



CASS SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

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Board of Education Highlights

At the November 20, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, the Board:



The Board of Education welcomed Cass Junior High School Student Mason White to lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mason was recently selected to perform with the Illinois Music Educators' Association Junior Honor Band as well as the Top Jazz Band.

Recognized Those Who Excel Recipients



Mrs. Beth Dooley, Concord Elementary School Teacher Assistant and Mrs. Jennifer Fetty, Cass Junior High School Special Education Teacher, were recognized for their recently received Those Who Excel Award.

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Cass School District 63
8502 Bailey Road • Darien, Illinois 60561-5333
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
331/481-4000 • Fax

In other action, the Board

- Approved a Request for Proposal for an Executive Search Firm.
- Approved Employee Health Insurance Proposals effective January 1, 2019.
- Approved a generous donation in the amount of \$975.00 from the CAss Resources for Enrichment (CARE) to go toward a Cultural Arts Assembly and Junior Chorus Shirts.
- Approved a Solar Panel Grant Application.



The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, December 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:

First, we would like to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving and break. We are thankful for the educational partnership we have with you in providing the best possible education services for your child(ren).

Second, with winter one month away, there is always a chance for a significant snow fall and/or for extremely cold temperatures in the near future. As always, we would like school to be in session as scheduled. However, our number one goal is the safety and security of all in our school community.

If for any reason when school is in session, you feel the weather elements are too challenging and possibly unsafe for your child(ren) to attend school on that day, please keep your child(ren) at home and call in to report the absence to the respective School Office. Your child(ren), upon return to school, will be afforded the right to complete all the curriculum that was missed. As their parent or guardian, you are in the best position to determine what is best for your child(ren) and as a school district, we will support and completely respect your decision.

In addition, if school is in session when the weather elements are very challenging, please always make sure your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately and

anticipate the possibility of our bus service running a little behind schedule depending on the severity of the weather. On days such as this, we will send out an email notification stating that our morning B.A.S.E. (before school care starting at 6:45 a.m.) at both Concord Elementary School and Cass Junior High School, will be available to all school families at no charge. This could allow some families the option of taking their child(ren) to school on their way to work, instead of having them wait at the bus stop during inclement weather. Please remember, B.A.S.E. is available at both of our schools, to all school families, every school day in the morning, starting at 6:45 a.m. and after school, until 6:00 p.m. for a very nominal hourly fee. More information may be found on the District website under [Before and After School Experience \(B.A.S.E.\)](#).

If school is closed, we will send out a phone and email communication notification to all school families as soon as a decision is made, which will be no later than 6:00 a.m. the day of the closing. We will also text and tweet out (<https://Twitter.com/Cass63Tweets>) closing information, as well as post this information on our website (www.CassD63.org). Finally, when school is closed it will be posted at the Emergency Closing Center. (www.EmergencyClosingCenter.com).

Finally, please remember to be extra cautious when driving in our around our school facilities, especially during inclement weather.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and support with our emergency closing process to ensure the safety of all in our school community.

Kerry J. Foderaro

Laura Anderson • Christine Marcinkewicz

Robert Strande • Leland Wagner



Do Not Forget

- ☐ **NO SCHOOL**
Wednesday, November 21 –
Friday, November 23
Thanksgiving Break
- ☐ **NO SCHOOL**
Friday, December 21 –
Friday, January 4
Winter Break
- ☐ **NO SCHOOL**
Monday, January 7
Staff Institute Day

Things You Should Know

Upcoming School Board Elections

This Spring, the Cass School District 63 Board of Education will have four seats on the election ballot. These seats are open to any school community resident who is 18 years or older and who is registered to vote. To learn more about Board of Education elections, please go to:

www.IASB.com/elections/

To access a candidate's registration packet, please visit the DuPage County's website at:

[DuPage County Election School Board Candidate Packet](#)

Under the For Candidates heading, please choose Format 2. If you have questions about this upcoming Spring's Cass School District 63 Board of Education election, please contact Gayle Wilson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent at GWilson@CassD63.org or at 331/481-4000.

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.