



Lunchtime Live with Superintendent Dr. Thiele

April 20, 2023



Student Assistance Program

- Student Assistance Coordinators **Keith Bullock** and **Antonia Stamatoukos** provide substance abuse intervention, prevention and leadership.
- Lead Operation Snowball and Red Ribbon Week, the nation's largest drug prevention campaign, and other prevention communications.
- Illinois Youth Survey results drive programming



Board of Education Members

- Congratulations to newcomers **Kara Casten, Ken Dawson** and **Don Renner** on their successful campaigns to serve as members of the Board of Education.
- Each will begin a four-year term and take the oath of office on May 15, 2023, after the DuPage County Election Commission provides the official election results.
- Many thanks to **Dr. Nancy Kupka, Michael Davenport** and **Joanna Vazquez Drexler** for their service on the Board.



Staff News

- **Jeffrey Grant**, a Science teacher at North High School in Downers Grove, is one of six educators nationwide to receive The Robert E. Yager Exemplary Teaching Award.
- Director of Technology **Rod Rousseau** received two national awards from the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN).
- DGN Principal **Courtney DeMent** was named 2023 Illinois Principals Association (IPA) DuPage Region Herman Graves Award winner
- **Kevin Leslie**: 2023 Operation Snowball Adult Excellence Award
- In 2023-24, **Dr. Hank Thiele** will serve as DuPage Representative on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Association of School Administrators.

Hybrid Block Survey

- Thank you responding to how we can improve the schedule for next year.
- Detailed survey feedback will be shared in May.
- We're adding additional opportunities into Resource and ACCESS next year, including free SAT Prep courses and more time for teacher support.
- Implementing the schedule this year was a necessary first step in transforming how students take accountability for their learning.

Instructional Misconceptions

- Perceived vs. Actual “Loss of Minutes” - minutes per week does not translate into better academic performance.
 - Grades are similar this year to last year
- D99’s grading philosophy of minimum grading
 - Research shows students put more effort into their learning, earn higher test scores on state exams and graduate at higher levels

Recommended Handbook Policy for Cell Phones

- To decrease distractions, personal electronic devices (cell phones, earbuds, etc.) must be silenced and students are not to use them in classroom settings unless given explicit permission from their teacher.
- Student devices are not permitted to be used in the following areas where there is the expectation of privacy: Washroom, Locker Rooms, Nurse's Office.
- Changes to the Student Handbook will be recommended to the Board of Education to be approved as policy this summer.



A photograph of a modern library interior. The space features high ceilings with exposed white pipes and modern pendant lighting. Bookshelves are filled with books, and students are seen reading and browsing. A large teal circle is overlaid in the center, containing the text "Board of Education Update".

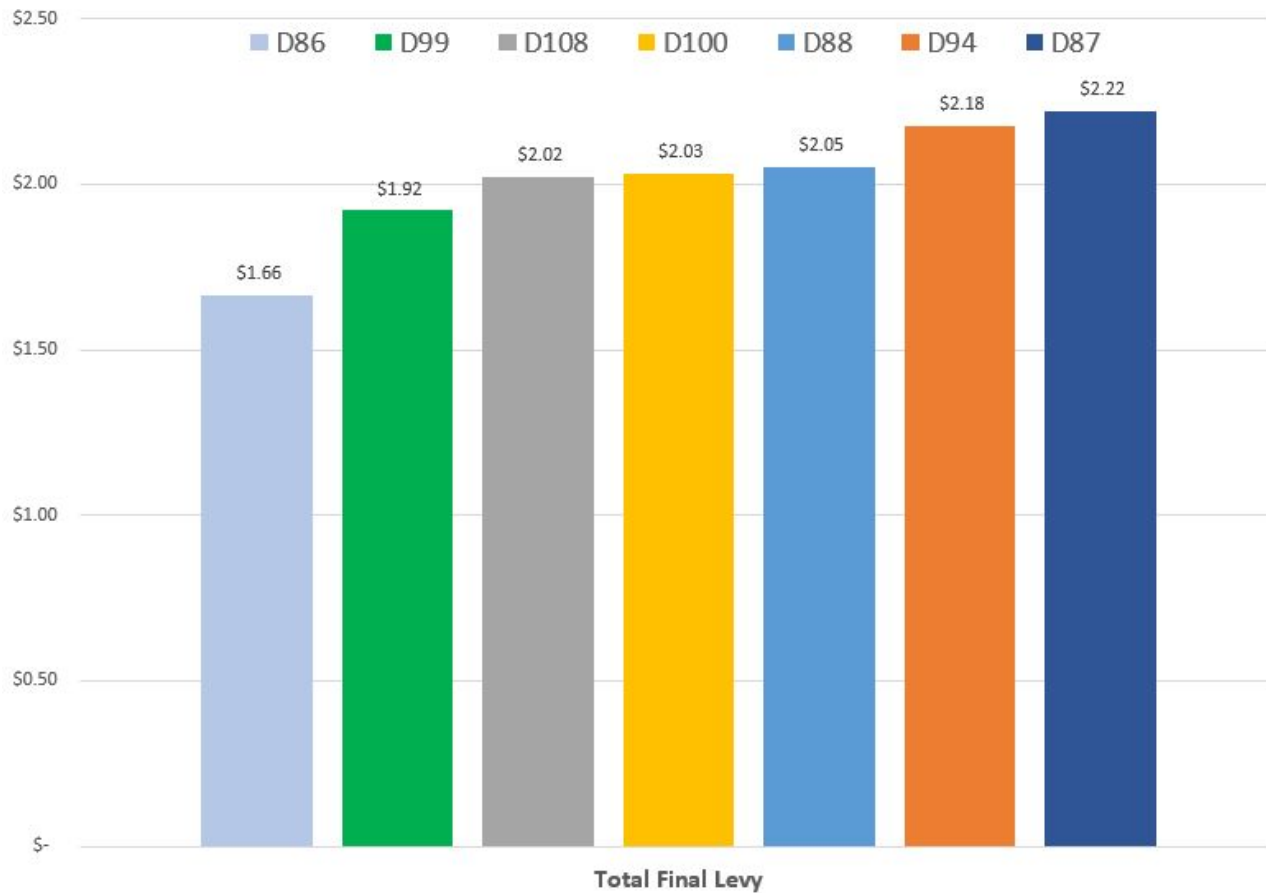
Board of Education Update

Updates from April Meetings

- Ten teachers were granted tenure.
- We held a required public hearing to allow for Driver Education to substitute for one semester of Physical Education
- Summer facility projects at DGS include Fine Arts flooring and new asphalt for the student parking lot
- 3rd Quarter financial report was shared; expenses and revenue are in line with expectations
- The district's assessed valuation is strong and growing. The total tax rate for 2022 is 1.9215, an increase in \$86,000 in new revenue; D99 remains the second lowest tax rate among high school districts in DuPage

DuPage HS Districts

Total Tax Levy Rates for FY 2022 Levies





**THANK YOU FOR
ATTENDING!**

Questions?

Upcoming Board Meetings

1

May 1, 2023 Workshop
Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Administrative Service
Center

2

May 15, 2023 Business
Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Administrative Service
Center



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