



# Prospect Heights School District 23 September 28, 2018

## Communication is Key!

Maintaining ongoing communication is an essential component of the relationship between home and school. District 23 utilizes a wide variety of tools to share information with all of our stakeholders including our parents and the broader community.

We are excited to launch our newly updated websites found at <http://www.d23.org/> and thank all of those who contributed to the redesign. We believe you will find it to be an engaging and informative site.

We have also been actively developing our social media presence and encourage you to follow the District (@PHSD23), your child's school, and if appropriate, their teacher on the various platforms.

Lastly, we utilize the Constant Contact and Instant Connect tools for our newsletter and emergency contact outreach efforts. The phone numbers and email addresses we use are pulled directly from the registration information shared and found in our PowerSchool Student Information System.

A test message was sent on Wednesday, September 12 to affirm that we have the correct information to reach parents in the case of emergencies. If you did not receive this message, please update your contact information in the parent portal.

Please click the button below to review the letter sent to families with relevant social media links and the ParentPortal process.

Thank you for staying informed and connected to the amazing things that are happening in the classrooms, schools and across the District!

We are #Proud2BD23!  
Dr. Angelaccio

[Parent Communication Letter](#)

## Upcoming Events



October 8  
No School



October 10  
7:00pm  
Board of  
Education Meeting @ Grodsky



October 12  
6:00-7:30pm  
BPAC Math and Tech  
Night @ IKE



October 17  
7:00pm  
Erin's Law Parent  
Presentation @ Mac  
Little Theater



October 24  
MacArthur  
Fall Fest Concert  
7:00pm



October 25 & 26  
7:00pm  
ePTO Variety  
Show @ Mac  
Little Theater



October 31  
Halloween Parades  
and Parties  
Check the  
Elementary  
Schools' Newsletters for details.

## Strategic Plan Overview

The video below provides a brief overview of the newly developed Strategic Plan for District #23.

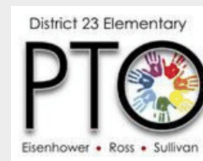


[Click here to view the complete Strategic Plan](#)

## Quick Links



[Visit the D23 website](#)



### Board Election 2019

The 2019 Consolidated General Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2019. As part of that election, registered voters in District 23 will be electing four individuals to serve a four-year term and one individual to serve a two-year term. Candidates interested

in running for one of these school board positions are advised to review the District 23 Board policy found at

[https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=prospect\\_heights\\_23](https://boardpolicyonline.com/?b=prospect_heights_23)

and the Illinois Candidate's guide issued by the Illinois State Board of Elections and linked here:

<https://elections.il.gov/Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/2019CanGuide.pdf>

or on their website at:

<https://www.elections.il.gov/>.

The District cannot provide direct support of candidates, so we encourage any questions related to the election process to be researched in the above listed documents, on the websites identified or by reaching out to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) at <https://www.iasb.com/>.

We appreciate the dedicated service of our community members who volunteer their time to lead Prospect Heights School District #23 and look forward to the continued growth and success of our students and school community.



**Board of Education - Meeting Highlights  
September 20, 2018**

## Unified Advisory and PE at MacArthur

The Board was lead in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance by MacArthur students who volunteered to become a part of the New Unified Advisory/PE program. These students are students with and without special needs who have chosen to work collaboratively together through the Unified Advisory and Unified PE to promote inclusion and respect in their school and to foster a school environment of compassion and equality. Mrs. Samiotakis, PE Teacher, and Ms. Lynch, Special Education Teacher, have planned together to develop this program



## District 23 Approves Balanced Budget

The Board approved the FY19 Budget following the required hearing. We are pleased to report that we project a balanced budget for FY19. Please view the video below for a summary of the key revenue and expenditure components, as well as a description of the long range planning that is underway to ensure sustainable resources and responsible use of funds.



## Revenue Sources:

### Local Taxes

(Property/Other)

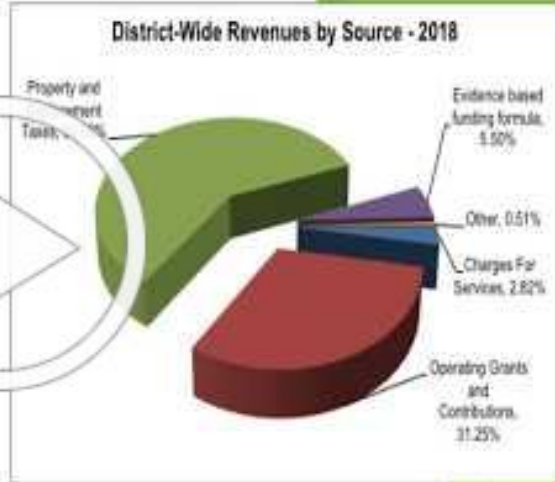
### Illinois Contribution

(Evidence Based Funding and State Grants)

### Federal Grants

(IDEA, Pre-School, Title & Others)

### Other (Fees)



## Congrats and Welcome

The Board of Education welcomed new faculty to District 23 and recognized those faculty who received tenure.



**Next Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00p.m.**  
**Grodsky Administration Center**

## Building Briefs

### Congrats to Isabella and Christine

Congratulations to two MacArthur orchestra students who auditioned for the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) Orchestra this year. Both students (Isabella-8th and Christine-7th) were selected for the orchestra! Dozens of schools and hundreds of students audition, so this is no easy accomplishment.





## Erin's Law Parent Presentation

This Fall, we will be providing state-mandated sexual abuse prevention education to all students in grades PreK-8 in compliance with Erin's Law.

For more information about this program and a parent presentation on **October 17, 2018 @** MacArthur's Little Theater, please click the button's below.

[Erin's Law Information \(English\)](#)

[Erin's Law Information \(Spanish\)](#)



## FEMA National Test of Emergency Alert System



FEMA

As you may have heard, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will be conducting a nationwide test of their emergency alert systems. At 1:18 PM local time on October 3rd, a message will be broadcast to all connected cell phones as well as all televisions, radios, satellite radios etc..

If you have additional questions or concerns, this [link](#) has more information on the emergency test.



Connect With Us

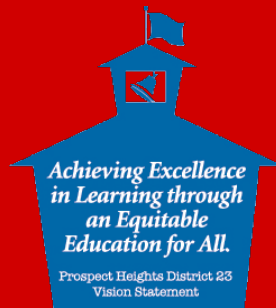


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