



September 16, 2020 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 2,500+ students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

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### Board approves return to school plan for special education students

At the September 16 meeting, the Board approved offering in-person special education to students in Early Childhood Special Education programming and Individualized Instruction programming beginning September 23. Children eligible for Early Childhood Special Education per their Individualized Education Plan may elect to attend in-person instruction Monday through Friday at their designated AM or PM sessions for 2.5 hours. Please note that this does not include Early Childhood Blended at this time as these students are typically placed with general education students attending the tuition-based preschool program. Children eligible for Individualized Instruction may elect to attend in-person instruction Monday through Friday for three hours. The plan also includes transitioning students within the Developmental Kindergarten and Targeted Instruction Programs starting October 5.

### Board approves COVID-19 addendum to Student-Parent Handbook

The COVID-19 addendum to the Student-Parent Handbook was approved by the Board on September 16. It was created to guide the District in reducing the impact of COVID-19 conditions upon returning to in-person learning by providing health metrics and mitigation strategies related to minimal, moderate, and substantial community spread. The following mandatory ISBE/IDPH requirements are included:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings.
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space.
- Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible.
- Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings.
- Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection.
- Provide the option of remote learning.

Administrators have been meeting to finalize their school safety plans (which address the mandatory ISBE/IDPH requirements) with their building teams.

### In personnel matters, the Board:

- approved the employment of Sally Berry and James Pligge, FMLA teachers;
- approved the employment of Anastasia Kiliyas, paraprofessional;
- accepted the resignations of Robert Jeffrey and Brandy Daly; and
- approved a FMLA extension for employee 2508.

### In other matters, the Board:

- heard a virtual presentation from LW East senior Gregory Kwan who is completing his Eagle Scout project called the "Little Free Library" to be located at Walker School;
- heard a 2019-20 financial status update;
- held a public hearing before approving a resolution to adopt the 2020-2021 budget;
- approved the snow removal bid from George's Landscaping and the bid from Eternally Green Lawn Care to shovel and salt sidewalks; and
- directed legal counsel to craft a formal Notice to Remedy.

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