

**STRATEGIC PLAN  
GOAL: CLIMATE**

*To do our best work, we will ensure a healthy, nurturing and empowering learning community as measured by climate indicators.*

## Community Survey Shows Immense Satisfaction with District 34

*Nearly 90% of residents surveyed feel District 34 is doing an excellent or good job*

**D**istrict 34 recently conducted a community survey, and the overall sentiment is that residents are extremely pleased with the District and the education it provides.

For background, the Board conducts a survey of the community every two years to gauge the perceptions of the community at large. This survey was conducted among a random sample of community members that live within the District boundaries—not just District parents. This survey was completed in November 2009 and was conducted by Fako & Associates, Inc.

Overall, the survey firm indicated the District had some of the highest community satisfaction data it has seen during its work with school districts. Some examples of those results include:

**89%** of residents feel District 34 is doing either an excellent or good job — among that group, 59% indicated the District is doing an excellent job.

**82%** of residents feel District 34 does a good job of providing residents with the news and information they need.

**63%** of residents feel they receive an excellent or very good value from District 34 based upon the taxes they pay.

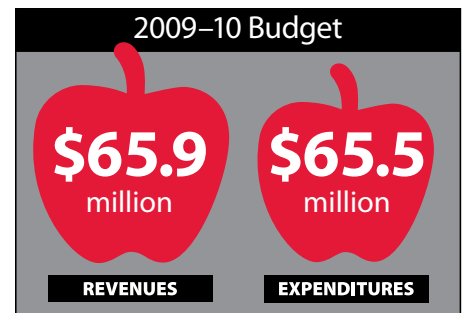
The full executive summary of the survey results is available on our website at [www.glenview34.org](http://www.glenview34.org).



**The overwhelming majority of the community indicate District 34 is working to achieve its mission of empowering children to be responsible learners and decision makers in a changing society.**

# Budget Approved By Board of Education

*The Board of Education recently approved the 2009–10 budget (July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010), which forecasts revenues to be slightly above expenditures in the operating funds. Expenditures are expected to be at \$65.5 million while revenues are projected to be at \$65.9 million.*



**I**n the education fund, which represents the main operating budget and pays for the instructional programs, daily operations of the schools and general functions of the school district including salaries for most employees, the budget forecasts \$54.9 million in expenditures and \$55.3 million in revenues.

It is projected that at the end of the 2009–10 fiscal year, the education fund balance will be approximately \$22.9 million. This represents a 47.4% fund balance as defined by the budget submitted to the State. Board policy requires that each budget fund maintain at least a 30% fund balance. Maintaining 30% in reserve is important to school districts across the state as most

receive revenue

just twice each year. The state recommends school districts maintain at least a 25% fund balance.

### Board Approves 2009 Tax Levy

The Board also recently approved the 2009 tax levy, which is projected to be an increase of approximately 1.2% when compared to last year's tax levy. The District projects this rate will result in a local tax collection by the District of \$44.5 million.

For the owner of a home valued at \$500,000, this will mean the homeowner will pay an additional \$54 in taxes to District 34 for the 2009 tax year.

# GEF Awards Nearly \$60,000 in Grants



*There were 42 educators who became the first class of grant recipients under the Glenview Education Foundation's new STAR initiatives – thanks to the support of the District 34 school community.*

**T**he STAR initiatives focus on Science Enrichment, Teacher Investment, At-Risk Support and Readiness Skills.

The grants funded include "Kindles in the Classroom" at Springman that will allow teachers to explore the

impact of digital literature on student achievement and motivation to read. Additionally, "Interactive Tables for the Primary LRCs" was another grant funded. This grant takes the demonstrated success of a prior GEF grant,

SMART Boards, down to primary eye-level in tables. One table will be added to each primary building in the learning centers for small group sessions for all students. There were also several other grants awarded by the GEF.

The GEF has a goal to reach funding

of \$125,000 to provide new initiatives in the classrooms this year. In order to reach that goal, the GEF will need to raise approximately \$25,000 before May 1. Visit [www.gef34.org](http://www.gef34.org) to learn more.



Glenview Education Foundation



### Three Teachers Earn National Board Certification

Congratulations to Karin Amaden (Henking), Jackie Kemper (Westbrook) and Katrina Klever (Lyon), who all recently earned National Board Certification.

National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward accomplished teachers. All three teachers were required to meet high certification requirements through rigorous study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review.

The process of becoming National Board Certified is an arduous one in which teachers submit four portfolio entries demonstrating their teaching practice. Approximately 1% of teachers in the United States are National Board Certified.

With our three new additions, there are currently seven National Board Certified teachers in the District.

### Sign Up Today for Summer School

The District will offer both reinforcement and enrichment summer school classes this year.

Some of the enrichment offerings for this year include "Bug Camp for Kids," "Outdoor Adventure: Let's Fish," "Great Americans," "Math Maniacs," "Stupendous Scientists," "Just Graph It" and "Study Skills & Organization."

Summer school classes are available to any student living in the District 34 attendance area, including students attending private or parochial schools.

The course catalog and sign up information are on the District's website at [www.glenview34.org](http://www.glenview34.org).

### Stay Connected with District News

There are many ways to stay up-to-date with District 34 including signing up for District 34 eNews and for the District 34 Twitter feed.

Anyone can sign up for either notification system by visiting the District's website at [www.glenview34.org](http://www.glenview34.org).

### No Cell Phone Use in School Zones

A new law went into effect January 1 that prohibits cell phone use while driving in school zones. The law states, in part, that "a person, regardless of age, may not use a wireless telephone at any time while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone." Fines for the new offense begin at \$75. There are exceptions for a person engaged in highway construction or maintenance, emergencies and when the phone is in voice-activated mode. To learn more about the new law, research Public Act 096-0131.

# Kindergarten and New Student Registration Begins March 11

*Children who will be kindergartners this fall should be registered for school during the District's Kindergarten Registration on Thursday, March 11. Additionally, first- and second-grade students new to the District should also register at this time.*

Parents should plan to register their child for half-day kindergarten at Henking, Lyon or Westbrook, depending upon which school boundaries they live within.

Children 5 years old on or before September 1, 2010 are eligible for kindergarten in District 34. Exceptions are not made to this guideline.

Registration is a parent-only event, as it is a time for parents to complete paper work and ask questions. At Henking and Lyon, registration will be from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. At Westbrook, registration runs from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Parents should call their school for more details about what is needed for registration. Call Henking at 998-5035. Call Lyon at 998-5045. Call Westbrook at 998-5055.

By having students register as early as possible, the District can begin to plan staffing for the 2010–11 school year.

If a parent is unable to attend the March 11 event, please contact the school to make other arrangements to register the child as soon as possible after March 11.



### *In Memory of Eric Utech*

The District 34 community lost one of its educators recently when Eric Utech, a visual arts teacher at Hoffman and Glenview Education Association President, was struck and killed by a train. The deepest condolences go out to Eric's wife, his parents, and his many loving family members, friends and colleagues. Eric will be remembered for his creativity, caring and advocacy for the teaching profession.

Eric's family has made the request that any donations be made to a fund for the purpose of enabling all students to fully participate in field trip opportunities. Those donations can be sent to Hoffman Principal Mark Walther, 2000 Harrison Street, Glenview, IL 60025. Make checks payable to the Hoffman Field Trip Fund.

# From the Superintendent



## Our Continual PLC Journey

**N**early two years ago, District 34 embarked on a journey of continuous improvement titled "Professional Learning Community" or PLC for short. This journey has been our main focus and will continue to be, as we work toward improving student learning.

PLC is based upon the concept that it is a District, school, administrator, principal and teacher commitment that students learn. While this seems simple, it is a shift in thinking from a typical educational model that all students should be taught. Additionally, PLC shifts the burden of learning from the student to the educational experts.

There are four questions that drive the PLC process:

1. *What are the essential outcomes that we expect students to learn?*
2. *How will we know if they are learning?*
3. *How do we respond when students do not learn?*
4. *What will we do when students are already proficient?*

Teacher teams have been working to answer these questions and are making strides that are impacting the learning of students. The principal team and the central office cabinet team are also working to function as PLC teams and modifying those questions slightly to do everything possible to provide needed support to teachers as they ensure students are learning.

I continue to be amazed by the work put in by the educational professionals in this District, especially around the PLC process. It is truly a place where the expectation is to empower children to be responsible learners and decision makers in a changing society.

Sincerely,  
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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