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Dear Community Member,

I have heard it said, "One thing for sure is that nothing is for sure." When it comes to funding public education, these words fit like a glove. The latest figures being tossed about suggest that the State of Illinois is 12 billion dollars in debt with no clear plan to generate revenue and pay long overdue bills. School districts, along with numerous other State funded organizations, struggle to make ends meet and remain competitive in an ever changing technological society. With this said, I am pleased to report that District 140 remains financially strong in spite of the grim financial reports we receive from the State of Illinois. We continue to have healthy fund balances while providing our classrooms and our infrastructure with necessary up-dates.

In the area of buildings and grounds I'm pleased to say our facilities are in great shape. We have scheduled roof and gym floor replacements in all of our buildings over the next few years. A portion of the Fernway and Administration Building roofs will be replaced this year. In addition, Fernway will get a new gym floor and we have added a new parking lot which has greatly improved the arrival and dismissal process for our students. Also, six of our seven buildings now have back-up power systems in case of inevitable power failures.

The District has purchased a building on Duvan Drive. This building will be home to our Maintenance Department as they exit the former Kirby School facility and will provide a great deal of much needed storage as well as being the site for the maintenance of our bus fleet. Also, a new Transportation Department office has been constructed in the basement of the Bannes addition. This has enabled us to eliminate the trailer on the Bannes property.

As we have reported in the past, we believe it will be several years before we have to ask tax payers for additional revenue. Over the next few years, we will keep a close eye on our enrollment and our class size while examining as many expense cutting measures as possible. Our enrollment peaked during the 1998-1999 school term when we had 4,725 students. Since then, enrollment has been steadily declining, bringing our current enrollment total to approximately 3,700 students. We're forecasting this trend to continue over the next one to two years. It is a situation we are closely monitoring. If our enrollment continues to decline we will have to consider whether or not our current facilities are more than necessary to meet the enrollment demand.

We extend our congratulations to Joel Martin, Principal at Grissom Middle School. Joel has accepted a position with a district closer to his home, allowing him to spend more time with his family. Replacing Joel at Grissom is Shawn Olson. Shawn is currently the Principal at Helen Keller School where he has done an outstanding job over the past three years. JoAnn Greene will replace Shawn at Helen Keller. JoAnn has been the Assistant Principal for the past year at Prairie View Middle School. In just one year JoAnn has become a highly regarded and much valued member of the administrative team. Finally, we welcome Deborah Broadwell to Prairie View as the new Assistant Principal. Deborah has been a teacher and team leader at Grissom Middle School. She is highly energetic and brings with her a great deal of experience on curriculum issues. We feel certain that she will be a tremendous addition to the Prairie View staff.

We're proud of our schools and we're proud of Tinley Park. On behalf of all of us at Kirby School District 140, thank you for your support. As "Business Week" correctly determined, Tinley Park is the best place in the United States to raise children. Together we have made our community a great place to live and learn.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Byrne, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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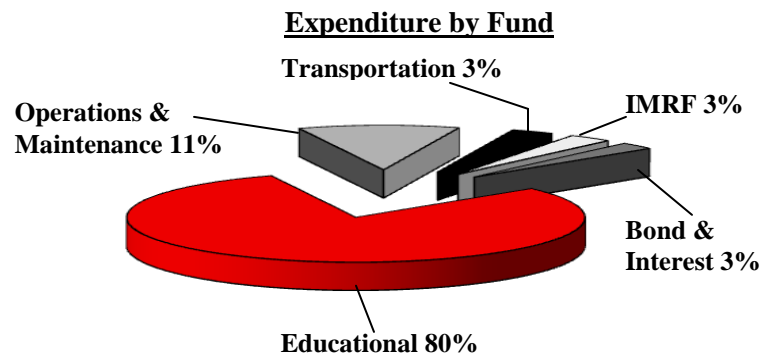
- * Resurfacing the gym floors at Fernway Park School.
- * Roof repairs at Fernway Park Elementary School and the Administration Building.
- * Close off the foyer to school hallways at Millennium Elementary School.
- * Remodel the building entrance at Christa McAuliffe Elementary School.
- * Upgrading the lighting in all gymnasiums.
- * Provide fire separation between commons and the rest of the school at Grissom Middle School.

How Money Is Spent

District 140's fiscal year 2010 budget totaled \$44.5 million.

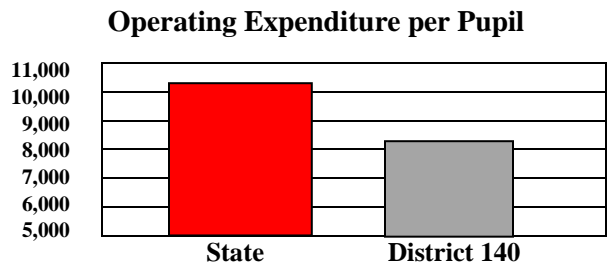
Over 80% of the District's total budget is spent on instruction and instructional support.

In the Operations and Maintenance and Transportation Funds, there are expenditures that directly support classroom instruction such as custodial and transportation services.



Other Financial Indicators

Statistics provided on the chart below reflect the 2009 fiscal year expenditures as stated in the Illinois State Board of Education report cards for Kirby School District 140 which is the most current information available at this time. The District has consistently spent less than the State average on a per pupil basis.



Curriculum

District staff is very happy with the new Foss Science curriculum that was adopted this year. Both elementary and middle school science classes are now incorporating many hands-on activities in their lessons. Teachers tell us that the students are very engaged and eager to participate; we've also heard many positive comments from parents about their children's enthusiasm for science. As for technology, the Promethean boards continue to be a valuable teaching tool and the students and teachers are very comfortable using them. Students have used IMACs in our labs...they use iMovie, Comic Life and iPhoto among other programs for projects and presentations.

The District has formed a committee that is reviewing the reading/language arts curriculum. However, the Illinois Textbook Loan Program has been eliminated. In the past, money from this program has accounted for over 20% of the cost of a new adoption so any new books will now be completely funded by the District.

Our counselors continue to teach lessons regarding Character Counts in the elementary grades and Second Step in middle school. Both of these programs promote good citizenship and responsible behavior. In conjunction with those program goals, our staff and students have participated in numerous service projects such as food drives for the Tinley Park Food Pantry, coat drives, toy drives for pediatric oncology patients at Christ Hospital, sending supplies and letters sent to our troops through Operation Support Our Troops Illinois organization, and fund raising for the Haiti relief efforts.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

Overall our students scored very well on this year's Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT). 87% of our 3rd - 8th grade students met or exceeded standards in Reading and 91% met or exceeded standards in Math. One of our subgroups, students with disabilities, did not meet the minimum of 77.5% required by the State. As a result of this single subgroup's failure to make AYP, our District did not make AYP for 2010. We will continue to monitor the progress of all our students and make appropriate adjustments as we continue to work to improve reading and math scores.

KSD140 eNews

KSD 140 eNews notification system was introduced to the community last year. This system allows community members, parents, and students to receive important school and District news via email. Subscribers can choose to receive district-wide information, as well as news and announcements from any of our seven schools.

Here's how to get KSD 140 eNews delivered directly to your inbox:

1. Log onto our website at ksd140.org
2. Click the **KSD 140 eNews** link
3. Enter **your email address**
4. Click **Go!**

H1N1 Update

Kirby District 140 monitored the presence of H1N1 in our schools through the end of the school year. While the outbreak became a pandemic, the incidence of school illness remained steadily low throughout the year with the help of the district-wide inoculation program that was conducted in conjunction with the Cook County Department of Public Health. The District remains committed to following the guidelines for disease prevention in the upcoming year. Guidelines are recommended by both State and national health agencies, including the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH), the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

When outbreaks of contagious illness occur, parents will be notified, and strict disease prevention methods will be enforced. The District is aware of the inconvenience that these measures may cause, but we are committed to preventing the spread of any contagious disease to the best of our ability. If you have specific questions, please contact your school's nurse.

READ 180

Kirby District 140 continues to actively explore and implement instructional approaches that will increase the ISAT scores of all students including those who receive special education services. *READ 180*, a multi-tiered instructional program for students in the 4th - 8th grades on IEPs who need to strengthen reading comprehension was introduced in the late fall of 2009. Several trainings and personal coaching opportunities focusing on the use of *READ 180* were provided to the staff and were well-received. Our goal to raise the number of students in the Meets or Exceeds categories, particularly in the area of reading, continues to be a highest priority. We will continue to work closely with the Illinois State Board of Education in our efforts to meet this goal.

Professional Development Opportunities

A comprehensive system of professional development opportunities was provided for our staff throughout the year. Presentations and inservice trainings covered curriculum development, differentiation of instruction, behavioral interventions, *READ 180*, *Every Day Math*, the advanced use of the Promethean Boards, and the Foss Science curriculum. Additionally, our principals enhanced their instructional leadership skills through personal consultations with a representative from Literacy First. These consultations concentrated on the use of focused classroom visits to improve quality of instruction.

Another opportunity that the District offers is the Kirby Education Unit or KEU program as it is better known. This program allows our own in-house experts to teach Kirby staff members in an area of particular expertise. A mini-course format is followed with instruction occurring over a number of weeks. Course offerings this year have included technology, specifically with the Promethean Boards, general computer skills, and specific reading instruction.

Our staff, especially those who coach various activities, are provided with AED/CPR training by our own District nurses who have received American Red Cross Certification as certified instructors. Opportunities will continue to be offered to all staff in the 2010-2011 school year.

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DATES TO REMEMBER.....

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, August 19 th	Kindergarten Roundup at all Elementary Schools	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, August 24 th	Open House at All Elementary Schools. Early Childhood-Project PRO-and Grades K through 5	6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 25 th	First Day of School for Grades K-8	Elem: 7:55 a.m. – 10:55 a.m. M S: 8:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.
Wednesday, August 25 th	Open House at Middle Schools	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 26 th	First Full Day of School - All Students Attend	Regular School Hours as per building
Monday, September 6 th	Labor Day	No School