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301 Chicago Ave., Clarendon Hills



Hinsdale Middle School
100 S. Garfield Ave., Hinsdale



Elm School
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Madison School
611 S. Madison St., Hinsdale



Monroe School
210 N. Madison St., Hinsdale



Oak School
950 S. Oak St., Hinsdale



Prospect School
100 N. Prospect Ave., Clarendon Hills



The Lane School
500 N. Elm St., Hinsdale



Walker School
120 Walker Ave., Clarendon Hills



Administration Center
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Stay current on D181 news, events, and opportunities for involvement by signing up for our eNewsletter. Email jlavigueur@d181.org or visit d181.org/enews to join today!

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Follow us on Twitter

We post stories, photos, and important announcements as they happen on our Twitter feed: @CCSD181. Follow us and share your District 181 news with the hashtag #181proud.

Thank You

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to *The Hinsdalean* for use of Jim Slonoff's beautiful photos throughout this report.



Strategic Leadership



Connect With Your School Board

Board Meetings: Community members are invited to attend Board of Education Business meetings and committee meetings and can address the Board during Public Comment. Meetings are typically held 1-2 times per month on Monday evenings. A meeting schedule is available on our website.

Board Meeting Audio: You can access live Business meeting audio and past recordings on our website.

Board Summary: We provide a Board Summary to highlight key discussion and actions. The Summary is posted on our website and emailed to parents, staff, and Key Communicators. To be added to the Key Communicator distribution list, please email jlavigueur@d181.org.

BoardDocs: Our digital Board packet provides convenient public access to Board meeting agendas, reports, and minutes. A link to BoardDocs is available on our website.

Email and FOIA: The Board of Education has a group email address (boe@d181.org) and individual email addresses. Their contact information and procedures for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests are listed on our website.





WHO WE ARE

Every community has a story. The stories are often complex and change over time. They expand as we ourselves grow.

At District 181, our story dates back to 1945. We have always provided a premier education to our students at every grade level and in all of our schools. We attract some of the most talented educators in the area and have some of the most exceptional students in the state. As we look toward the future, we know that one of our most significant challenges — and privileges — is focusing on the uniqueness of every child as they start to develop and enhance lifelong skills.

As we share this journey together, our success will not come from new initiatives or by working as independent entities brought together by a common goal but instead by refocusing our efforts on the best practices that have either been started or have existed in pockets throughout the district.

We will work to foster an even higher level of collaboration, interdependence, and collective efficacy within as well as among our school community. We are excited about the future as we write our story together and grow stronger throughout the years.

Our Vision To be a community school district where students develop the skills they need to change the world and the confidence they need to do it.

Our Mission To provide a premier educational experience that teaches students to be critical thinkers and enables them to achieve their full potential – academically, socially, and emotionally.

Academic Success

Department of Learning

At District 181, we have some of the highest performing students in the state and have always provided a premier education to our students at every grade level and in all of our schools. Highlighted here are a variety of the programs offered at 181 schools.

SELF-EXPRESSION AND GLOBAL AWARENESS



Monroe celebrated International Day with an event focused on peace.



Prospect's International Dot Day celebrated creativity, courage, and collaboration.



Elm students learned about holiday celebrations across cultures.



Students participated in Young Writers Night thanks to the D181 Foundation.

LIVING HISTORY



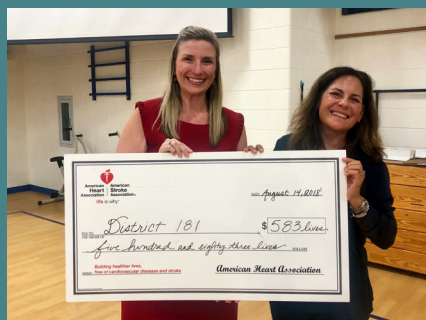
Oak students celebrated our nation's history with a Colonial Days presentation.

INQUIRY-BASED LEARNING



Author Sean Connolly visited The Lane to share about writing and his book about engineering experiments.

GIVING BACK



American Heart Association

\$28,922 was raised by D181 schools for the American Heart Association, equal to 583 lives transformed.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

Each year, our schools raise money through their PTOs and Student Councils to support special projects. Highlighted below are just a few of those fundraisers and the grand total raised Districtwide. Thank you to our community for your generosity!

CHMS: Pizza Wars, Phantom Ball, Bricks

HMS: Wrecking Ball, Spirit Wear, Special Lunch

ELM: Legacy Tiles, Spring Evening, Rummage Sale

MADISON: Dash & Bash, Parent Night, Brick Sales

MONROE: Monroe 5K, Living Garden, Box Tops

OAK: Benefit, Ice Cream Social, Penny Collection

PROSPECT: Dash & Bash, Shop-n-Share, Gift Wrap

THE LANE: Dance-a-Thon, Brick Sales, Benefit

WALKER: Walkerfest, Plant Sale, Dinner Bells

**MORE THAN \$663,000
RAISED!**

D181 Preschool

We offer a five-day per week preschool program for 3- to 5-year-olds of all ability levels open to all D181 residents. Visit d181.org for more info.



HANDS-ON EDUCATION



Walker students participate in High-Touch Tech Experiments.



Madison students learn about coding during their Hour of Code.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATIONS



Clarendon Hills Middle School celebrated 225 graduates on June 4. Congratulations Eagles!



Hinsdale Middle School had 250 graduates. The students were the last class to graduate at the former building.

Organizational Excellence in Human Resources

People are the backbone of our District. We have award-winning, efficient, and passionate staff in every department. But it doesn't happen by accident.

Our hiring practices are robust and we partner with administrators to retain and grow our staff. As we all walk this journey together, we keep our sights focused on our top priority: our students.

AWARD-WINNING ADMINISTRATORS

FINANCE: Our CFO achieved the *Administrator of School Finance and Operations* certification, earned only by highly qualified individuals who pass a comprehensive two-part exam.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association bestowed three awards to our Communications Department last year for the District Strategic Plan, Hinsdale Middle School Referendum, and Program Graphic Design.



TOP-NOTCH TEACHERS

"My goal is for all students to become lifelong 'movers.'"
- Teacher Laura Duffy, named **P.E. teacher of the year**

"We can always count on Vicki to contribute in her signature style: direct, knowledgeable and passionate."
- On teacher Vicki Marek, winner of the **Local Stalwart Award**

COMMUNITY FOCUSED

"It was so nice to be recognized by this community, which has given us such heartwarming acceptance."
-Teacher Deanne Tomanovich, received the 2017 Katharine Van Dusen Sylvester Service Award

"Mrs. B gets it. The kids are learning to get fit while giving back to their community."
- On teacher Marianne Biedrzycki, crowned Grand Marshal of the 2018 Rotary Run Charity Classic

A New Era for Hinsdale Middle School

**GRAND
OPENING
JANUARY
2019**

Thanks to the successful passage of a November 2016 Referendum, we are currently in the process of building a new Hinsdale Middle School. The school is slated to open on time and on budget in January 2019 after the 2018-19 Winter Break.

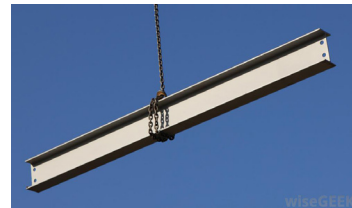
GROUNDBREAKING

In August 2017, a Groundbreaking Ceremony kicked off the construction of the new building. District families, staff, stakeholders, and students celebrated together.



BEAM SIGNING

In January 2018, a celebratory beam signing event was held.



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Images from Fall 2017 to Fall 2018: Watch the Timelapse Video at d181.org/hms-construction



D181 QUICK FACTS

OUR DATA

Collecting data and surveying the community is a critical component in evaluating our success. Below are a few of our highlighted successes "by the numbers."

45%

of middle school students
participate in above-level courses

15:1

Student - Teacher Ratio

Statewide Average: 19:1

14

THE NUMBER OF YEARS

the District has earned the Certificate of Excellence
in Financial Reporting from the Association of
School Business Officials International

48

Number of Charities our Schools Supported

Total Number of Students

3,841

Blue Ribbon
Schools

6

Languages
Spoken

32

Zero

Chronically truant students
(missing 5% of school year without valid excuse)

31

Extracurricular Clubs and Sports Offered at our
Middle Schools

73%

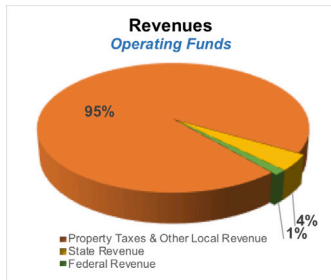
of our teachers have a Master's degree
or higher

Statewide Average: 60%

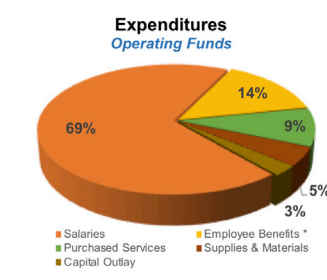
2017-18 FINANCES

A balanced budget was approved for 2018-19, with approximately \$67 million in revenues and expenditures in our Operating Funds. The approved Budget is available on the D181 website at www.d181.org.

Revenues Approximately 90% of our revenue comes from property taxes (~\$60 million). Of the remaining 10%, 4% comes from categorical state aid and unrestricted state aid.



Expenditures As is typical with school districts and similar service organizations, approximately 83% of our expenditures are for staff salaries and benefits.



Taxpayer Savings - HMS Referendum Thanks to the prudence and expertise of the District 181 Finance Committee, the District was able to work with financial advisors and improve the cost to taxpayers from what was originally projected to build the new Hinsdale Middle School.

Data collected in partnership with PMA Securities	CONCEPT PLAN Original Numbers	END RESULT Final Numbers
Total Referendum Proceeds	\$53,500,000	\$53,329,194
Estimated Net Debt Service* for the life of the Bond	\$83,454,225	\$79,695,780
Estimated Combined TIC	3.63%	3.21%
Fiscal Year of Final Maturity	2036	2037

*Actual tax rates and payments may vary based on EAV growth, State Law changes, property tax rate initiatives and other factors. Includes \$6,000 homeowner exemption. The estimated tax rate increases do not include the impact from existing debt service.

ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS & PROJECTED SAVINGS*

HOME VALUE	CONCEPT PLAN** Est. Aggregate Tax Bill	END RESULT** Est. Aggregate Tax Bill	IMPROVEMENT to taxpayers
\$500,000	\$5,862	\$5,504	\$358
\$765,400 (Median)	\$9,089	\$8,535	\$554
\$1,000,000	\$11,942	\$11,214	\$728
\$1,500,000	\$18,022	\$16,924	\$1,098
\$2,000,000	\$24,103	\$22,634	\$1,469
\$2,500,000	\$30,183	\$28,344	\$1,839
\$3,000,000	\$36,264	\$34,054	\$2,210

* Actual tax rates and payments may vary based on EAV growth, State Law changes, property tax rate initiatives and other factors. Includes \$6,000 homeowner exemption. Estimated tax rate increases do not include the impact from existing debt service.

** Reflects the sum of the estimated payments over the life of the proposed referendum for the respective home value assuming no change in District-wide EAV or the respective home value.

Culture of Community in Communications

The Department of Communications is committed to respectful dialogue and transparency with all stakeholder groups. Communication efforts include reporting on the Board of Education Business Meetings, Districtwide and Staff eNewsletters, parent communication throughout the year, and managing the District website. Communications also facilitates press coverage of school events. The following pages are highlights of those events from the 2017-18 school year.



Snapshots from 2017-18



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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2018-19

Aug. 27 First Day of School (Full Day)
Sept. 3 Labor Day*
Oct. 8 Columbus Day*
Oct. 26 End of 1st Quarter
Nov. 2 Institute Day*
Nov. 16 End of 1st Trimester
Nov. 19-20 Parent-Teacher Conferences*
Nov. 21-23 Thanksgiving Break*
Dec. 24-Jan. 4 ... Winter Break*
Jan. 7 School Resumes
Jan. 18 End of 2nd Quarter
Jan. 21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*
Feb. 18 Presidents' Day*
Mar. 1 End of 2nd Trimester
Mar. 1 Institute Day*
Mar. 22 End of 3rd Quarter, Middle School
Mar. 25-29 Spring Break*
May 25 Institute Day*
May 27 Memorial Day*
June 7 Early Dismissal - Last Day (if no emergency days)
June 7 End of 3rd Trimester & 4th Quarter
June 10 Grading Day*

*No school for students