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Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,292 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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District to increase focus on residency as part of student re-registration process

The District will be assuming responsibility for cross checking current family addresses with its new residency software program. Previously a residency investigations company would complete this step and then follow up with home visits and surveillance, if needed. Should the District believe that a family residence is not within District boundaries, the parent would have 10 days to provide appropriate paperwork. Should the timeline pass, the District would refer the case to the investigation company. The District plans to complete its parent database cross check prior to the start of the 2013-14 school year. By doing so, a family who may not be residents would be required to enroll in their resident school district rather than starting the year in District 161.

District updates website as part of communications plan

The District website, www.summithill.org, was recently updated with a cleaner design and more efficient navigation flow. There is now support for videos and image banners with candid photos of District students. The website update was part of our communications plan to provide 24-7 access to District and school information. Should a person have trouble viewing the new website, please click on either the refresh button or compatibility link when viewing the homepage to re-establish connection to the updated site.

In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the employment of Larry Trotter as clerk at Indian Trail School and McKenzie Shetrone as a Lunchroom Supervisor at Frankfort Square School; and
- approved the resignation of Mary Daum.

In other matters, the Board

- recognized Indian Trail teachers Christine Coffey and Lauren Jurasits for their receipt of grant funds for cultural projects and hands-on history materials;
- recognized Indian Trail's top five contributors to the recent American Heart Association Jump Rope fundraiser: Logan Sorenson, Ryan Schimke, Andrew Maciejewski, Autumn Potaczek, and Gino Petrizzi; and
- heard a preview of the March 1 teacher in-service which features building-based school improvement and common core-related work sessions.