

October 23, 2017

CCSD 89 families:

Last week, the Board of Education heard the initial presentation on the proposed changes to the school district's boundaries for the 2018-19 school year. You can read about the proposal and see a map of the proposed boundaries here: <http://www.ccsd89.org/boundaryproposal>

Although this conversation has been going on for more than a year, in some ways we are still early in the process. This Wednesday (October 25) the community is invited to a question-and-answer session, which will start at 7 p.m. at Glen Crest Middle School, 725 Sheehan Avenue, Glen Ellyn. The Board will again discuss the boundaries at its regular meeting on November 20, before voting in December.

Throughout this process, there have been many difficult conversations. It is never easy to consider moving students away from friends and teachers. Nor is it easy to have families unsure which school their child will attend, or students taking long bus rides to help balance school populations. But through all these conversations, our community has shown me again why I love being here.

Even as parents have been strong advocates for their children, they have been respectful to the concerns and questions from families across the district. Families have asked important questions, and the district has made some adjustments to the proposal based on that feedback. Most notably, the Board will consider a proposal to allow current CCSD 89 students the opportunity to remain in their building throughout their elementary school career.

This respectful give and take is what dialog in an invested community is supposed to look like. I am so appreciative of the time, the communication, and the effort that everyone has contributed to this issue, particularly the 23 members of the Boundary Committee who have volunteered many, many hours on behalf of all CCSD 89 students.

The agendas, minutes, presentations, and documents from all the Enrollment and Boundary committee meetings can be found at www.ccsd89.org/BoundaryCommittee

A document with frequently asked questions can be found at www.ccsd89.org/BoundaryFAQ

Here are some other important reminders:

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Families welcome at Oct. 24 STEM Imagination Night

I hope your family will join us at the district's first STEM Imagination Night from 6 to 8 p.m. on October 24 at Park View Elementary. Our staff has planned stations that allow students to rescue fairy tale and cartoon characters by solving math, engineering, and science problems. How often do you get to make Oobleck or pull Buzz and Woody away from the claw? You can learn more at: <https://goo.gl/Eg2rmq>

Halloween costume reminder

With Halloween a little more than a week away, we remind all parents that students are allowed to dress up at school. Elementary students can wear their costumes after lunch, and middle school students can dress up all day. We ask that all costumes be non-violent and school appropriate. Look for more information about Halloween from your building principal.

Whatever it takes for every student

Community Consolidated School District 89 is committed to making sure that every student has a full educational experience. We recently highlighted this commitment in a video about Hazel, an Arbor View student, and the team of educators who are part of changing her life. You can watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/XPWb8jG0t5w>

Board updates

On September 25, the Board of Education members unanimously passed the budget for the 2017-18 school year. The budget includes at \$1.1 million deficit. Assistant Superintendent for Finance Maureen Jones said the passage of the education funding bill brought about \$97,000 new dollars into the district. Jones said she continues to watch the state funding conversation, including a potential property tax freeze, which could have a drastic impact on the district.

A summary of the September 25 Board meeting can be read here: <https://goo.gl/VSELWj>

On October 16, the Board of Education heard a presentation on the proposed boundaries for the 2017-18 school year. The Board also learned more about a proposal to phase-in boundary changes, allowing students in the affected areas to finish their elementary school career in the building they currently attend. This phase-in proposal came from feedback and school PTC meetings.

A summary of the October 16 Board meeting can be read here: <https://goo.gl/PWqjT>

The Board will meet again at 7 p.m. on November 20 at Glen Crest Middle School.

Full agendas and minutes for all Board meetings can be found at www.ccsd89.org/board

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Upcoming events

October 25: Boundary question-and-answer session at Glen Crest Middle School, 7 p.m.
November 2: Evening conferences at Glen Crest
November 9: First trimester ends
November 16: First trimester reports cards sent home; evening elementary conferences
November 20: Evening conferences at elementary schools
November 20: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m., Glen Crest Middle School
November 21: Half day for students; conferences in evening
November 22-24: No school; Thanksgiving holiday

Thank you for supporting learning for life in CCSD 89!

Sincerely,



Dr. Emily K. Tammaru
Superintendent

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