

# School District 12 Update

September 25, 2023

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



## *Calendar, Events and Links*

[2023-24 School Year Calendar](#)

**Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: October 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., Roselle Village Hall**

[Board Meeting Agendas](#)

[District 12 website](#)

[Safety Threat Report](#)

[2022-23 Annual Report](#)

Dear D12 Families,

Please see the two opportunities to provide feedback to the District included in this newsletter. We hope to hear from all of our families

## *E-learning Plan for Weather or Other Emergencies*

In 2019, prior to the pandemic, the District submitted an e-learning plan to the state for approval. This would allow the District to use e-learning (also called remote learning) for emergency school closures instead of using an emergency day. At the time, districts around the state were doing the same yet we had no idea of what e-learning would look like. Six months later, we learned very quickly with the onset of the pandemic. Our criteria stated that if we anticipated a weather event would cause schools to

close and teachers had the opportunity to have materials ready and Chromebooks went home with all students, we would have an e-learning day. If it was an unanticipated event, we would have a traditional school closure day. Since 2019, we have had one e-learning day for weather and one traditional school closure day.

Now that we are through the pandemic and well past the days of students engaged in remote learning, it is time to renew our e-learning plan. After speaking with some of our kindergarten team as well as parents on our District Parent Advisory Committee, we do not feel that there is a benefit to having e-learning days for emergency closures. Our students are no longer accustomed to logging in from home, accessing their teachers' landing pages, and navigating through the Google meetings. Additionally, parents are no longer accustomed to this type of learning. We believe that the best course of action is to have traditional school closure days and make them up during the five days at the end of our calendar reserved for emergency days.

## *Curriculum Night Feedback*

Our District and building administration would like to gather feedback from parents and guardians on Curriculum Night. Please complete this [survey](#) whether you attended the event or not. The survey will be open through Friday, October 6.

## *Community Conversations*

This year we will be hosting a number of "Community Conversations" focused on areas of interest identified by our parents. The first of these will be tied to the Parent University event that was shared by both building principals in their most recent newsletters (information also attached to this newsletter). The topic is coming of age in a digital world. If you are not able to see the live event on October 17, we will share a recording of the presentation the next day.

Our Community Conversation will take place on Tuesday, October 24 from 7-8:15 p.m. at Roselle Middle School. In addition to discussing the presentation, we will provide information and discuss how to keep students safe when using their district-owned device at school and home and other areas of interest related to Internet safety. You do not need to have watched the presentation in order to attend.

The format for each of our Community Conversations will be to provide information for approximately 30 minutes followed by 30-45 minutes of discussion, questions and answers, etc. There may be topics that include expert speakers from the outside and/or relevant D12 staff.

RSVP [form](#) for October 24.

[Survey](#) for future Community Conversations

This is a good time to check Skyward to ensure that your email address and phone numbers are up to date. In the event of any type of emergency in the District, parents will receive communication via email, phone call and text message. Utilizing all three of these for one message is going to be reserved for emergencies only so as not to bombard you for routine communication.

Sincerely,



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