



# CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

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## Board of Education Highlights

*At the December 18, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:*



The Board of Education welcomed Concord Elementary School students Auguste Balciunas, Taylor Finkle, Yunus Hussain and Yacine Ouchen to lead the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### In other action, the Board

- Approved a Truth in Taxation Resolution
- Approved the 2018 Tax Levy Certificate of 4.5%
- Approved a Tax Abatement for Payment of Bonds
- Approved a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds of the District
- Approved Board of Education Policy updates



*The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2019 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.  
 331/481-4000 • Fax 331/481-4001  
[www.CassD63.org](http://www.CassD63.org)

## 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.

Along the lines of transportation, you might have seen the District's new, white, small activity bus. This bus has been used as a substitute bus for any of small yellow buses that need service. Its primary purpose is to shuttle athletic teams and clubs to games and events and possibly will be driven by staff, coaches and sponsors. Please note, while these drivers are not licensed bus drivers, they are licensed and trained to drive this smaller vehicle. If for any reason you have a question or concern about this mode of transportation, please contact your child(ren)'s coach, activity sponsor or school principal.

This time of year is always a very special time filled with tradition for Cass School District 63 and this November and December 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 Thursday, December 20 is the last day of school prior to Winter Break. Our staff has an inservice on Monday, January 7 and we will be eager to see your child(ren) return from Winter Break on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 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.

As a result of our emergency closing day on Monday, November 26, we will need to make that day up and the Administration and Board of Education are considering options to do so. Since we are only in the start of winter, there is the possibility of the need for additional emergency days, so final decisions on making up any needed days will happen closer to the end of winter and you will formally be notified.

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

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 2019!

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

## Do Not Forget

- ☐ **NO SCHOOL**  
Friday, December 21 –  
Monday, January 7, 2019  
Winter Break
- ☐ **CLASSES RESUME**  
Tuesday, January 8, 2019
- ☐ **NO SCHOOL**  
Monday, January 21  
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 prior to 6:00 a.m. on the day of the closing. School closing information will still be available via the radio and TV stations, on the District website at [www.CassD63.org](http://www.CassD63.org) or at [www.emergencyclosingcenter.com](http://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.



*The Board of Education, Administration and Staff of Cass School District 63 send heartfelt wishes to you and your family for the happiest of holidays and a wonderful and fun-filled New Year!*