

RESOURCE GOAL:

To protect the trust and confidence of our community and staff, we will make the best use of our resources as measured by resource indicators.

Task Force Does Not Recommend New School Future Accommodations Projected to be Necessary

Following nearly a year of research and study, the New School Task Force (NSTF) recently reported to the Board of Education that a new school is not needed at this time.

The task force also reported that given the enrollment projections, and the space constraints those growing student numbers will cause, some accommodations will be necessary.

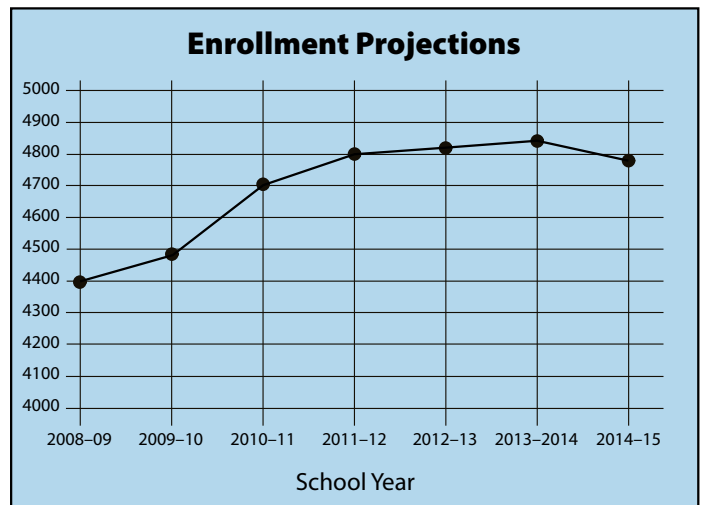
The NSTF did not make specific recommendations on which accommodations should be utilized. Instead, it stressed that the Board and other relevant stakeholders, including the administration and the Education Committee, more carefully evaluate accommodations before implementation. That work is scheduled to take place during the 2009–10 school year as the accommodations are projected to be necessary beginning in the 2010–11 school year.

Space Crunch

It is expected that in 2013–14, the District enrollment will increase to 4,839 students, which is an increase of 439 students from the current enrollment. It is anticipated this will require one additional classroom at Hoffman that is not currently available starting in 2010–11 and continuing again in 2012–13 through the 2014–15 school year. Additionally, it is expected there will be the need for an additional classroom at Glen Grove not currently available during the 2010–11 school year.

The NSTF also strongly recommended annual monitoring of enrollment, enrollment forecasts and any change in stated assumptions, as has been done in the past.

The task force compiled a detailed report that is available on the District's website at www.glenview34.org/board/facilitiescommittee. As a part of that final report, a two-page executive summary is available.



Two Principals Hired to Lead Schools

Following a national search, the District has hired two principals who will start work July 1.

Each candidate completed a rigorous interview process that included an on-line application, writing samples, a standardized interview with an independent firm, a committee interview with teachers, staff, current principals and parents, a committee interview with central office administrators and individual interviews with the human resources director and superintendent. There were more than 140 applications for each position.

GLEN GROVE SCHOOL



Helena Vena

Helena Vena has been selected as the principal at Glen Grove School to replace Principal Merryl Brownlow.

Vena has most recently served as a principal at Reskin Elementary School in Marquardt School District 15 in Glendale Heights since 2006. She was promoted to principal after serving two years as assistant principal at Marquardt Middle School. Prior to her administrative experience, she was a teacher in River Trails School District 26 in Mount Prospect for 12 years and served as a mentor teacher and team leader.

Vena earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and her master's degree from Olivet Nazarene University.

HENKING SCHOOL



Dr. Ivy Sukenik

Dr. Ivy Sukenik has been selected as the principal at Henking School to replace Principal Neal Siegellak.

Dr. Sukenik has served as a teacher and in several leadership roles in District 34 since 2001. She was an intermediate grade level multi-age teacher at Glen Grove from 2001 until 2007. Since then, she has served District 34 as an Instructional Coach, working with new teachers to provide support to help improve instruction.

During her time in District 34, Dr. Sukenik also served twice as the Summer School Principal for the Early Childhood–2nd Grade program.

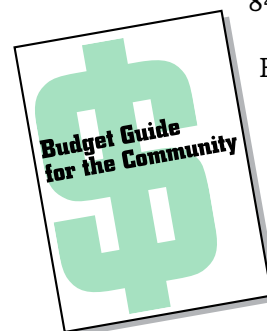
Dr. Sukenik earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1996, her master's degree from DePaul University in 2001, and she earned her doctorate degree in curriculum and instruction from Northern Illinois University in 2005.

Want to Learn More About the District 34 Budget?

A Guide has been Created Just for You

The District recently created a "Budget Guide for the Community" to help residents learn more about the District's finances and budget process.

The 16-page document can either be viewed on the District's website at www.glenview34.org/board/budget or you can request a mailed copy by calling Debbie Van Solkema at 847-486-7879.



The Board of Education recently heard a report on the District's financial standing and the tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

For the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2009, the District is projected to spend \$1.5 million less than revenues in the operating funds. This will leave the District with approximately \$22.8 million in reserves, which equates to a 53% fund balance. Board policy requires at least 30% in reserves to cover expenses between local property tax payments.

Looking at the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, the District is projected to run a balanced budget with revenues and expenditures nearly matching.



Thank You Retirees

The District thanks its recent retirees for their dedicated services to the students of Glenview. The retirees include:

- Kate Barnett**, Pleasant Ridge, Teacher
- Lois Berk**, Glen Grove, Food Service
- Cindy Christopoulos**, Attea, Teacher
- John Curtin**, Springman, Teacher

- Rita Davis**, Lyon, Teacher
- Linda Friedman**, Hoffman, Teacher
- Brenda Fuson**, Westbrook, Teacher
- Avi Greene**, Henking and Hoffman, Psychologist
- Ann Kapp**, Westbrook, Teacher
- Jeanne Kennebeck**, Administration, Accounts Payable Coordinator
- Jean Kennedy**, Pleasant Ridge, Teacher
- Flo Labbe**, Hoffman, Food Service
- Judy LeSage**, Glen Grove, Teacher
- Frank Luongo**, Attea, Teacher
- Diane Mariano**, Glen Grove, Food Service
- Joan Matson**, Springman, Teacher
- Char Miciek**, Westbrook, Teacher
- Nancy Miller**, Westbrook, Teacher
- Sue Munro**, Hoffman, Health Coordinator
- John O'Connor**, Administration, Executive Director of Facilities
- Pam Overall**, Attea, Teacher
- Susan Pekara**, Springman, Teacher
- Pam Rawa**, Pleasant Ridge, Teacher
- Mary Louise Rothschild**, Westbrook, Teacher
- Beth Sheehan-Lucas**, Attea, Psychologist
- Debbie Shefren**, Lyon, Teacher
- Barb Stryker**, Westbrook, Food Service
- Kim Watson**, Springman, Teacher



Mark Walther

Principal Earns State Award

Hoffman Principal **Mark Walther**, has been awarded an Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD) Administrators Award.

This is a statewide award that acknowledges administrators, across all levels of education, who advocate for the cause of health, physical education or dance. There were eight administrators selected for the Administrators Award in Illinois for the school year 2008-09, the first year this particular award has been offered by IAHPERD.

Community Elects Three Board Members

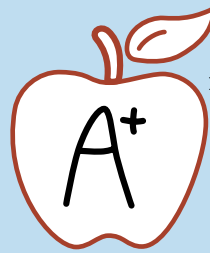
The community elected three Board of Education members during the April 7 election. The voters elected **John J. "Jack" Murphy**, **Chris Northwick** and **Cathe Russe** each to four-year terms.

This is the second, four-year term for Murphy. Russe and Northwick are both first-time electees to the Board.

The District would like to thank the two outgoing Board members, who chose not to run, for their service to the District. **Mike Cherry** and **Scott Martin** each had served since 2005.

District Earns Bright Red Apple Award

District 34 was one of just 81 school districts in Illinois to earn the Bright Red Apple Award.



All districts in Illinois are considered for this award, which is based on five main criteria: academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditure per pupil, educational level of teachers and average teacher salary.

Early Childhood Integrated Program to be Offered

This fall District 34 will offer an Early Childhood Integrated Program for students with special needs and their same aged peers who are typically developing.

The program is committed to supporting children in social skill development, speech and language, cognitive/pre-academics and motor development. This program offers practical, innovative and developmentally appropriate curriculum and assessment materials that allow for both teacher-directed and exploratory learning in a structured nurturing environment.

There is a class for 3-4 year olds and a class for 4-5 year olds and individual student tuition is \$2,550 per school year. Registration information is available on the District website. If you have questions about registration, call Denise Weijhner at 847-998-5015.

Financial Recognition for District

The District was informed recently it earned the highest category of financial achievement from the Illinois State Board of Education for the 2008-09 school year. This award was based upon the District's 2008 financial statements and the 2009 School District Financial Profile.



From the Superintendent

Looking Back and Ahead

Recently I provided the Board of Education with my annual "State of the District" that highlighted the successes of this past year and the challenges the District faces in the future.

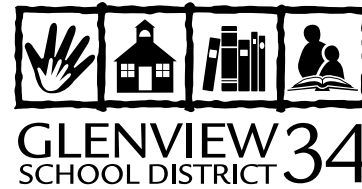
The "State of the District" was organized around the District's strategic plan, and much of the information is summarized as a part of the District's Scorecard for the Community that is available on our website at www.glenview34.org. In very general terms, the District was successful in reaching goals set through the strategic plan this past year but there are several areas where we still need improvement.

District 34 utilizes its strategic plan as a true tool for improvement and to maintain focus on the goals of the District. To that end, the District will soon be completing a process to re-affirm the strategic plan that was established three years ago. While this is not a complete overhaul of the plan, it will provide an opportunity for key leaders in the system to chart a course for the next several years.

If you are interested in more information about our strategic plan and how we are using it to measure our success, that information also is posted on our website.

I am proud of the work that has been done this year by our team of outstanding staff with support from the parents and community members under the quality leadership provided by the Board of Education. I look forward to continued success in the future.

Dr. Gerald Hill,
Superintendent



Our Mission

*Recognizing the needs of each child
and believing all children can learn,
the mission of Glenview School District 34
is to empower children to be responsible learners
and decision makers in a changing society.*

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