



Report from the Superintendent

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National Night Out

I had the pleasure of attending the National Night Out on August 1 at Maine West High School's parking lot. The purpose of the event is to increase awareness about police programs in communities, such as drug prevention, town watch, neighborhood watch, and other anti-crime efforts. It was a great evening focused on embracing community partnerships and camaraderie in our neighborhoods. More information can be found [here](#).



Institute Day: August 18

August 18 marked our Institute Day for staff. Our morning program featured Dr. Lourdes Ferrer. Dr. Ferrer is an academic consultant, researcher, curriculum/program developer, motivational speaker and author who has supported the academic achievement of all students nationwide. She specializes in minimizing achievement gaps

between ethnic groups and increasing parent involvement. Dr. Ferrer met with our English Language Learners the evening of August 17 to lead a workshop that will provide parents with additional resources and support for their children. Many of us left today's morning program feeling inspired and with a greater understanding of the needs of our minority students as well as a clearer understanding of the role we need to play in their lives.



Day 1: August 21

Today marked our second annual "Day 1" celebration that held at North School. Community leaders from Des Plaines and Rosemont were present that day to welcome our students on their first day. We were very fortunate to have representatives from the park district, library, fire and police

departments--to name a few. Our schools are a key part of the community and we are most fortunate to have the support from our community.



New Teacher Orientation

August 10 marked the start of new teacher orientation week. Many thanks to Mary Fink for organizing this week of training and activities centered around our new teachers. I continue to be impressed with the thought and detail that goes into planning this important introduction to our new staff.

Parent Student Handbook



STUDENT AND PARENT
HANDBOOK 2017-18

The 2017-2018 Student and Parent Handbook is now available online. The Student and Parent Handbook is a resource of information for our families regarding district guidelines, expectations and policies. The electronic copy is available [here](#).



Key Dates

- August 8: New Teacher Leader Meeting
- August 10-August 16: New Teacher Week
- August 21: First Day of School, 1-8 grade
- August 23: First Day of School, ELC and Kindergarten

FY17 Highlights

As we begin a new school year, I wanted to share with you a [video](#) created by D62 Technology Specialist Dan Chianelli that highlights all our success behind last school year. A powerful reminder of what we can do as a team when we collaborate and focus on students.

One Team • One Goal • One D62

In celebration of a new school year, we handed out new bracelets that highlight our new focus for the year: One Team. One Goal. One D62. I am looking forward to many positive and enriching experiences for our students and staff alike this year. #OneD62