



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

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Board of Education Highlights

At the December 18, 2019 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:



The Board of Education welcomed Cass Junior High School students, Elias Carder, Amanda Esposito and Adrian Folfas, to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. The students were recently honored by the Northwestern Talent Search for achieving high scores on their PSAT.

Selected Superintendent of Schools



The Board of Education approved Mark R. Cross as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2020 replacing Kerry J. Foderaro upon his retirement after 15 years of service to Cass School District 63.

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8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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Mr. Cross comes to Cass School District 63 from Peru Elementary School District 124 where he has served as the Superintendent of Schools for 15 years. For more information about Mr. Cross, please see this [Press Release](#). Please join us in welcoming Mr. Cross to Cass School District 63.

In other action, the Board

- Approved the Fiscal Year 2019 Tax Levy
- Approved the Tax Abatement of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds
- Adopted Resolution to Adopt E-Learning Days
- Approved an E-Learning Day Memo of Understanding with the Cass Education Association



The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Office 8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.



Administrators' Addendum

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

With Winter just about upon us, even though it has been relatively warmer than expected, we would like to remind you to please have your child(ren) dressed appropriately during these winter months, especially if your child(ren) walk or take the bus to and from school.

During this time of the year, we have more families electing to drive their children to school. This makes driving and navigating around our schools during drop off and pick up times even more challenging. Patience is needed for this process to be effective and safe for all and you are encouraged to allow yourself extra time. Please remember to always respect the law; drive the school speed limit, refrain from using your cell phone and please follow all the proper procedures at both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School. Remember to be patient, mindful of students and all pedestrians, respectful of staff crossing guards, courteous to the schools' neighbors, their property and to thru traffic. Your continual efforts, understanding and support in this area are greatly appreciated.

This time of year is always a very special time filled with tradition for Cass School District 63 and these past several weeks have been no exception. We were entertained with the outstanding performances

by our Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School Bands and Choral students. We are also very grateful for the many efforts of CARE, our parent organization, school groups, students and their families in providing seasonal activities, as well as reaching out to support others that are in need at this time of the year. We are genuinely overwhelmed with the expressions of gratitude shared with our teachers and support staff and we are grateful to work in a school community which truly values education.

Just a reminder that Friday, December 20 is the last day of school prior to Winter Break. Our staff has an in-service on Monday, January 6 and we will be eager to see your child(ren) return from Winter Break on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 to continue our goal of providing the best quality education for each and every one of our students in a safe and secure environment this second half of our school year.

We sincerely hope that your family will have a relaxing, safe and very enjoyable winter break and holiday season.

Happy Holidays and New Year 2020!

*Kerry J. Foderaro
Laura Anderson • Christine Marcinkewicz
Leland Wagner • Robert Strande*



Do Not Forget

- Early Release Day**
Friday, December 20, 2019
Concord Elementary School, 11:15 a.m.
Cass Junior High School, 12:00 p.m.
- NO SCHOOL**
Monday, December 23 –
Friday, January 3
Winter Break
- NO SCHOOL**
Monday, January 6
Staff Institute Day
- NO SCHOOL**
Monday, January 20
Martin Luther King's Birthday

Emergency Closing



Cass School District 63 utilizes a notification service for emergency school closings notification. All District families and staff will be notified by telephone, by email and by text with a prerecorded message from the District Administration of the emergency closing information. School closing information will still be available via the radio and TV stations, on the District website at www.CassD63.org or at www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com.

If you change your family's contact information, please make sure your school office has the updated information.

In the unlikely event that school needs to be dismissed early, a pre-recorded message, an email and a text from Cass School District 63 Administration will be sent to each family in the District. Families are encouraged to have plans in place in case school needs to be closed or dismissed early.