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## Recognitions

that have exceeded their useful life. While the District replaced 30 school buses last year, it is planning to replace approximately 10% of its fleet hereafter to obtain a 10-year replacement cycle. The levies for the Illinois Municipal Retirement and Social Security Fund provides the necessary funds to support employer costs and make additional payments to reduce the District liability and

circulation with the school district no more than 14 nor less than seven days prior to the public hearing

- **December 13, 2018** schedule Board of Education meeting; public hearing on proposed 2018 levy at 7:30 p.m. and adoption of 2018 levy
- **December 24, 2018** last day to file 2018 levy with the Cook County Clerk

The tax levy information the Board received is available [here](#).

The Board directed the Superintendent to prepare a list of cost-saving efficiencies totaling a minimum of \$800,000 for their consideration prior to the

## **Post-High School Planning Nights**

High School District 211 offers multiple events designed to support students and their families as students prepare for their individualized post-high school experiences. Three of these annual events are scheduled early in the school year and offer opportunities for students with varied sets of needs to learn new details about options and pathways. These three events are the First Generation College Symposium, the District 211 College Night, and the Directions College and Career Fair.

These events are the result of multiple departments including transportation, student services, custodial maintenance, and special education, each of which contribute efforts in the planning, design, and delivery of quality programming for our students.

Additional information on Post-High School Planning Nights is available [here](#).

## **2018-2019 Free and Reduced-Price Meal Eligibility**

dispersion of low-income students remains inconsistent between schools. Current data shows that the number of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals in each school ranges from a low of over 16% at Fremd High School to a high of 54% at Palatine High School.

Eligibility for meal benefits provides students with access to several services during the school day. This includes not only receiving nutritionally-balanced meals twice a day, but additional meal services are provided to qualifying schools for free breakfast and lunch programs for all students attending summer school at Palatine, Hoffman Estates, and Schaumburg High Schools, and an after-school snack program at Palatine High School. Students qualifying for meal benefits may also qualify for academic fee waivers per Illinois School Code and Board of Education Policy JN. Further, Hoffman Estates and Palatine High Schools qualify for additional funding through the Federal Title I grant that aids in providing additional supports and services for students in schools of economic need.

Additional information on free and reduced-price meal eligibility is available [here](#).

### **Community Connections Newsletter – Strategic Plan Update**

The 10th edition of [Community Connections](#), a quarterly newsletter designed to provide additional information about High School District 211 to the communities served, was distributed in mid-October. As communicated in the 2016 Strategic Plan, the District places a priority on providing updates to the community about programs and events taking place within the District. The 10th edition of *Community Connections* was featured as a special academic edition, with articles on the following topics: Early College Credits, Advanced Placement, Dual Credit, and The Power of 15.

*Community Connections* is emailed to District 211 parents, students, and staff, as well as community members who have provided their contact information. All 10 editions of the newsletter are available on the [District website](#).

### **Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR) Award**

completed its first [Popular Annual Financial Report](#), or PAFR, for the fiscal year

extensive Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The PAFR Awards Program was established by the Government Finance Officers Association to encourage and assist state and local governments to extract information from their CAFR to produce high quality popular annual financial reports specifically designed to be readily accessible and understandable to the general public.

Annually, the Government Finance Officers Association recognizes school districts that demonstrate high standards and best practices for financial and operational material presented, reader appeal, understandability, distribution, and other elements such as creativity and usefulness. Township High School District 211 was named a recipient of this award for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2017.

This award is an affirming acknowledgement to the Board of Education and District of the commitment to continuously provide comprehensive, accurate, and transparent financial information in an understandable format that meets defined governmental standards.

### **Proposed Policy Revision**

As part of its ongoing Policy Manual review, the Board of Education reviews proposed policy revisions, proposed policy deletions, and proposed new policies from the Administrative Board Policy Group. The Group is comprised of Board President **Mucia Burke**, Board Member **Robert LeFevre**, Associate Superintendent **Lisa Small**, Director of Administrative Services **Matthew Hildebrand**, and Assistant to the Superintendent **Kathe Lingl**.

On August 1, 2018, Governor Rauner signed into law HB 4870, otherwise known as the **Medication Administration in Schools** Act.

After initially reviewing a proposed policy revision at its September 20, 2018 meeting, the Board approved the policy revision to Board policy file: [JHCD: Medication Administration in Schools](#).

### **Health/Dental Insurance Premium Rates for 2019**

At its meeting on May 10, 2018, the Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 renewal of health/dental claims administration services with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Each fall, projected claim experience based on health inflation trends is used to determine premium equivalent rates for all District health plan options. Premium equivalent rates established in the fall are for the health plan year beginning January 1, 2019.

and modifying plan design benefits to align with the requirements of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The new plans were designed to facilitate migration of employees to plans that are less expensive for the District to provide by encouraging greater healthcare cost management by employees through higher deductibles.

have elected coverage in the plans with higher deductibles and employee management, which include PPO-750, HAS





The Board approved the established Blue Cross/Blue Shield premium equivalent rates, contribution percentages, and incentive structure for applicable employee groups, effective January 1, 2019, as presented.

Additional information on health insurance rates for 2019 is available [here](#).

### **Credit Card Processing Contract**

High School District 211 began accepting credit cards for payment for various fees beginning in 1995, and currently accepts credit cards for student registration fees (regular, continuing education, summer school, and sports camps), as well as the school breakfast and lunch program. Since the District began processing in 1995, student fees paid by credit card have been processed by Moneris, now known as Worldpay.

-year contract with Worldpay expires in December 2018. As part of the Strategic Plan, the District plans to replace its existing front-end system with third-party software for the registration module for the start of the

of identified projects and anticipated costs is being finalized in anticipation of filing the 2018-2019 Health and Life Safety Survey.

It is anticipated that the finalized Life Safety Survey will be completed and presented to the Board of Education at its November 8, 2018 meeting. A report will be shared at that meeting to communicate a final list of recommended

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly is the policy-making body of IASB. The Delegate Assembly is comprised of one voting delegate from each member district. High School District 211 Board of Education Secretary **Anna Klimkowicz** serves as a member of the 2018 Resolutions Committee. At the joint annual conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards/Illinois Association of School Administrators/Illinois Association of School Business Officials, the Delegate Assembly of IASB will review, discuss, and vote on proposed resolutions submitted by member districts. District 211 Board Member **Steven Rosenblum** will represent District 211 as the voting voice for the Board of Education. The results from the proposed resolutions will guide

This year, there are four proposed new resolutions:

1. Student Safety and Protection (submitted by Red Hill Community Unit School District 10)
2. Student Safety and Protection (submitted by Mercer County Community Unit School District 404)
3. Student Safety (submitted by Galva Community Unit School District 224)
4. Energy Savings Funding & Borrowing (submitted by Community High School District 94)

The resolutions were presented for discussion prior to being voted upon by the Delegate Assembly at the upcoming IASB conference on November 17, 2018.

Additional information is available [here](#), along with a copy of the [2018 Resolutions Committee Report](#).

### **Next Board of Education Meeting**

The next scheduled regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Anne Koller Board Meeting Room at the G.A. McElroy Administration Center.

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