



Report from the Superintendent

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Rivers Casino donates grants to District 62



Congratulations to Iroquois Community School for their \$43,500 grant from Rivers Casino that will go toward playground improvements. In addition, the Iroquois PTC group has also raised approximately \$20,000 to support the playground improvements.

Rivers Casino also awarded the Early Learning Center \$23,288.91 for the purpose of providing aided language stimulation to students on the Autism Spectrum. The Early Learning Center will update the autism classrooms to meet the varying sensory needs of the population of students we serve. The equipment awarded (3 iPads, 3 LAMP Words for Life App, 2 SMART Boards and access to funds for sensory equipment) will be placed in two special education classrooms designed to support students who have autism, and in the office of the speech pathologist who works with these classrooms. The classroom environment will be reorganized to meet the communication and sensory needs of the student population. During group activities LAMP Words and SMART Boards will be used to allow students the chance to follow along, learn their device and use it independently. This helps students focus, self soothe and regulate their bodies independently.

Website redesign continues

November marked the redesigned look of [Chippewa Middle School](#) and the district's [Technology page](#). Last week, the [Instructional Services](#) department's page was redesigned. We invite you to take a look and see the efforts made by our technology team to create pages that are easy to navigate, visually appealing and provide quick access to key resources.