



A Request, An Invitation, An Opportunity

District 34 Teams with Residents to Launch Community Engagement Program

Beginning this September, District 34 and a group of local residents will launch an extensive community engagement program – *34Next: Community Views on Glenview 34 Schools*. The purpose of the program is for District 34 to gain a deeper understanding of the community’s values and help further shape the district’s priorities for its future.

The first session will take place on **Wednesday, September 10 at 7 p.m.** at Attea Middle School, and all Glenview residents are invited to attend and participate.

What to Expect

During each workshop, parents, non-parents, business leaders, employees, clergy and all other key community stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide input and feedback to the Board of Education and District 34 leadership. There will be four workshops between September 10 and November 5, each focusing on a different theme that presents a particular challenge and opportunity in District 34. These topics include a look at the past, present and future of the district, student learning, finances, and recommendations for the Board of Education.

Each session will begin with a brief presentation that provides key information about the topic at hand. Participants will then work in small groups to consider current and former questions on the topic focus. Groups will then share their conclusions with everyone in

attendance. All input received will play a critical role helping the Board of Education more thoroughly understand the needs of the community.

Schedule of Sessions

The first community engagement session scheduled for September 10 will feature Superintendent Mike Nicholson providing a look at the past, present and future of D34. Please see page 2 for the dates and topics for all four community engagement sessions. We also encourage you to read more about the volunteer co-chairs of the facilitating team, which will coordinate, host and oversee the entire community engagement program.

34Next is truly a grassroots effort led by citizens of Glenview, and through valued community participation, the diverse thoughts and informed voices of our residents will directly impact the future of District 34.



For more information, please visit www.34next.org or e-mail 34next@glenview34.org.

You can also connect with us online by visiting our **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Pinterest** pages.

Meet **34Next** Co-Chairs Daniel O'Brien & Bill Utter

At the heart of the community engagement program is extensive citizen participation. As residents, this is not only an opportunity to hear from District 34 leaders about the future of our schools but an invitation to ensure our voices are heard. We believe this initiative is so important that we have volunteered to serve as co-chairs of the 34Next program.

Now we ask you, what do you think is next for Glenview 34 schools? We hope you will join us beginning September 10 to share your views of our future as a community.



Daniel O'Brien

Daniel O'Brien and his wife Karen Patterson O'Brien have lived in Glenview since 2000 with their two children Grace [13] and Danny [12]. Dan's kids are currently attending Attea, having started in District 34 in kindergarten at Henking and then moving to Hoffman. Dan's wife Karen also grew up in Glenview and attended schools in District 34. Dan has been involved in the community on a number of levels ranging from volunteer work with the schools, his local church and sports teams including soccer, baseball, and basketball. Professionally, he serves as principal at Winters Salzetta O'Brien & Richardson, performing litigation work primarily in the area of personal injury and malpractice. Dan also is active in several legal associations where he has held a variety of positions.



Bill Utter

Bill Utter, his wife Leslie and their four children have lived in Glenview for 14 years. All four of the Utter children have attended District 34 schools from kindergarten through eighth grade and are now attending college or high school at Glenbrook South. Bill has been active in the Glenview community, volunteering as a Cub Scout leader and on the parent board for the Glenview Titan Aquatic Club. He is a marketing and communications executive for the firm FleishmanHillard, where he is a partner in the Chicago office.

For more information, please visit www.34next.org.

34Next Community Engagement Topics

CES 1 D34: Past, Present, Future

Date: Wednesday, September 10

Topic: What's changed internally in D34 and externally throughout Glenview about education?

Speaker: Superintendent Mike Nicholson

CES 2 Defining Student Success

Date: Thursday, October 2

Topic: How does D34 prepare students for a successful future?

Speaker: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Beth Tsoumas

CES 3 Financial Landscape

Date: Tuesday, October 21

Topic: How has D34 managed the community's financial resources?

Speaker: Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Mary Werling

CES 4 Review of Key Findings and Recommendations

Date: Wednesday, November 5

Topic: What are the final recommendations for the D34 Board of Education?

Speaker: Community Engagement Co-Chairs Bill Utter & Dan O'Brien

**All Community Engagement Sessions (CES) will take place from 7-9 p.m. at Attea Middle School, 2500 Chestnut Avenue.*