



# Report from the Superintendent

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## August Administrator Academy

The administrative team participated in an Administrative Academy this month that focused on compliance with the new Illinois discipline legislation known as SB 100 that goes into effect on September 15.

## Iroquois 20-year celebration

Iroquois held its 20-year celebration on August 12. Despite the challenging weather conditions, we had a great turnout. Original staff from the very beginning were present that evening as well as parents and community members. The D62s did a fine job performing as well. This event marked the beginning of a year-long celebration of 20-years of learning. Thank you to the team at Iroquois that gave hours of their time to make this event a special one for the families, staff and community.

## New law accounts for Board spending

The Local Government Travel Expense Control Act was signed on July 22, 2016 as Public Act 99 and will require school boards to specifically take action on travel expenses by staff and board members. Beginning January 1, 2017, school board members and the governing boards of all units of local government will be required to adopt a resolution that regulates the reimbursement of all travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees. While the District has an existing process and procedures for reimbursement of travel expenses (the form that is provided to the Board in October, prior to the Joint Annual Conference), there are areas of the new Public Act that will need to be developed into Policy. Guidance on the new policy is being developed by the IASB policy service PRESS and will be available this fall.

The Act now requires a school district to adopt a policy to:

1. Regulate travel, meal, and lodging expenses of officers and employees including, and;
2. The types of official business for which the expenses are allowable, maximum allowable reimbursements, and a standardized form for submission of expenses., and;
3. Expenses of school board members to be approved by a roll call vote in an open meeting and documentation to be received in writing.

## Institute Day: August 19

Our team has been working very hard to prepare for the return of the staff and students this month. We are excited to feature keynote speaker Dr. Anthony Muhammad at this year's Institute Day on August 19. . An educator himself, Dr. Muhammad has served as a middle school teacher, assistant principal, middle school principal, and high school principal.. His passion is now dedicated to providing cutting-edge professional development to schools all over the world. Dr. Muhammad is an innovative professional, someone I am excited to learn from in order to gain new insight into how to best support our students this year.

At the end of Institute Day, we will continue our Wellness Walk tradition that began last year with all proceeds supporting our District 62 Foundation.

## Day 1: August 22



In less than two weeks our 10-month schools will reopen their doors to our students. I am extremely excited to begin the school year and foster relationships with our staff, families and community.

In honor of the start of the school year, a “Day 1” celebration to be held at Orchard Place at 8:30 a.m. on August 22. During our celebration, we will greet students as they enter the school and wish them well. Because we believe that the schools are a key part of the

community, we have also invited community leaders to this celebration including our Mayors from Rosemont and Des Plaines, Park District Directors, Library Directors, Police and Fire Chiefs.

I know that the students would love to be celebrated and know that their community stands behind them.

## Unclassroom of the Future

Our very own Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Jan Rashid wrote a poignant piece about the power of digital learning in our schools, beyond the classroom. Her article was featured in Getting Smart blog series earlier this month: <http://gettingsmart.com/2016/08/welcome-to-the-unclassroom/>

We are very proud of the collaborative efforts and thought that went into the process of creating innovative learning