational services shall be provided to such students as soon as possible after identification, evaluation, and placement procedures provided by State law, but no later than the beginning of the next school semester following the completion of such procedures. Transportation for such students shall be provided only if required in the child's individualized educational program on the basis of the child's disabling condition or as the special education program location may require.

Extracurricular Activities, Including Interscholastic Competition

A nonpublic school student living within the district is eligible to participate in: (1) interscholastic competition, provided his or her participation adheres to the regulations established by any association in which the School District maintains a membership, and (2) non-athletic extracurricular activities, provided the student's participation adheres to the guidelines for the activity. A parent or guardian is responsible for providing transportation for the participant to and from the school activity. A nonpublic student who participates in an extracurricular activity is subject to all policies, regulations and rules that are applicable to other participants in the activity.

Assignment When Enrolling Full-Time in a District School

Grade placement by, and academic credits earned at, a nonpublic school will be accepted if the school has a Certificate of Nonpublic School Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education, or, if outside Illinois, if the school is accredited by the state agency governing education.

A student who, after receiving instruction in a non-recognized or non-accredited school, enrolls in the District will: (1) be assigned to a grade level according to academic proficiency, (2) chronological age, and/or (3) have academic credits recognized by the District if the student demonstrates appropriate academic proficiency to the school administration. Any portion of a student's transcript relating to such instruction will not be considered for placement on the honor roll or computation in class rank.

Notwithstanding the above, recognition of grade placement and academic credits awarded by a nonpublic school is at the sole discretion of the District. All school and class assignments will be made according to Board of Education policy 7:30, *Student Assignment*, as well as administrative procedures implementing this policy.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.24](#) and [5/14-6.01](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:110 (Transportation), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 6:190 (Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities), 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency), 7:30 (Student Assignment), 7:300 (Extracurricular Athletics)

Adopted: October 12, 2022

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7:90 Release During School Hours

For safety and security reasons, a prior written or oral consent of a student's custodial parent/guardian is required before a student is released during school hours: (1) at any time before the regular dismissal time or at any time before school is otherwise officially closed, and/or (2) to any person other than a custodial parent/guardian.

Early Dismissal Announcement

The Superintendent or designee shall make reasonable efforts to issue an announcement whenever it is necessary to close school early due to inclement weather or other reason.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety)

ADOPTED: April 9, 2014

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7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities

All students are entitled to enjoy the rights protected by the [U.S.](#) and [Illinois Constitutions](#) and laws for persons of their age and maturity in a school setting. Students should exercise these rights reasonably and avoid violating the rights of others. Students who violate the rights of others or violate District policies or rules will be subject to disciplinary measures. [PRESSPlus1](#)

Students may, during the school day, during noninstructional time, voluntarily engage in individually or collectively initiated, non-disruptive prayer or religious-based meetings that, consistent with the Free Exercise and Establishment Clauses of the U.S. and Illinois Constitutions, are not sponsored, promoted, or endorsed in any manner by the school or any school employee. *Noninstructional time* means time set aside by a school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends.

LEGAL REF.:

[20 U.S.C. §7904.](#)

[105 ILCS 20/5.](#)

[Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District](#), 89 S.Ct. 733 (1969).

CROSS REF.: 7:140 (Search and Seizure), 7:150 (Agency and Police Interviews), 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:190 (Student Behavior)

Adopted: June 10, 2020

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7:325 Student Fundraising Activities

No individual or organization is allowed to ask students to participate in fundraising activities while the students are on school grounds during school hours or during any school activity. Exceptions are: [PRESSPlus1](#)

1. School-sponsored student organizations; and
2. Parent organizations and booster clubs that are recognized pursuant to policy 8:90, *Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs*.

The Superintendent or designee shall manage student fundraising activities in alignment with the following directives:

1. Fundraising efforts shall not conflict with instructional activities or programs.
2. ~~For any school that participates in the School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program,~~ fundraising activities involving the sale of food and beverage items to students during the school day while on the school campus must comply with the Ill. State Board of Education rules concerning the sale of competitive food and beverage items. *and school wellness guidelines.*
3. Participation in fundraising efforts must be voluntary.
4. Student safety must be paramount, and door-to-door solicitations are discouraged.
5. For school-sponsored student organizations, a school staff member must supervise the fundraising activities and the student activity funds treasurer must safeguard the financial accounts.
6. The fundraising efforts must be to support the organization's purposes and/or activities, the general welfare, a charitable cause, or the educational experiences of students generally.
7. The funds shall be used to the maximum extent possible for the designated purpose.
8. Any fundraising efforts that solicit donor messages for incorporation into school property, e.g., tiles or bricks, or placement upon school property, e.g., posters or placards, must:
 - a. Develop viewpoint neutral guidelines for the creation of messages;
 - b. Inform potential donors that all messages are subject to review and approval, and that messages that do not meet the established guidelines must be resubmitted or the donation will be returned; and
 - c. Place a disclaimer on all fundraising information and near the completed donor messages that all messages are "solely the expression of the individual donors and not an endorsement by the District of any message's content."

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.19\(3\)](#).

[23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305](#), School Food Service.

CROSS REF.: 4:90 (Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds), 4:120 (Food Services), 8:80 (Gifts to the District), 8:90 (Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs) 6:50 (School Wellness)

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

The Board of Education is interested in receiving suggestions and concerns from members of the community. Any individual may make a suggestion or express a concern by contacting any District or School office. Community members who e-mail the District or any District employee or board member are expected to abide by the standards in Board policy 6:235, *Access to Electronic Networks*, and should, to the extent possible, limit their communications to relevant individuals. All suggestions and/or concerns will be referred to the appropriate level staff member or District administrator who is most able to respond in a timely manner. Each concern or suggestion shall be considered on its merit. [PRESSPlus1](#)

An individual who is not satisfied may file a grievance under Board policy 2:260, *Uniform Grievance Procedure*. The Board encourages, but does not require, individuals to follow the channels of authority prior to filing a grievance. Neither this policy nor the *Uniform Grievance Procedure* create an independent right to a hearing before the Board.

LEGAL REF.:

[115 ILCS 5/14](#)(c-5), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

CROSS REF.: 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 2:230 (Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 3:30 (Chain of Command), 6:235 (Access to Electronic Networks), 6:260 (Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs), 8:10 (Connection with the Community)

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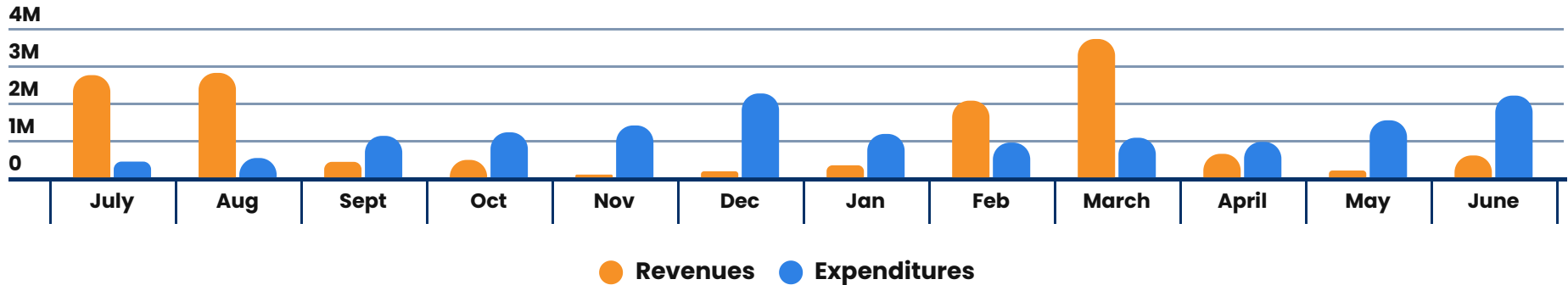
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Monthly Financial Report – June 2025

Palos Heights School District 128



Monthly Revenues and Expenditures for FY25



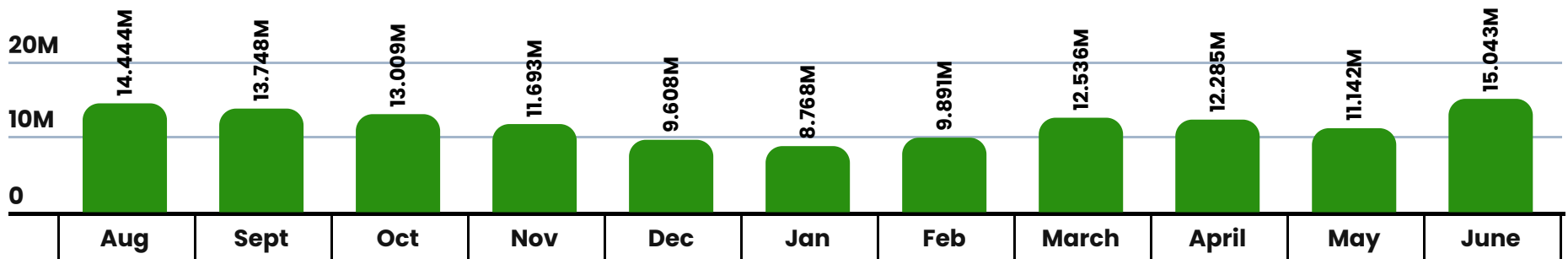
Revenues Received During Month

Source	Month	YTD
Real Estate Taxes	28,000	10,840,000
Other Local Sources	357,000	823,000
Evidenced-Based Funding	56,000	619,000
Other State Sources	143,000	1,243,000
Federal Sources	4,000	635,000
Total All Funds	\$588,000	\$14,160,000

Expenses Paid During Month

Object	Month	YTD
Salaries	1,305,000	8,008,000
Benefits	285,000	2,001,000
Purchased Services	187,000	1,509,000
Supplies & Materials	116,000	712,000
Capital Outlays	142,000	477,000
Tuition and Other	69,000	787,000
Debt Payments	88,000	1,247,000
Total All Funds	\$2,192,000	\$14,741,000

Monthly Fund Balance – All Funds



Budget Tracking Report



FY25 Actual YTD

Beginning Balance	YTD Revenues	YTD Expenditures	Bond Proceeds - YTD	Ending Balance
\$9,848,000	\$14,160,000	\$14,741,000	\$5,776,000	\$15,043,000

FY25 Total Budget

Beginning Balance	Budgeted Revenues	Budgeted Expenditures	Budgeted Bond Proceeds	Budgeted Ending Balance
\$9,848,000	\$14,233,000	\$14,706,000		\$9,375,000

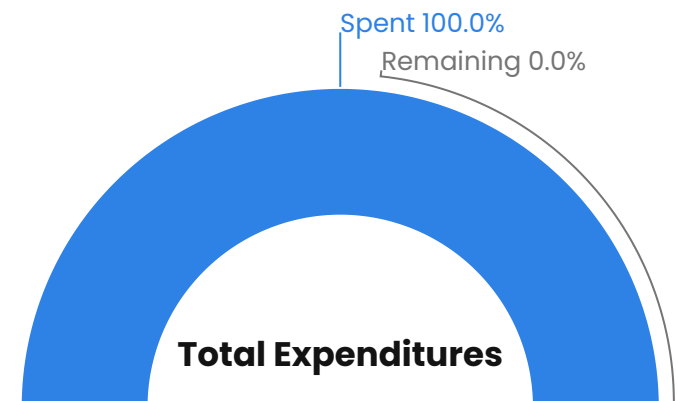
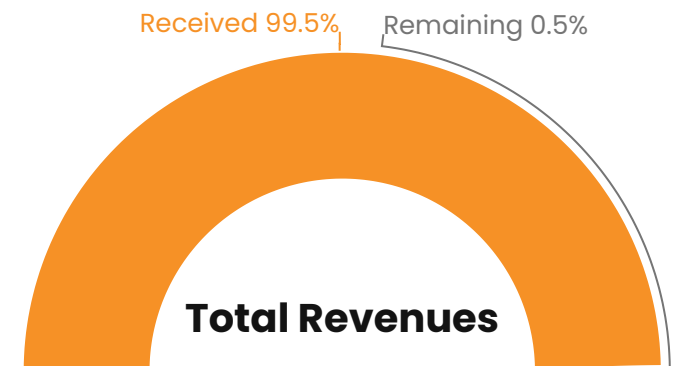
Revenues Received – Actual YTD vs. Total FY Budget

Source	YTD	Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Real Estate Taxes	10,840,000	11,147,000	97.25%	307,000
Other Local Sources	823,000	592,000	139.02%	(231,000)
Evidenced-Based Funding	619,000	620,000	99.84%	1,000
Other State Sources	1,243,000	1,211,000	102.64%	(32,000)
Federal Sources	635,000	663,000	95.78%	28,000
Total All Funds	\$14,160,000	\$14,233,000	99.49%	\$73,000

Expenses Paid – Actual YTD vs. Total FY Budget

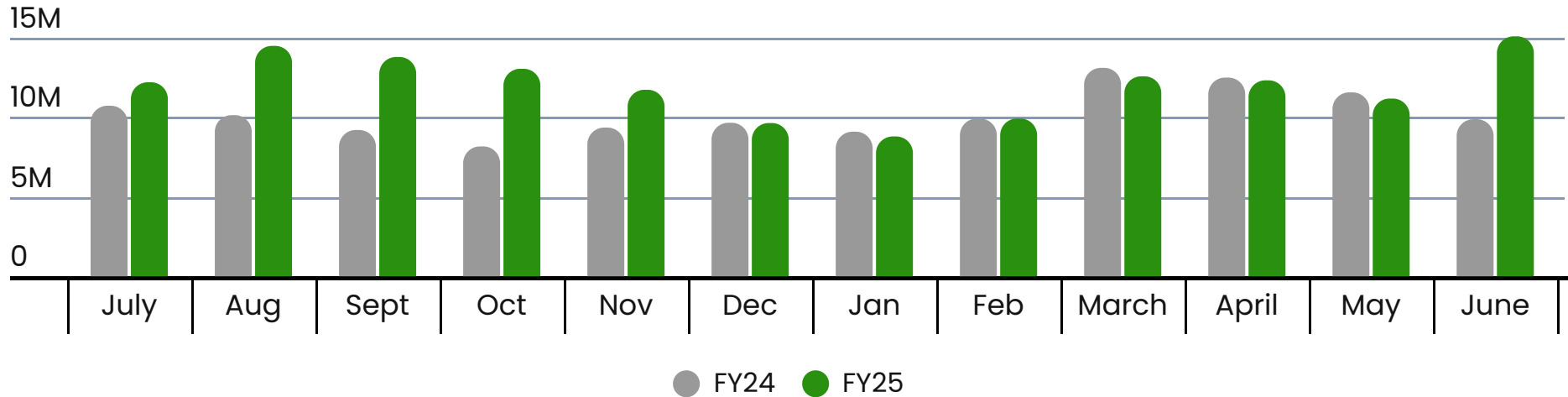
Source	YTD	Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Salaries	8,008,000	8,057,000	99.39%	49,000
Benefits	2,001,000	2,005,000	99.80%	4,000
Purchased Services	1,509,000	1,551,000	97.29%	42,000
Supplies	712,000	734,000	97.00%	22,000
Capital Outlays	477,000	457,000	104.38%	(20,000)
Tuition and Other	787,000	726,000	108.40%	(61,000)
Debt Service	1,247,000	1,176,000	106.04%	(71,000)
Total All Funds	\$14,741,000	\$14,706,000	100.24%	\$(35,000)

% Actual vs. Budget



Current Year vs. Prior Year Tracking Report

Monthly Fund Balance Comparison



YTD Revenues FY25 vs. FY24

Source	Current YTD	FY24 YTD	FY25 v. FY24
Real Estate Taxes	10,840,000	10,807,000	33,000
Other Local Sources	823,000	681,000	142,000
Evidenced-Based Funding	619,000	618,000	1,000
Other State Sources	1,243,000	978,000	265,000
Federal Sources	635,000	933,000	(298,000)
Total All Funds	\$14,160,000	\$14,017,000	\$143,000

YTD Expenditures FY25 vs. FY24

Object	Current YTD	FY24 YTD	FY25 v. FY24
Salaries	8,008,000	7,507,000	501,000
Benefits	2,001,000	1,853,000	148,000
Purchased Services	1,509,000	1,475,000	34,000
Supplies	712,000	687,000	25,000
Capital Outlays	477,000	1,841,000	(1,364,000)
Tuition and Other	787,000	659,000	128,000
Debt Payments	1,247,000	1,194,000	53,000
Total All Funds	\$14,741,000	\$15,216,000	\$(475,000)

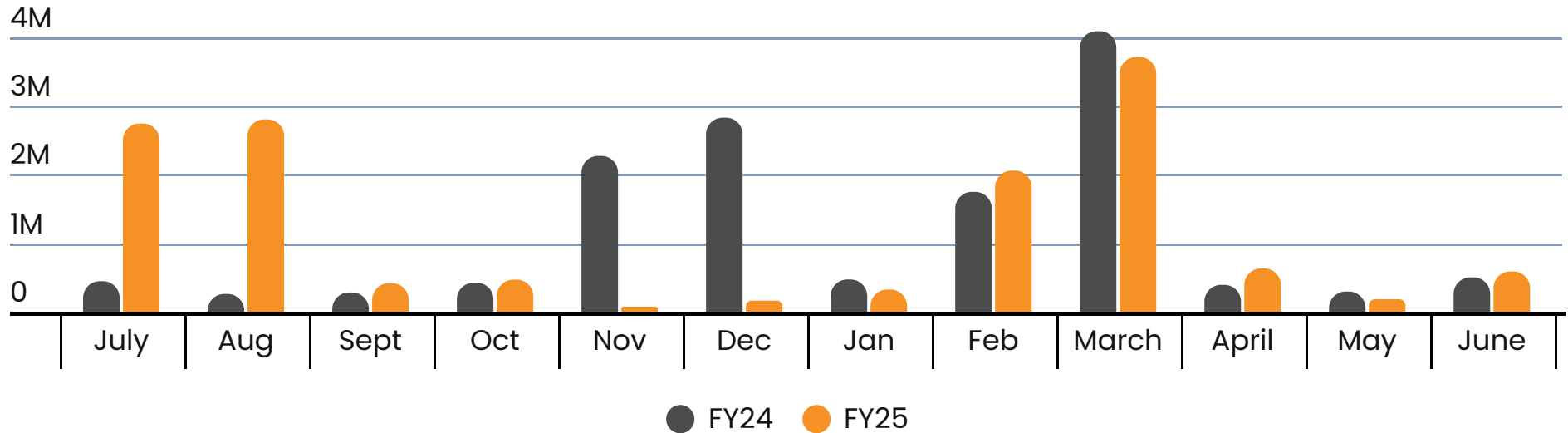
Current YTD Revenues vs. Expenditures
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Prior YTD Revenues vs. Expenditures
\$(1,199,000)

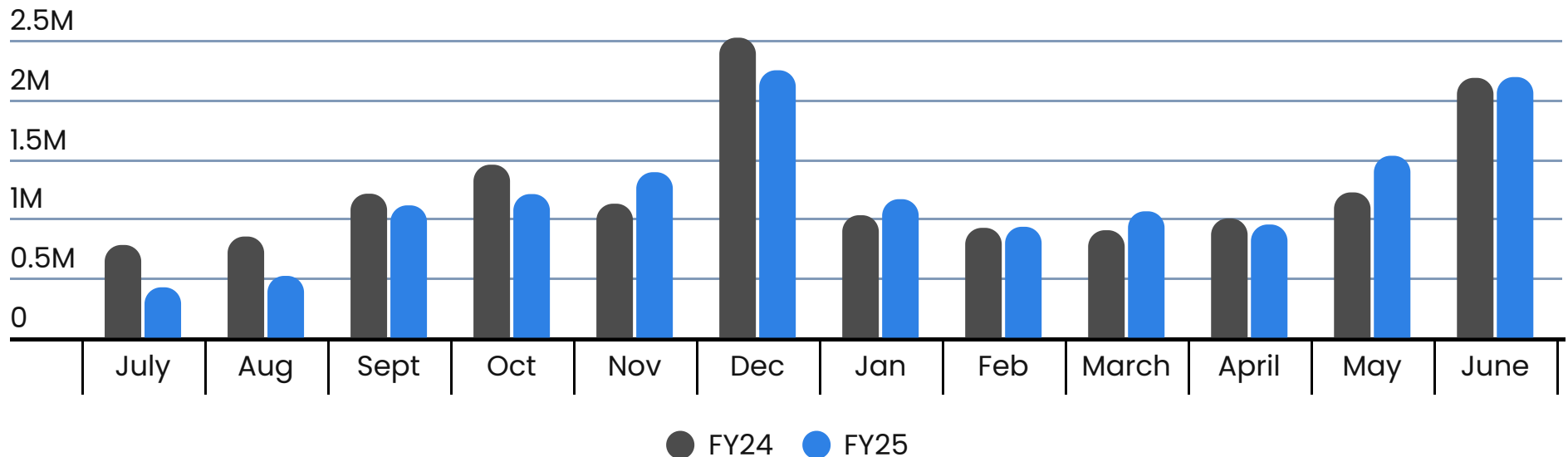
Cash Flow Report



Revenues Received by Month vs. Prior Years



Expenditures Paid by Month vs. Prior Years



Fund Balance Report



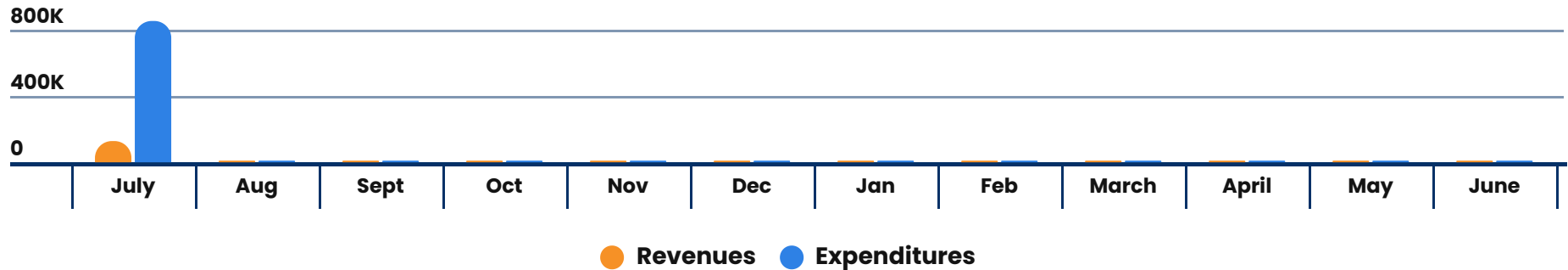
Fund	Beginning Balance	Revenues YTD	Expenses YTD	Transfers - Other	Ending Balance
Education	4,852,000	10,628,000	11,063,000	0	4,417,000
Operations and Maintenance	689,000	930,000	1,072,000	(167,000)	380,000
Transportation	516,000	628,000	524,000	0	620,000
Working Cash	2,296,000	234,000	0	273,000	2,803,000
Total - Operating Funds	\$8,353,000	\$12,420,000	\$12,659,000	\$106,000	\$8,220,000
Bond and Interest	950,000	1,308,000	1,414,000	0	844,000
IMRF/Social Security	205,000	425,000	407,000	0	223,000
Capital Projects	335,000	7,000	261,000	5,670,000	5,751,000
Tort Immunity	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
Health/Life Safety	0	0	0	0	0
Total - Other Funds	\$1,495,000	\$1,740,000	\$2,082,000	\$5,670,000	\$6,823,000
Total - All Funds	\$9,848,000	\$14,160,000	\$14,741,000	\$5,776,000	\$15,043,000

Monthly Financial Report – July 2025

Palos Heights School District 128



Monthly Revenues and Expenditures for FY26



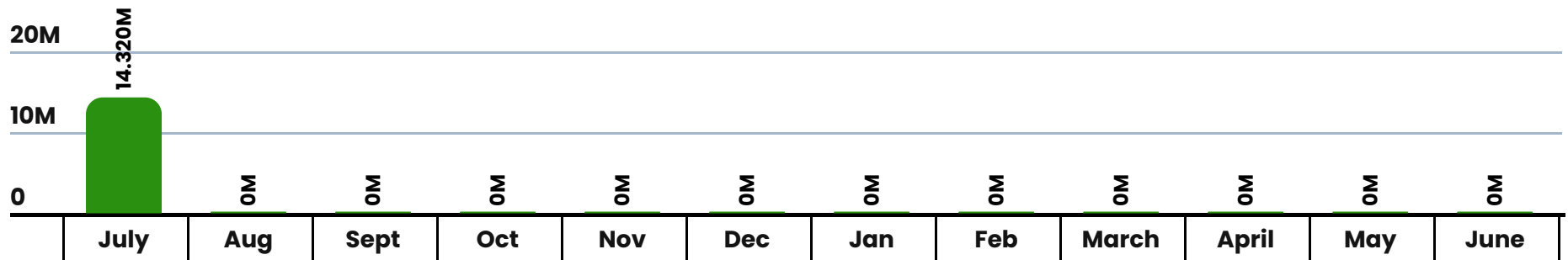
Revenues Received During Month

Source	Month	YTD
Real Estate Taxes	0	0
Other Local Sources	37,000	37,000
Evidenced-Based Funding	0	0
Other State Sources	35,000	35,000
Federal Sources	56,000	56,000
Total All Funds	\$128,000	\$128,000

Expenses Paid During Month

Object	Month	YTD
Salaries	160,000	160,000
Benefits	51,000	51,000
Purchased Services	194,000	194,000
Supplies & Materials	37,000	37,000
Capital Outlays	374,000	374,000
Tuition and Other	35,000	35,000
Debt Payments	0	0
Total All Funds	\$851,000	\$851,000

Monthly Fund Balance – All Funds



Budget Tracking Report



FY26 Actual YTD

Beginning Balance	YTD Revenues	YTD Expenditures	Bond Proceeds - YTD	Ending Balance
\$15,043,000	\$128,000	\$851,000		\$14,320,000

FY26 Total Budget

Beginning Balance	Budgeted Revenues	Budgeted Expenditures	Budgeted Bond Proceeds	Budgeted Ending Balance
\$15,043,000	\$14,233,000	\$14,706,000		\$14,570,000

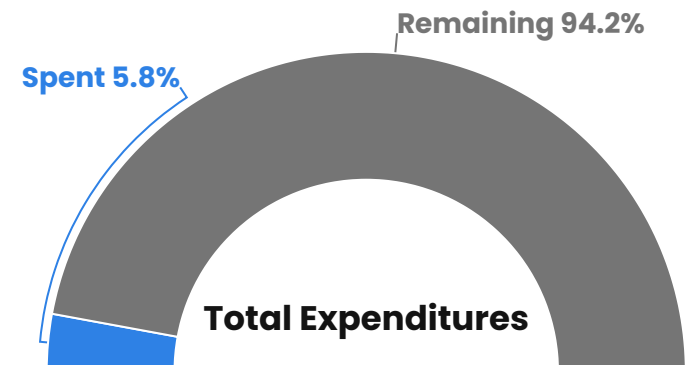
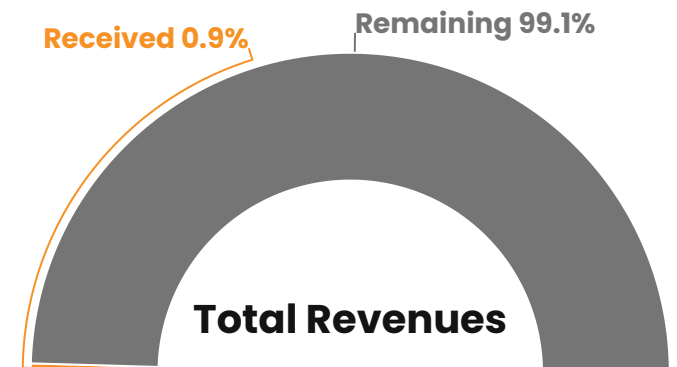
Revenues Received – Actual YTD vs. Total FY Budget

Source	YTD	Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Real Estate Taxes	0	11,147,000	0.00%	11,147,000
Other Local Sources	37,000	592,000	6.25%	555,000
Evidenced-Based Funding	0	620,000	0.00%	620,000
Other State Sources	35,000	1,211,000	2.89%	1,176,000
Federal Sources	56,000	663,000	8.45%	607,000
Total All Funds	\$128,000	\$14,233,000	0.90%	\$14,105,000

Expenses Paid – Actual YTD vs. Total FY Budget

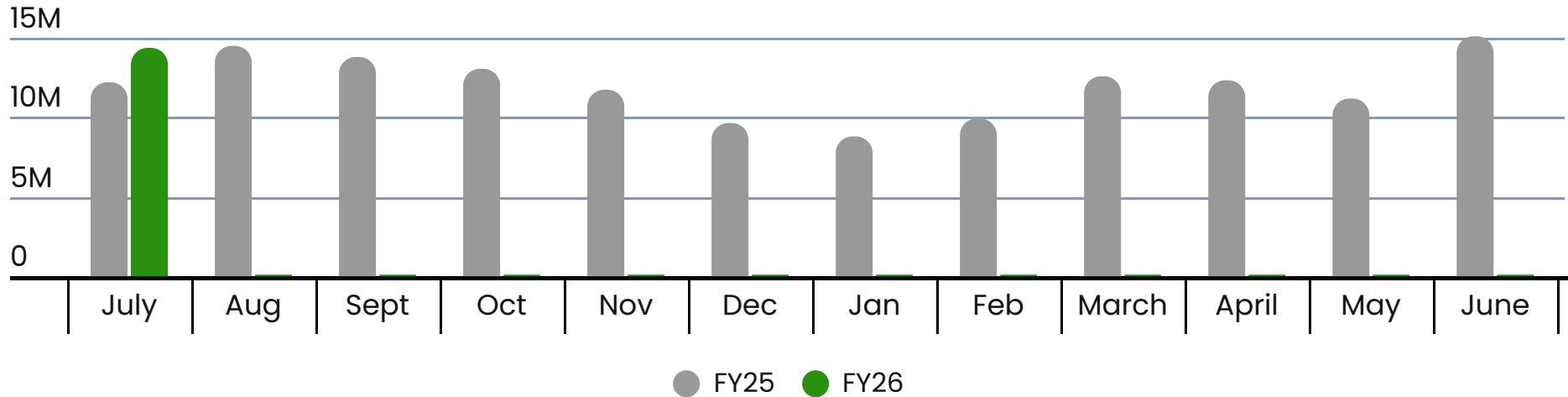
Source	YTD	Budget	% of Budget	Budget Remaining
Salaries	160,000	8,057,000	1.99%	7,897,000
Benefits	51,000	2,005,000	2.54%	1,954,000
Purchased Services	194,000	1,551,000	12.51%	1,357,000
Supplies	37,000	734,000	5.04%	697,000
Capital Outlays	374,000	457,000	81.84%	83,000
Tuition and Other	35,000	726,000	4.82%	691,000
Debt Service	0	1,176,000	0.00%	1,176,000
Total All Funds	\$851,000	\$14,706,000	5.79%	\$13,855,000

% Actual vs. Budget



Current Year vs. Prior Year Tracking Report

Monthly Fund Balance Comparison



YTD Revenues FY26 vs. FY25

Source	Current YTD	FY25 YTD	FY26 v. FY25
Real Estate Taxes	0	0	0
Other Local Sources	37,000	62,000	(25,000)
Evidenced-Based Funding	0	0	0
Other State Sources	35,000	0	35,000
Federal Sources	56,000	336,000	(280,000)
Total All Funds	\$128,000	\$398,000	\$(270,000)

YTD Expenditures FY26 vs. FY25

Object	Current YTD	FY25 YTD	FY26 v. FY25
Salaries	160,000	148,000	12,000
Benefits	51,000	50,000	1,000
Purchased Services	194,000	111,000	83,000
Supplies	37,000	22,000	15,000
Capital Outlays	374,000	56,000	318,000
Tuition and Other	35,000	37,000	(2,000)
Debt Payments	0	0	0
Total All Funds	\$851,000	\$424,000	\$427,000

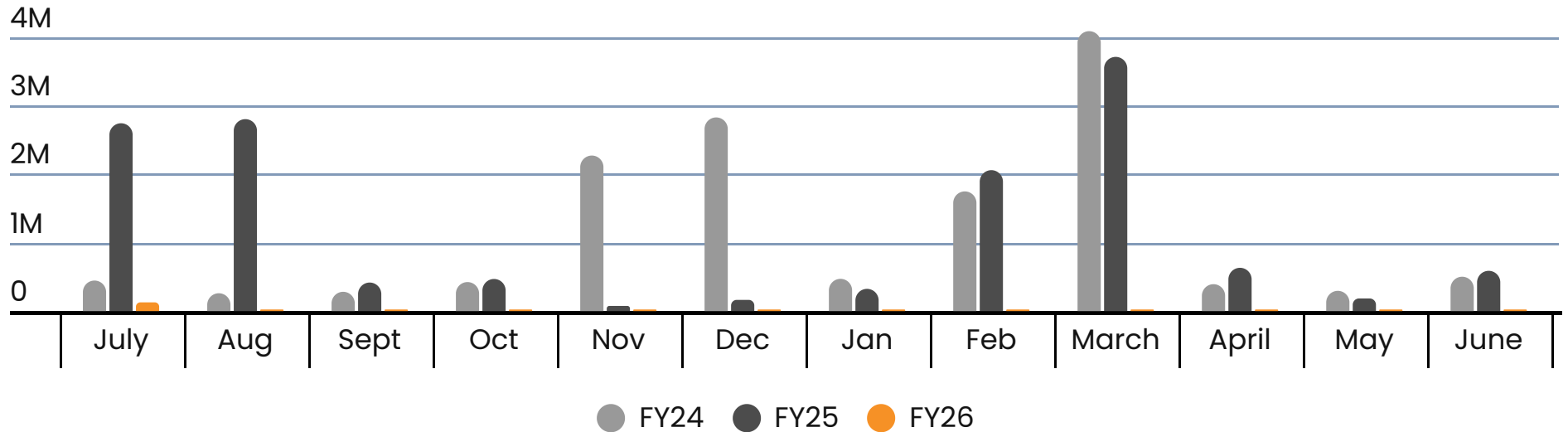
Current YTD Revenues vs. Expenditures
\$(723,000)

Prior YTD Revenues vs. Expenditures
\$(26,000)

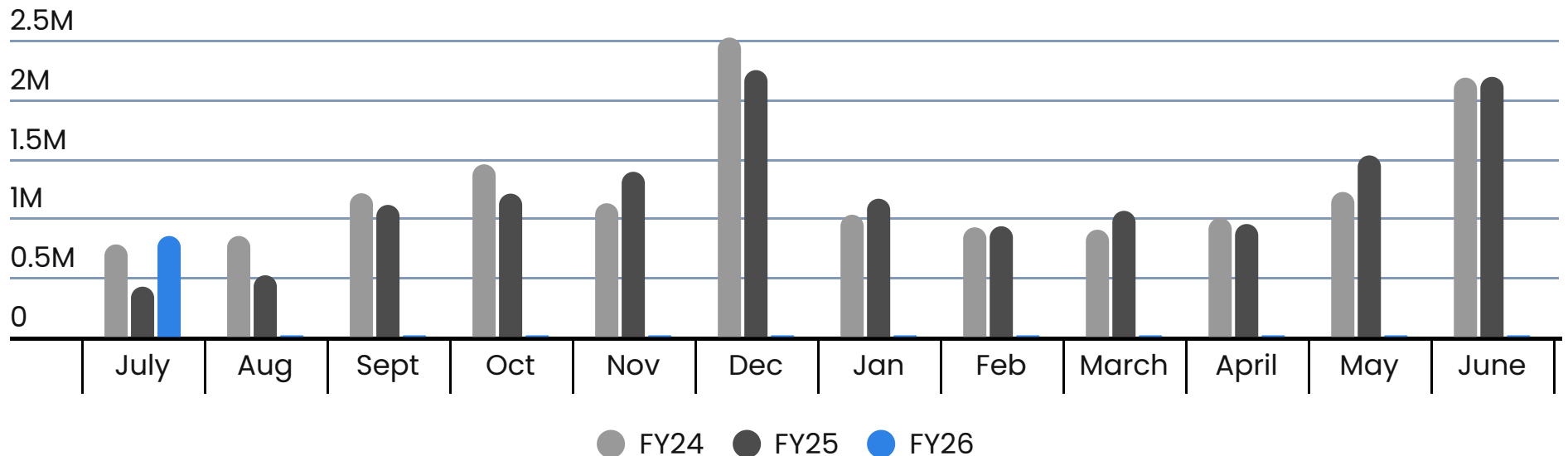
Cash Flow Report



Revenues Received by Month vs. Prior Years



Expenditures Paid by Month vs. Prior Years



Fund Balance Report



Fund	Beginning Balance	Revenues YTD	Expenses YTD	Transfers - Other	Ending Balance
Education	4,417,000	128,000	317,000		4,228,000
Operations and Maintenance	380,000	0	150,000		230,000
Transportation	620,000	0	2,000		618,000
Working Cash	2,803,000	0	0		2,803,000
Total - Operating Funds	\$8,220,000	\$128,000	\$469,000		\$7,879,000
Bond and Interest	844,000	0	0		844,000
IMRF/Social Security	223,000	0	15,000		208,000
Capital Projects	5,751,000	0	367,000		5,384,000
Tort Immunity	5,000	0	0		5,000
Health/Life Safety	0	0	0		0
Total - Other Funds	\$6,823,000	\$-	\$382,000		\$6,441,000
Total - All Funds	\$15,043,000	\$128,000	\$851,000		\$14,320,000



Laura Kriha <lkriha@palos128.org>

Re: FOIA Request- Illinois School District last 5 years graduates

1 message

Merryl Brownlow <mbrownlow@palos128.org>
To: news@southcooknews.com
Cc: Laura Kriha <lkriha@palos128.org>

Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 3:58 PM

Hello Mr. Wang,
Please see the attached response to your request.
Respectfully,
Merryl B. Brownlow, Ed.D.
Superintendent
Palos Heights School District #128
12809 S. McVickers Avenue
Palos Heights, IL 60463
Phone: (708) 597-9040
Fax: (708) 597-9089



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." — Mahatma Gandhi

On Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 10:28AM <news@southcooknews.com> wrote:

To whom it may concern,

I am a news reporter from South Cook News, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs.

A list of all graduates in the past 5 school years with the following fields:

- Graduation years
- Names
- Hometown
- Gender

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Owen Wang,

South Cook News

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Merryl B. Brownlow, Ed.D.
Superintendent

June 18, 2025

Oscar Wang
news@southcooknews.com

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Mr. Wang,

I am writing in response to the FOIA received as outlined below.

Received June 18, 2025

I am a news reporter from South Cook News, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs.

A list of all graduates in the past 5 school years with the following fields:

- Graduation years
- Names
- Hometown
- Gender

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Response

The District does not have records responsive to your request. We do not maintain a student directory and given that the information relates to students it is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 7.5(r) (information prohibited from disclosure pursuant to ISSRA).

To the extent that your requests have been denied in whole or in part, you may seek review of the District's response by the Illinois Attorney General – Public Access Bureau, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, 217-558-0486 [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us]. You may also appeal this decision by filing suit for injunctive relief in the circuit court for Cook County, Illinois.

Sincerely,

Merryl B. Brownlow, Ed.D.
FOIA Officer



Laura Kriha <lkriha@palos128.org>

FOIA Request Reply

1 message

Kim Anoman <kanoman@palos128.org>

Fri, Jun 27, 2025 at 10:06 AM

To: esnetworkllc1@gmail.com

Bcc: lkriha@palos128.org

CT Mills,

Per your FOIA request below, I have attached the information that you requested. If you have any questions, please let me know. Have a great day!

Dear FOIA Officer,

Pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), I am requesting access to public records in the form of a current staff contact directory for your district. Specifically, I am seeking a list of all school and district-level administrators, including:

- Name
- Title/Position
- Work Email Address
- Work Location (School Name or Central Office)

Please provide this information in electronic format (Excel, CSV, or PDF preferred) if available.

If any clarification is needed, I'm happy to assist. If the records are maintained in a different format, please let me know.

This request is **not** intended for commercial use.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

CT Mills

Public Info Access LLC

esnetworkllc1@gmail.com

Kim Anoman
Business Manager
Palos Heights School District #128
708-597-9040



FOIA Staff List FY25.xlsx

15K



Laura Kriha <lkriha@palos128.org>

FOIA Request

1 message

Kim Anoman <kanoman@palos128.org>

Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 10:43 AM

To: "abbas.pr1@inovo.ai" <abbas.pr1@inovo.ai>

Cc: Merry! Brownlow <mbrownlow@palos128.org>, Laura Kriha <lkriha@palos128.org>

Mr. Khan,

Per your FOIA request below, attached are the files that we are able to provide you. There are two reports for each year which give you most of the information that you requested.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Abbas Khan** <abbas.pr1@inovo.ai>

Date: Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 1:23 PM

Subject: Re: Purchase Record Request- Palos Heights SD 128, Illinois

To: <mbrownlow@palos128.org>

Hi,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to follow up on my Purchase Record Request sent on 04/28/2025. It has been some time since I sent the request, and I have not yet received a response.

Could you please provide me with an update on the status of my request and when I can expect to receive the requested information?

I am requesting a standard report that can be generated relatively quickly from the bookkeeping system. The report must include vendor name, purchase description, purchase date and total price paid for all purchases, similar to what many towns and counties and schools share. For your reference I have attached few samples,

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RPzKBmle-KAstNrdm8XD4DukufsRzRSz?usp=sharing>

Your prompt attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Best regards,

Abbas Khan

On Mon, Apr 28, 2025 at 3:52 PM Abbas Khan <abbas.pr1@inovo.ai> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern:

Inovo AI Solutions LLC is initiating a request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act for all purchasing records from 01/01/2022 to date for all schools under your jurisdiction.

We seek access to electronic records that can be provided without the necessity for hardcopy duplication, scanning, or any physical handling of documents.

We are interested in the following details for purchases from your record keeping system for the given period. This data can be quickly exported in a purchase order or vendor history report from the accounting system by your finance team.

We are interested in the following details for all purchases from your record keeping system:

- Vendor Number or Vendor ID
- Vendor Name
- Identifier for each purchase, such as purchase order number(PO#) or, alternatively, an invoice or check number
- Purchase Date
- Line item details or description of each purchase
- Line item quantity
- Line Item price

Additionally, if there are any fees associated with processing this request, please inform me in advance if the costs will exceed "\$100". Let us know if samples are needed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Abbas Khan

CEO, Inovo AI LLC
[167 Saint Pauls Ave](#)
[Jersey City, NJ, 07306](#)

Kim Anoman
Business Manager
Palos Heights School District #128
708-597-9040

8 attachments



Purchase History Jan 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.xlsx
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Purchase Detail July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.xlsx
459K



Purchase Detail Jan 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.xlsx
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Purchase Detail July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.xlsx
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Purchase Detail July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.xlsx
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Purchase History July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.xlsx
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Purchase History July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.xlsx
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Purchase History July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.xlsx

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