



# CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

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**Robert Strande**, *District Director of Financial Services*

## Board of Education Highlights

*At the June 19, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:*

### 2018/19 Tentative Budget Presented

Director of Fiscal Services, Robert Strande, presented the tentative 2018/19 Budget to the Board of Education. The budget is balanced. The Final Budget will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at the September 18, 2018 Meeting and is available for viewing at any time at the Cass School District 63 District Office or on the District Website at [2018/19 Tentative Budget](#).

### In other action, the Board

- Approved the Cass Resources for Enrichment (CARE) Fiscal Year 2019 Budget.
- Approved a summer HVAC Energy Performance Contract.
- Approved a four-year photocopier contract.
- Approved a lease for new photocopiers.
- Approved a Food Service Contract with ARAMARK.
- Approved a contract for Asphalt Sealcoating.
- Approved the 2018/19 Board of Education Meeting dates. The meeting dates be found on the District website at [Meeting Dates](#).

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7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
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## *At the August 21, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:*

### **Recognized Outgoing CARE Co-Presidents**



The Board of Education recognized outgoing CARE Co-President's April Carter (not pictured), Lana Johnson and Deanna McCollian for their hard work and dedication both in working toward merging what were three separate parent organizations into one, and for their incredible hard work getting CARE's inaugural year successfully off the ground. Their efforts will positively impact Cass School District 63 for years to come.

### **In other action, the Board**

- Approved an employee health insurance with a decrease in premiums beginning on October 1, 2018 and a dental insurance plan with a 0% increase over last year's premiums.



*The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 7:30 p.m. at the District Administrative Office 8502 Bailey Road in Darien, Illinois.*



### **Administrators' Addendum**

Dear Cass School District 63 Families:

Welcome to the 2018/19 school year. Students, parents and staff are all excited for the beginning of the school year and I hope that this year begins smoothly for your child(ren). If you encounter any bumps to the start of the year, please let us know so we can work together to ensure your child(ren) have a successful school year.

At the start of any school year, bus transportation to and from school will be a little slower as the drivers and students adjust to the new routes. The District's new Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, Kevin Carver, has been working diligently over this summer with the Administrative Team to get to know the District bus routes and drivers to ensure that we have the smoothest start to the school year possible. If after the first week or so of transportation you are experiencing difficulties, please let us know.

We hope that the efforts over the summer by our staff to enhance curriculum, programs and facilities support and enrich your child(ren)'s experience with Cass School District 63. Our school curriculum nights are right around the corner. We hope you are able to attend as these evenings give valuable insight into your child's classroom and the year ahead. We also hope that you stay actively involved in your child(ren)'s educational process throughout the year. We believe that students with parents/guardians who are actively involved in their educational process consistently demonstrate greater levels of academic success. Please help us to give your child(ren) every opportunity for educational success.

In regards to getting involved, some of our most active parents/guardians are members of **CARE – Cass Resource for Enrichment** ([www.D63care.org](http://www.D63care.org)). Please consider getting directly involved with CARE, or if you cannot get directly involved with CARE, please continue to support their efforts and consider joining their membership as they are a large part of the reason Cass School District 63 is a very special place for the children of our community.

Finally, but most importantly, safety is always the number one priority in our school district. Please do your part and remember safety first when it comes to driving in or around our school facilities. It is critically important that you follow the posted rules for drop off and pick up, use good driving common sense, as well as respect the property and rights of our neighbors at each of our schools. Collectively, let us ensure by our daily actions that all of the children and adults of our school community are safe.

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In closing, it is our goal to ensure that you and your child(ren) experience the very best school year possible. Please never hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or comments you may have and help us to meet that goal.

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

## Do Not Forget

- ☐ **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
Kindergarten through Grade Eight  
Thursday, August 23, 2018
- ☐ **CURRICULUM NIGHT**  
Cass Junior High School, 6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, August 28, 2018
- ☐ **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
Prekindergarten  
Wednesday, August 29, 2018
- ☐ **PREKINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM NIGHT**  
Thursday, August 30, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
Concord Elementary School
- ☐ **THIRD GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT**  
Thursday, August 30, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
Concord Elementary School
- ☐ **FOURTH GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT**  
Thursday, August 30, 2018, 7:30 p.m.  
Concord Elementary School
- ☐ **NO SCHOOL**  
Labor Day  
Monday, September 3, 2018
- ☐ **KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM NIGHT**  
Thursday, September 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
Concord Elementary School

- ☐ **FIRST GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT**  
Thursday, September 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m.  
Concord Elementary School
- ☐ **SECOND GRADE CURRICULUM NIGHT**  
Thursday, September 6, 2018, 7:30 p.m.  
Concord Elementary School
- ☐ **EARLY RELEASE DAY**  
Friday, September 14, 2018  
Concord Elementary School, 11:15 a.m.  
Cass Junior High School, 12:00 p.m.

## Things You Should Know



### Bus Etiquette

A reminder to all parents and students about the following bus rules:

None of the following are allowed on the buses under any circumstances:

- a. Disrespect to Others
- b. Disrespect to Property
- c. Profanity
- d. Eating
- e. Drinking
- f. Gum Chewing

If your child is found to be vandalizing a bus, the repair costs will become the responsibility of the school family and the student could be permanently removed from the bus.

Rules that apply while in school also apply on the buses. If rules are disrespected on the bus, the same disciplinary protocols will be followed as if the student were standing in the school.

Please review these rules with your child(ren) so that everyone is aware of the behavioral expectations both on the buses and in school.

Thank you.



#### **Reminder About Drop Off And Pick-Up Procedures At The Schools**

During drop-off/pick-up traffic around Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School can get extremely congested and we need to be very mindful of following proper procedures. The safety of our students; your children, depend upon it, especially during winter months when roads are slick and site lines are even more limited than usual.

If you are under a time constraint and do not have the necessary time available to move through the drop-off/pick-up procedures properly, we suggest you consult with the building and/or district administration.

It is also imperative that we maintain respect for our community members at all times. Please do not block their driveways in any way and/or use them to turn around. Please refrain from parking on the street to run in and pick your child up. This slows traffic patterns as well and causes frustrations to those around you who follow the proper procedures. As not all cars on the road are waiting to get into our schools, please also, whenever possible, move as far right on the road as possible. This will allow thru traffic to get by on your left.

If protocols and procedures are not followed there is a possibility that we will restrict a violator's access to the schools by personal vehicle. Finally, please remember that the law prohibits the use of hand held cell phones in school zones for any reason, including talking and texting.





Thank you for partnering with the School District in keeping the safety of our students the top priority by taking the time to follow District procedures.




[Concord Elementary School Traffic Procedures](#)  
[Cass Junior High School Traffic Procedures](#)








## NEW STAFF MEMBERS 2018/19

STAFF MEMBER	POSITION	LOCATION	
Mr. Kevin Carver	Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation	District Office	 A portrait of Mr. Kevin Carver, a man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a white polo shirt. He is standing in front of a blue and white background that includes the Cass District 63 logo.
Ms. Dana Dolehide	Technology Assistant	Cass Junior High School	 A portrait of Ms. Dana Dolehide, a woman with long blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a patterned top. The background is a blue and white banner with the Cass District 63 logo.
Mr. Rick Ernst	Custodian	Concord Elementary School	 A portrait of Mr. Rick Ernst, a man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt over a grey t-shirt. He is standing in front of a blue and white background that includes the Cass District 63 logo.
Ms. Sarah Gray	Teacher Assistant	Concord Elementary School	 A portrait of Ms. Sarah Gray, a woman with long brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a blue top. The background is a blue and white banner with the Cass District 63 logo.

STAFF MEMBER	POSITION	LOCATION	
Mrs. Lauren Hodge	Special Education Teacher	Concord Elementary School	
Mr. Myles Moroney	Art Teacher	Concord Elementary School	
Mrs. Carrie Perry	Bus Driver	Cass School District 63	
Ms. Cinda Rokicki	Permanent Substitute	Concord Elementary School	

STAFF MEMBER	POSITION	LOCATION	
Mr. Lewis Stubblefield	Bus Driver	Cass School District 63	
Mrs. Blair Thompson	Social Worker	Concord Elementary School Cass Junior High School	
Ms. Emiley Wimmer	Teacher Assistant	Concord Elementary School	

Have a wonderful  
2018/19  
School Year!