

August 8, 2018

CCSD 89 families:

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! The entire Community Consolidated School District 89 staff is looking forward to August 15, when your children return to our classrooms. Hopefully, your family filled the summer with lots of relaxation and plenty of celebrations.

This summer, our district continued the important community conversations about our district's financial future. The "Our 89" community-engagement work has focused on gathering feedback from residents about their values and priorities for our schools.

One of the many positives to come from this process is hearing that our schools are valued by our families, as well as residents who do not have students in our schools. The people who participated in our phone and online surveys told us they believe the schools are doing well; more than 90 percent of participants agreed people move to this area because of good elementary schools.

Our strong schools have created a significant challenge. CCSD 89 has had a 16-percent increase in the number of students since 2012, and enrollment is projected to continue rising. Over 10 years, we will have added about 550 students. Despite making nearly \$3 million in budget cuts over the last decade, the enrollment surge and the increased costs of services have created a structural deficit. The district now faces a choice of whether to increase revenues or cut programs to balance the budget.

At most recent Board of Education meeting, members agreed they will vote August 20 on whether to place a tax-rate referendum on the ballot. We will continue to share information throughout this process. You can see all the survey results, as well as lots of other information about the "Our 89" community-engagement work, on the district's website at [www.ccsd89.org/our89](http://www.ccsd89.org/our89). I encourage you to stay informed about this important process.

Last year, we began the school year talking about boundary changes. Although we have similarly large conversations going on this year, it will not take our concentration away from making every day a meaningful and exciting experience for each CCSD 89 student. Together, we will make this the best year yet in Community Consolidated School District 89.

Here are some important reminders for the school year:

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## First day of school: Wednesday, August 15

As a reminder, the 2018-19 school year will start for all CCSD 89 students on Wednesday, August 15.

### School day schedule

	<b>School starts</b>	<b>School day ends</b>	
Preschool morning:	8:30 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	
Preschool afternoon:	12:30 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	
Elementary schools:	8:50 a.m.	3:35 p.m.	(Lunch 11:45 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.)
Glen Crest hours:	7:50 a.m.	2:35 p.m.	( <a href="#">Glen Crest bell schedule</a> )
Specialized academic:	8:50 a.m.	2 p.m.	

### Back-to-school documents

Several important documents are on the CCSD 89 website, [www.ccsd89.org](http://www.ccsd89.org), including:

#### Calendar

[2018-19 upcoming events](#)

[Printable 2018-19 calendar](#)

#### School supply lists

[Arbor View school supply list](#)

[Briar Glen school supply list](#)

[Park View school supply list](#)

[Westfield school supply list](#)

[Glen Crest school supply list](#)

Preschool students received their supply lists in the summer packet that was sent home.

#### District Handbook

[2018-19 CCSD 89 Student/Parent handbook](#)

### Classroom, teacher information mailed to homes

Last week, the district mailed letters to the family of each elementary student. The letters include the name of your student's classroom teacher and their room number. The letter should be received within a few days. If you do not receive a letter by August 14, please contact your school for more information.

Middle school students can pick up their schedules on August 8 or August 9, depending on their grade level.

Sixth-grade students with last names that begin with A-L picked up their schedules at Glen Crest Middle School from 9 to 11 a.m. this morning. Sixth-grade students with last names that begin with M-Z can pick up their schedules at Glen Crest from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8.

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Seventh-grade students can pick up their schedules at Glen Crest from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, August 9.  
Eighth-grade students can pick up their schedules at Glen Crest from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, August 9.

### Curriculum nights

Curriculum nights are a great chance for families to get to know the staff at your student's school. Curriculum Nights will be held on the following dates:

- Arbor View:** 6:30 – 8 p.m., Wednesday, September 5
  - Briar Glen:** 6:30 – 8 p.m., Wednesday, August 29
  - Park View:** 6:30 – 8 p.m., Thursday, September 6
  - Westfield:** 6:30 – 8 p.m., Tuesday, August 28
  - Glen Crest:** 6 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, August 23
- Eighth grade PSAT information at 6 p.m.  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. all grades

### All families invited to Pro-Kids show on August 22

All CCSD 89 families and students are once again invited to the Pro-Kids show at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22 at Glen Crest Middle School, 725 Sheehan Avenue, Glen Ellyn. Tim Hannig puts on the one-man show, which combines magic and laughs with messages about respecting others. He will present student-focused shows during the school day, then return for an entirely different one-hour free family show in the evening.

More information about the Pro-Kids shows can be found [here](#).

### Help students be ready on day one

As school returns, it is important for students to transition back into 'school mode'. Some tips for getting ready:

- Participate in back-to-school activities sponsored by the school and PTCs. You can find many on your school's website.
- Walk your child through safe routes to school.
- Visit the bus stop locations and talk to your student about expectations when riding the bus.
- Make sure your student understands the afterschool plans and pick-up procedures.
- Establish a designated space in your home for completing homework.
- Talk with your child about any concerns or questions they have about the coming school year.

Our staff is ready to help with any back-to-school questions you or your student might have.

### Afterschool enrichment classes

The B.R. Ryall YMCA will again offer after-school enrichment programs at the four CCSD 89 elementary schools. The 2018-2019 enrichment topics include: Spanish; science, technology, engineering, art, and math

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(STEAM) classes including coding and LearnToLearn Legos; Young at ART; and basketball. Classes run from dismissal to 4:45 p.m.

Registration for sessions 1 and 2 will open August 20. Session 1 registration will close on September 5, with classes beginning the week of September 10.

Families can look for more information from the principal once school begins, or on the B.R. Ryall YMCA website: [www.brallymca.org](http://www.brallymca.org)

### **Board of Education highlights**

The Board of Education met twice over the summer. On June 18, the Board reviewed the district's strategic plan goals from the 2017-18 school year. The Board heard highlights from the year, including that the district continues to be in the top 10 percent nationally. You can view the presentation here: <http://bit.ly/2LCDn1r>

You can read highlights from the June 18 meeting here: <http://bit.ly/2AOfB1g>

On July 16, the Board of Education heard a presentation about the work of the 'Our 89' Community Engagement Committee. Board members reviewed community feedback and survey results. You can view the presentation here: <http://bit.ly/2JuKwPj>

You can read highlights from the July 16 meeting here: <http://bit.ly/2Mt6Lr0>

The Board will meet again at 7 p.m. Monday, August 20, at Glen Crest Middle School. The Board is expected to vote on whether to pursue a referendum at that time. All meetings are open to the public. Full agendas and minutes for all board meetings can be found at [www.ccsd89.org/board](http://www.ccsd89.org/board)

### **Upcoming events**

August 15: First day of school for all CCSD 89 students  
August 20: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m., Glen Crest  
August 22: Pro-Kids show at Glen Crest, 6:30 p.m., Glen Crest  
September 3: No school (Labor Day)  
September 7: Preschool screening at Briar Glen  
September 24: Board of Education meeting  
September 29: Mid-term of first trimester

Thank you for supporting learning for life in CCSD 89!

Sincerely,

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