



# CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

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## Board of Education Highlights

*At the January 21, 2020 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:*



The Board of Education welcomed Cass Junior High School students Amanda Esposito and Maya Hashim to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance. The students are in the Advanced Art Illustration Class at Cass Junior High School and recently planned for and executed the painting of murals in the stairways and hallway leading to the STEM Lab.

### In other action, the Board

- Approved the Recommended Board of Education Policy Updates
- Approved a 2020 Summer HVAC Project, not to exceed \$200,000 for the State of Illinois Maintenance Grant Application
- Approved the Life Safety Surveys for both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School
- Authorized the Administration to Develop the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget



*The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 7:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Office 8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.*



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8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333  
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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## **Administrators' Addendum**

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

There are many critical ingredients to a successful school and/or school district. One vital ingredient is volunteers. Concord Elementary School, Cass Junior High School and Cass School District 63 have been extremely fortunate to have had countless, unselfish child-centered volunteers that have given their precious time, talents, skills and genuine care in a variety of areas in our schools and district.

Over the years, our world has changed in so many ways in regards to safety and security in schools and we have had to put many additional structures and procedures in place in our district. As a result, it is not as easy to volunteer as it was in the past, but please do not let it hinder you, as there is still a need and plenty of opportunity.

Past and current volunteers consist of parents and guardians, former parents, former students, community members, seniors, former staff members and even parents and relatives of school families and staff members. Some started this year and others have been volunteering in the District for over 20 years. Some of our volunteers have worked and retired from the District after 20, 30 or more years of service and now have been volunteering for many more years. Some volunteers even give additional time by volunteering for other organizations in or near our community or also volunteer in other school districts. If you have time and energy to give, no matter how much, we are pretty confident that we can find a place for you.

Volunteering for Cass School District 63 can mean working one-on-one with a student who needs extra help, supporting a classroom or another learning environment, helping an extracurricular team or group, assisting with supervision on field trips, being a member of our invaluable parent group, CARE, being a member of one of the Board of Education

committees or an elected member of the Board of Education.

We are forever grateful and fully recognize the significant impact volunteers have had and continue to have in the quality of our schools and district. Cass School District 63 is a much better place for the children of this community because of the efforts and dedication of our many volunteers. We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their service.

If you have an interest in volunteering in our district in any capacity, please contact Gayle Wilson ([GWilson@CassD63.org](mailto:GWilson@CassD63.org)) at the District Office and let her know of your interest.

We fully and completely understand that everyone might not have the flexibility to volunteer. If this is your situation, please still help us by thanking those volunteers when you see them helping in our schools or district and support their initiatives, such as the many different parent group activities sponsored by CARE.

Thank you for your ongoing support and entrusting us with the opportunity to provide educational services to your family.

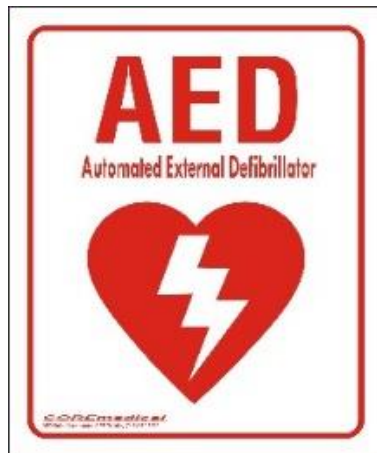
*Kerry J. Foderaro  
Laura Anderson • Christine Marcinkewicz  
Leland Wagner • Robert Strande*



## Do Not Forget

- ☐ **REPORT CARDS ISSUED ONLINE**  
Friday, January 24
- ☐ **EARLY RELEASE DAY**  
Friday, February 14  
Concord Elementary School 11:15 a.m.  
Cass Junior High School 12:00 p.m.  
Staff Institute Day
- ☐ **NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, February 17  
Presidents' Day

## We Think You Should Know



The Illinois High School Association has posted an informative video on both hands-only CPR and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We encourage you to take a moment to view [this video](#). For your information, Cass School District 63 has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at each school, located adjacent to the gymnasium, in case of emergency.