

January 29, 2018

CCSD 89 families:

I hope that 2018 is off to a fantastic start for your student and your family! In education, it can sometimes feel like the year starts when students return in August. But changing the calendar gives us another opportunity to reflect and look at what's ahead.

In CCSD 89, many of our most recent conversations have been about preparing for the long-term future. Our teams are meeting throughout the school year to see how we can continue to enhance our educational offerings. In the next few weeks, we will be filling a board seat (see below). Our Superintendent's Finance Committee ([www.ccsd89.org/financecommittee](http://www.ccsd89.org/financecommittee)) has begun studying the financial challenges and opportunities in CCSD 89. And, at last week's meeting, the Board heard about the 10-year needs for our buildings. (You can read more here: <https://goo.gl/QFSCMM>.)

All these future-focused conversations are crucial to ensuring this district will continue to provide the best educational opportunities for many years to come. I hope you'll join the conversation. When you add your voice to these discussions, you ensure that CCSD 89 remains a beacon of excellence in this community.

Here are some other important reminders:

### **Registration will open Feb. 1 for new students, April 4 for returning students**

Registration will open this Thursday, February 1, for students who will be new to CCSD 89 or starting kindergarten in 2018-19. Registration for returning students will open on April 4. More information about the registration process for new and returning students is available here: <https://goo.gl/bTtsjG>

There is a \$10 discount for families who pay registration fees before April 30, and we encourage families to complete their registration as soon as possible so we can best plan for the new school year. As a reminder: In previous years, parents often tried to register in the first few minutes to guarantee their student a spot in their home school. While we still encourage completing the registration as soon as possible, the new 2018-19 boundaries alleviate the need to register in the first minutes.

### **District accepting applications to fill Board vacancy**

The district is now accepting applications to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Board Member Dr. Giselle Sandi-Tapia. Anyone interested in being considered for the appointment must submit three items: a letter of interest, a current resume, and a candidate information form. More details and the information form are available at: <https://goo.gl/6yG6ZX>

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We would like to thank Dr. Sandi-Tapia for her years of service to the students of CCSD 89. We wish her well on her new employment opportunity!

### Tips to avoid spreading the flu at school

The most recent Health Department survey categorizes flu activity as “high” in DuPage County, and the CCSD 89 staff is asking families to take extra steps to prevent the spread of the illness through schools. The Health Department recommends that a child stay home from school if he or she is sick until at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications. More information: <https://goo.gl/dKBueS>

### Severe weather reminders

We’ve been fortunate to avoid school cancellations so far this year, but that doesn’t mean it won’t happen. (This is Illinois, after all!) So, it’s still important for families to ensure their school has the most current contact information. The District uses a ‘call-out’ phone system to notify families of any closings. Calls are sent to phone numbers that guardians have registered. If there is a closing, information will also be posted on the District’s website ([ccsd89.org](http://ccsd89.org)), Facebook page ([facebook.com/CCSD89](https://facebook.com/CCSD89)), and Twitter account (@CCSD89).

When school is in, parents should send students in clothing appropriate to wear outside. Students will continue to have recess outside as the weather allows.

### Board updates

The Board met on December 18 and voted to implement phased-in boundary changes for the 2018-19 school year and approved the 2018-19 school year calendar. A summary of the December 18 meeting is posted here: <https://goo.gl/CV8Q46>

The Board met on January 22 and reviewed a 10-year facility plan for the district (<https://goo.gl/QFSCMM>), heard a presentation on the work of the social studies curriculum team (<https://goo.gl/2DkUZr>), and approved a five-year contract with the union that represents the teaching staff (<https://goo.gl/sSwYZ1>). A summary of the meeting can be viewed here: <https://goo.gl/4bV1uB>

The Board will next meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, February 3, at the Administration Center, 22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn, for a board finance workshop. The Board will meet on Monday, February 5, to interview potential board candidates in executive session. The Board will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, February 12, at the Administration Center, 22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn.

Full agendas and minutes for all Board meetings can be found at [www.ccsd89.org/board](http://www.ccsd89.org/board)

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### Upcoming events

February 1: Registration opens for students who are new to CCSD 89  
February 2: Morning attendance for students / Parent-teacher conferences  
February 3: Board of Education workshop, 8 a.m.  
February 5: Board of Education special meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
February 12: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.  
February 19: No school (President's Day)  
February 21: Second trimester ends

Thank you for supporting learning for life in CCSD 89!

Sincerely,



Dr. Emily K. Tammaru  
Superintendent

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