

School District 12 Update

September 3, 2024

*From the Desk of
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Calendar, Events and Links

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Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., Roselle Middle School

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Dear D12 Families,

The Labor Day weekend is always a welcome opportunity to take a breath after the frenzied pace of the start of the school year. I hope you were able to find some time to recharge with your family and enjoy the beautiful weather!

September Board of Education Meeting

As announced at the August meeting and noted above, the September Board of Education meeting will be held at Roselle Middle School due to a meeting conflict with the Village of Roselle. The meeting will not be live streamed but will be recorded and shared the next day.

2025-26 Start of School Survey

Historically, our start of the school year coincides with that of Lake Park High School. The calendar for Lake Park High School for next year has already been approved, and their first day of school will be Wednesday, August 13. While we try to keep our calendars as consistent as possible, this is a

very early start date. Additionally, many of our families don't have students at LPHS and do not prioritize the same start date.

Each year, District 12 hosts the extended school year program for our special education co-op. The early start date makes it difficult on our custodial crew to get the building prepared and provide teachers the opportunity to come in and get their classroom ready.

We would like to gather input from our families as to the preferred start of the school year. We invite each family to complete this [survey](#) to share your thoughts. The survey will be open through Friday, September 13. Thank you in advance for your input!

Parent Boot Camp

It was great to see many of you at our first Parent Boot Camp! I enjoyed seeing familiar faces and meeting many new families to the district. What was most meaningful was hearing how much your children love their teachers and are enjoying school! Thank you for sharing your stories and your hopes for your children with me.

Attendance Awareness Month

September is Attendance Awareness Month. This is the perfect time of year to create and maintain strong attendance habits. We do not promote perfect attendance as we want learners to stay home when they are ill. Chronic absenteeism occurs when a learner misses 10 percent, or 18 days, during the school year. This would equate to an average of two days per month. This is a significant amount of lost learning time and, when the pattern is repeated over multiple years, can have a permanent negative impact on learning. At the elementary level, students who are chronically absent are less likely to be reading on grade level by the end of third grade.

If you are struggling to establish positive attendance habits with your learner, please reach out to the school for support.

Safety Threat Report

You may have noticed that there is a link to a Safety Threat Report at the top of the newsletter. A link can also be found on our District 12 home page. The form may be used to report any safety concern you or your learner has. The form is specific to each school. Once it is submitted, our school and district administrators receive a notification and will address the issue.

I'm looking forward to seeing families at PTO's Rock the Block this Thursday, September 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Spring Hills School. This is a family event for the entire district.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary Henderson
Superintendent
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