



Report from the Superintendent

Dr. Floyd E. Williams, Jr.

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Board President maintains Master Status

Board President Stephanie Duckmann has maintained her School Board Member Master Status through the Illinois Association of School Boards. Congratulations to Mrs. Duckmann for continuing to advance her professional development as an elected official representing the constituents of this community.



District receives statewide recognition through INSPRA

The [Illinois Chapter/National School Public Relations Association](#) (INSPRA) announced this week that the following District 62

electronic and print publications are winners in the INSPRA 2016 Communications Contest:

- Kindergarten Handbook & Registration Flyer published by Dr. Jan Rashid, Mindy Ward, and Julie Nykiel
- 2015-2016 Student and Parent Handbook published by Dr. Ellen Swanson, Terry Ryan, and Julie Nykiel
- “We Are 62” video produced by Dan Chianelli, Terry Ryan, Pablo Sands, and Mindy Ward
- “#why TEACH62 The D62s” video produced by Dan Chianelli, Paul Hertel, and Pablo Sands
- “#why TEACH62 Mary Fink” video produced by Dan Chianelli, Paul Hertel, and Pablo Sands
- “#why TEACH62 Amy Lewis” video produced by Dan Chianelli, Paul Hertel, and Pablo Sands

Entries were judged against criteria of excellence, and only those receiving top scores in a variety of areas received awards. Congratulations to everyone who collaborated on these projects.

Chicago Magazine recognizes Orchard Place as top 20 Suburban Elementary Schools

In the September 2016 issue of [Chicago Magazine](#), an article entitled “[2016 Best Public Schools](#)” was published. This included lists of the best Chicago schools, and suburban schools. In the list of the [top 20 suburban Cook County schools](#), Orchard Place Elementary was ranked #9.

Chicago magazine compiled this list in partnership with research nonprofit [RTI International](#) using data and methodology provided by the magazine. In the case of the suburban elementary schools, the ranking was weighted as follows:

- 20% Spending per pupil (Per-student instructional expenditure, reported by district)
- 50% PARCC attainment (The percentage of students meeting or exceeding state standards on the PARCC exam adjusted for the school's percentage of low-income students)
- 20% 5Essentials (A rubric system based on teacher and student surveys and scored from 1 to 5, with 5 indicating that a school satisfies all the rubrics - Since our district does not take the 5Essentials this was probably a factor for Orchard Place)
- 10% Attendance (The school's average daily attendance)

You can read the article in its entirety, with rationale and methodology for school rankings as well as the full lists of school rankings [here](#).

FY17 Priorities

As we begin the school year, administration has begun to analyze and prioritize its initiatives for the year:

- Implementation of data dashboard (Aligned with Board Goal 1 and Williams Priority 1 Student Achievement)
- Exploration of Middle School redesign for FY18 implementation (Aligned with Board Goal 1 and Williams Priority 1 Student Achievement)
- Exploration of online registration fees for FY18 implementation (Aligned with Board Goal 4 and Williams Priority 3 Community Engagement)

Once formal timelines have been developed, we will share them with the Board of Education and community.

Twitter Verification

District 62 was verified on Twitter earlier this month. You will now see a blue verified badge on the [@62schools](#)



Hi School District 62,

The account @62schools is now verified.

account, alerting the public that our account is authentic. The verified badge is often seen affiliated with public figures or those at risk of impersonation. It establishes authenticity which is important for a school district so the community understands that our tweets are official. Most school districts are not verified on Twitter.

My-EOP Mobile App

Last week, all District 62 staff were provided with information to download the “My-EOP (Emergency Operation Plan)” mobile app that contains our updated and improved D62 Emergency and Crisis Guide. For the first time, our staff and community safety partners will now have 24 hour access to important district emergency and crisis information.