

September 17, 2018

CCSD 89 families:

I hope that your student's school year is off to a great start. As I've visited our classrooms during these first few weeks of school, I have loved watching your children taking ownership of their learning.

From the first day of school, teachers have been helping students be academically, emotionally, and socially prepared for learning. I've seen incredible lessons on financial literacy, impressive math and reading projects, compelling science labs, and much more. Your students' classrooms are calm places filled with discovery.

I'd like to thank all our families for helping make the start of the school year so positive when it could have been bumpy. This is the first year with the new boundaries that are designed to balance school populations and the district moved its preschool program from Arbor View to Briar Glen. As you know, our district has been growing – about 300 more students than six years ago – which meant we also added lots of new staff this year. Even amid all these transitions, the hallways are filled with the sounds of new and old friends learning together.

When our staff first gathered to start the school year, I challenged them to focus on our “collective efficacy”. The best definition of efficacy as it relates to education is: the more you believe you can impact students, the greater the impact you will have on students. There's now decades worth of research showing that a teacher's belief in their own abilities significantly increases their ability to reach every student, no matter the child's background. Our staff believes in your students and is prepared to take every possible step to help each child reach their full potential.

This collective efficacy applies to our community as well. Hopefully, by now you have heard that the Board of Education voted unanimously to place a referendum question on the November 6 ballot. With enrollment continuing to surge, we are facing a choice between cutting programs or increasing revenues. I believe that together the district will find a way to navigate these difficult decisions. If you have further questions, I encourage you to read the information that has been posted at www.ccsd89.org/our89 or attend one of our information meetings (more information below).

Thank you for all you do to support our students!

Here are some important reminders:

Referendum informational meetings

Residents can learn more about the district's referendum at two upcoming informational meetings. At both meetings, there will be a brief overview presentation, then residents will be able to ask questions.

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The referendum informational meetings will be held:

- 6 to 7 p.m., Monday, September 17 at Park View Elementary School
- 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 23, at the District Office, 22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn

You can learn more about the referendum at: www.ccsd89.org/our89 To watch a video summarizing the financial challenges and community feedback that led to the referendum question, go to:

<https://youtu.be/G2rjnhxtzfw>

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee

Families are invited to attend the first Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meeting of 2018-19 school year at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 26, in Park View Elementary School. At the meeting, you can learn about the services provided to CCSD 89 students as well as opportunities to get involved with the district and CCSD 89 schools. More information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2NFzZHh>

Pizza to support PEP

You can support our students and teachers, plus get some tasty pizza, by ordering from the Glen Ellyn Giordano's restaurant, 455 West Roosevelt Road, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 4. When you bring in the [CCSD 89 flier](#), 20 percent of every purchase will be donated to the PEP Fund. Get the flier and learn more here: <https://bit.ly/2QwzjCn>

The Partnership for Educational Progress (PEP) is a charitable foundation that works with the Glenbard feeder elementary districts. This year, the PEP Foundation contributed \$1,500 to CCSD 89 teachers who were working on programs to help students develop financial awareness, manage their anxiety, improve handwriting, and understand resource scarcity. Read more about those programs here: <http://bit.ly/2wJjFui>

Student/Parent Handbook reminder

As a reminder, it is important that the Acknowledgement Form inside the front cover of the 2018-19 Student/Parent Handbook is filled out, signed, and returned to school as soon as possible. For parents with more than one student in the district, an Acknowledgement Form must be turned in for each student. If the Acknowledgement Form has been misplaced, you can print out a new copy at www.ccsd89.org/handbook

Board of Education highlights

The Board of Education met at 7 p.m. Monday, August 20, at Glen Crest Middle School. The Board unanimously voted to place a referendum on the ballot. You can learn more information about the referendum at www.ccsd89.org/our89. You can view the presentation here: <https://bit.ly/2NgjiCH>

You can read highlights from the August 20 meeting here: <https://bit.ly/2xcNIRQ>

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The Board will meet again at 7 p.m. Monday, September 17, at the District Office, 22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn. All meetings are open to the public. Full agendas and minutes for all board meetings can be found at www.ccsd89.org/board

Upcoming events

September 17: [Referendum information meeting](#), 6 p.m. at Park View
September 24: [Board of Education meeting](#) at District Office
September 25: Mid-term of first trimester
October 1: Board of Education workshop
October 4: [CCSD 89 PEP Fundraiser at Giordano's](#)
October 5: Student half day (morning attendance) – School Improvement
October 8: No school – Columbus Day
October 15: [Board of Education meeting](#) at District Office
October 21: Glen Crest Pumpkin Run
October 23: [Referendum information meeting](#) at District Office

Thank you for supporting learning for life in CCSD 89!

Sincerely,



Dr. Emily K. Tammaru
Superintendent

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