



February 8, 2012 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,402 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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Mary Drew and Arbury Hills staffs honored by State Board of Education

At Wednesday night's meeting of the Summit Hill Board of Education, the staffs of Mary Drew School and Arbury Hills School were named by the Illinois State Board of Education as recipients of 2011 Excellence Awards for Exemplary Academic Performance on the Illinois Learning Standards. To attain this honor, schools must have made Adequate Yearly Progress in 2010 and 2011 as required by No Child Left Behind. Also, 90 percent of students must have met or exceeded state standards in reading and math for the three most recent school years.

In other action, the Board:

- voted to offer the full day kindergarten program and the half day option for the 2012-13 school year;
- approved the formation of a Superintendent Advisory Committee that would meet once a month beginning in February to discuss topics such as curriculum, discipline, technology, advocacy for school district funding at the state level and also financial matters concerning closing a school or a referendum;
- directed administration to seek a quote from Transpar Group for a hazardous traffic study to be completed this spring;
- accepted gifts from school community organizations and the band boosters in the amount of \$27,496;
- heard an update on the District's Safe Schools program;
- heard an update on technology in District 161 in the areas of instruction, professional development, and data collection; and
- was made aware of the new grant-funded homework help program for English Language Learners.

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