



# Report from the Superintendent

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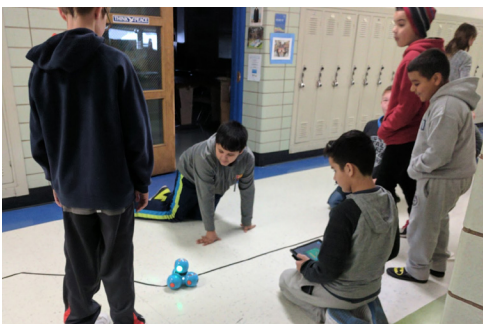
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### Tree Lighting Ceremony

I had the pleasure of attending the tree lighting ceremony December 2 at Metropolitan Square. I was very impressed by how all our schools were represented that evening.

### D62 celebrates Computer Science Education Week

The week of December 5 marked the start of Computer Science Education Week, a global celebration of computer science exploration in schools. District 62 participated in a big way: we had over 2000 students



coding throughout the week with events in every school. Kids had the opportunity to become computer scientists by doing everything from programming Coding Robots to creating their first lines of JavaScript. According to the Computer Science Education Week website, the majority of schools don't teach computer science, with only 40% of schools teaching computer programming.



### School closing procedures announced

With several snowfalls behind us, we have refined our guidelines for our school closing procedures. The guidelines were sent out to parents/guardians and are also posted on the website. They can be found [here](#).

### District to host Illinois Winter Summit January 21-22

For the second year, we will host the Illinois Google Summit. EdTechTeam, a Google for Education Professional Development Partner, will hold a two-day high-intensity event focused on deploying, integrating, and using Google Apps for Education (and other Google tools) to promote student learning in K-12 and higher education. These summits have had a national and international presence, occurring across the US as well as international locations such as Iceland, Taiwan and Costa Rica.