

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA

Regular Meeting  
Keil Administration Building  
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street  
Decatur, IL 62523

January 28, 2025  
4:30 PM Open Session  
Closed Session Immediately Following  
6:30 PM Open Session Reconvened

Legend: AI = Action Item      DI = Discussion Item      IO = Information Only

**Strategic Plan Mission:**

*The mission of Decatur Public Schools, the destination district of our community, is to unlock students' unique and limitless potential to achieve their personal aspirations as fully prepared, contributing citizens in a global society through learning experiences distinguished by:*

- *commitment to the whole person resulting in student growth and confidence*
- *relevant, innovative, personalized academic pathways that promote passion and pride*
- *a learning environment that fosters curiosity and the thirst for achievement and discovery*
- *a culture of diversity, adaptability, and resilience*
- *meaningful and lasting relationships*
- *extraordinary school and community connections*

**The Board of Education Parameters that Guide Our Work:**

- We will make decisions in the best interest of all students.
- We will treat all people with dignity and respect.
- We will seek input and collaboration throughout our diverse community.
- We will practice responsible stewardship of all our resources.

**AI 1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Executive Session to conduct student discipline/expulsion hearings, employee discipline hearings and discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.

Roll Call

**IO 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AI 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA JANUARY 28, 2025**

**IO 4.0 DISTRICT HIGHLIGHT**

- Parsons Elementary School

**IO 5.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Identify oneself and be brief.
- Comments should be limited to 3 minutes.
- Any public comments submitted to the Board Secretary will be included in the record.

**DI 6.0 JUNIOR BOARD MEMBER’S REPORT**

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

- Roadmap 2030 Update (Strategic Plan and Master’s Facilities Plan)

**IO 7.0 REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

A. Vacancy Report from Human Resources

**AI 8.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Minutes: Open/Closed Meetings January 14, 2025
- B. Financial Conditions Report
- C. Treasurer’s Report
- D. School Board Policies and Exhibit from PRESS Issue 116 and Exhibits from PRESS Issue 115

**AI 9.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Vote on a Potential Student 2425-0017 Expulsion
- B. Vote on a Potential Student 2425-0018 Expulsion
- C. Vote on a Potential Student 2425-0019 Expulsion
- D. Consideration and Action on Possible Suspension without Pay for a Custodian
- E. Consideration and Action on Possible Suspension without Pay for a Custodian
- F. Consideration and Action on the Possible Suspension without Pay for School Security Officer
- G. Ratification of Termination of a Macon-Piatt Special Education District (MPSED) Paraprofessional **Please note the MPSED Board voted and took-action on this item on January 16, 2025.**
- H. Personnel Action Items
- I. Network Equipment to Connect DPS to the City of Decatur Fiber Ring
- J. Pershing Early Learning Center Fencing Project

**IO 10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Board of Education and Administration sends condolences to the family of:

Denise Lynn Reed, who passed away Monday, January 06, 2025. Ms. Reed was a retiree from the Information Technology (IT) Department in Decatur Public Schools.

**IO 11.0 IMPORTANT DATES**

- January** 30 Roadmap 2030 Community Input/Engagement Session 1 of 2
- MacArthur High School Auditorium, 6:30 PM
  - More information [www.dps61.org/roadmap2030](http://www.dps61.org/roadmap2030)

- 31 DEADLINE to apply to a DPS Magnet School for the 2025-2026 School Year  
– More information [www.dps61.org/magnet](http://www.dps61.org/magnet)

- February** 07 Interim Progress Reports  
12 District-wide Half Day of School for ALL Students  
– **Please call your home school for details, if needed**  
17 President’s Day Holiday  
– **NO SCHOOL and District Offices are Closed**  
20 Roadmap 2030 Community Input/Engagement Session 2 of 2  
– Johns Hill Magnet School Auditorium, 6:30 PM  
– More information [www.dps61.org/roadmap2030](http://www.dps61.org/roadmap2030)  
27 Community Members/Business Leaders Principal for a Day  
– 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM in DPS 61

**NEXT MEETING**

The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at the Keil Administration Building.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The public portion of the **Tuesday, February 25, 2025** Board of Education Open Session meeting will begin at 4:30 PM at the Keil Administration Building with a Module 2 Training Session regarding School Improvement with the Board Members and the Superintendent. We will continue in Open Session immediately following the training.

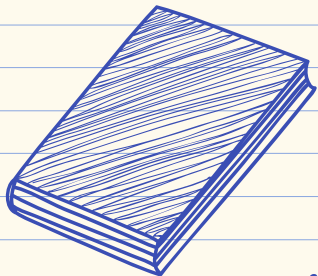
**AI 12.0 ADJOURNMENT**



★ Parsons Elementary School

BoE Spotlight Presentation

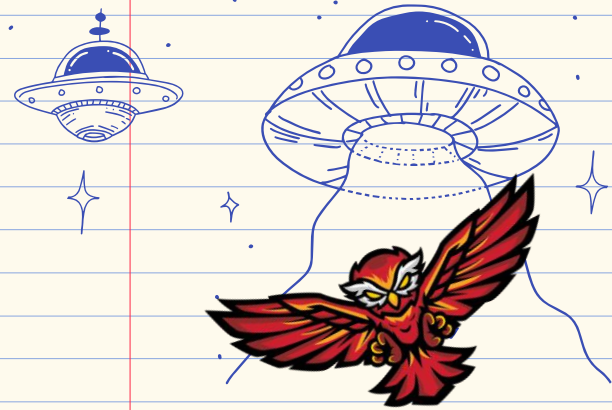
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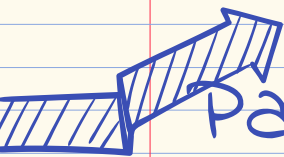
## Parsons Vision..

Our vision is to empower Parsons' Scholars to be independent, adaptable, and engaged critical thinkers who are prepared to thrive and contribute to our community. We will respect human dignity and celebrate diversities while preparing to be responsible citizens.



“Education is our passport to the future. For tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.”

-Malcom X



# Parsons Is Preparing and Persevering..

100% of scholars receive at least 30 minutes of Direct Phonics Instruction daily.

80% Staff Retention!

100% of Staff have less than 10 absences per year.

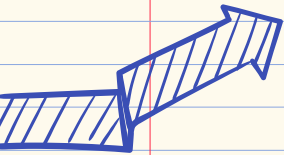
95% of classrooms have certified staff  
2 classrooms staffed with Long-term Subs completing the Golden Apple Program.

**GOAL #1: ELA - Parsons Elementary will increase the FastBridge aReading and Early Reading from 32% above the lowest risk benchmark to 36% above the lowest risk benchmark, which results in at least a 5% increase from Spring 2024 to Spring 2025.**

**GOAL #2: Math - Parsons Elementary will increase the FastBridge aMath and Early Math from 29% above the lowest risk benchmark to 32% above the lowest risk benchmark, which results in at least a 5% increase from Spring 2024 to Spring 2025.**

**GOAL #3 – OPTIONAL Parsons Elementary School will decrease referrals from 1045 referral to 939 or less referrals, a 10% decrease for the 24/25 school year.**





# Demographics and Population

**494 Scholars currently  
registered with  
Parsons!**

**256 Scholars are  
returning Parsons  
Scholars (registered  
since at least 9/1/23)**

## **Grade Levels:**

87 Kindergartners

68 First Graders

67 Second Graders

68 Third Graders

79 Fourth Graders

63 Fifth Graders

56 Sixth Graders

## **Demographics**

Asian: .2%

Black: 52.2%

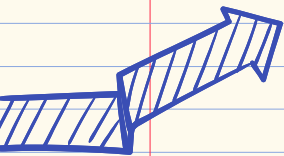
Hispanic: 1.3%

American Indian: .8%

White: 27.8%

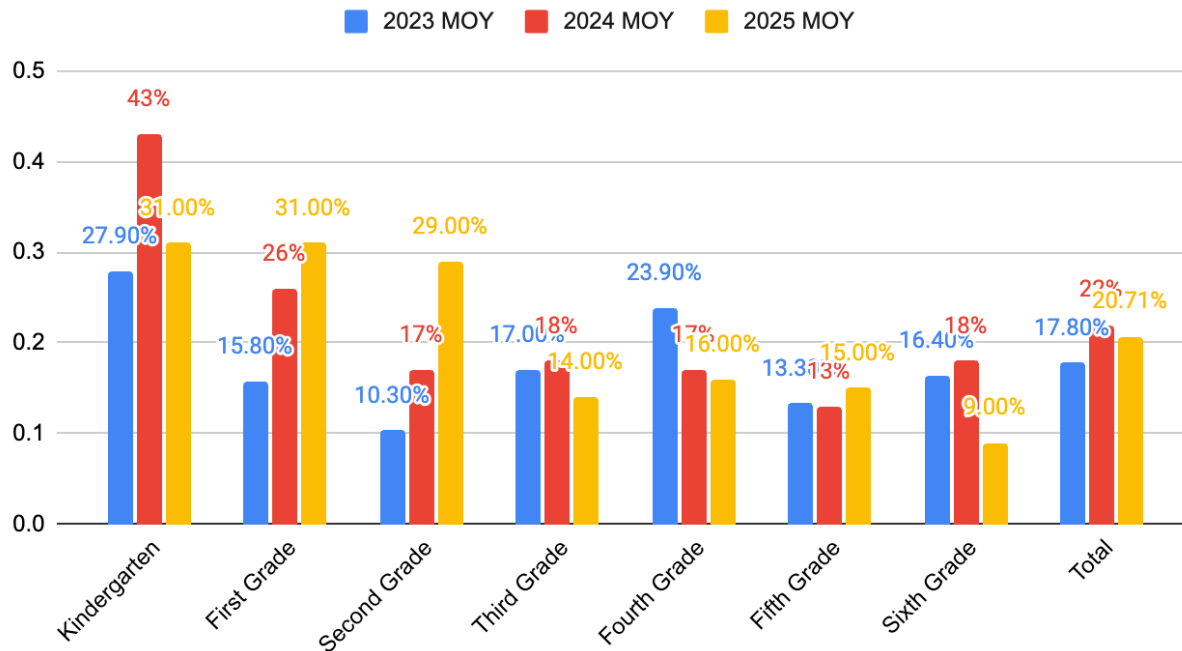
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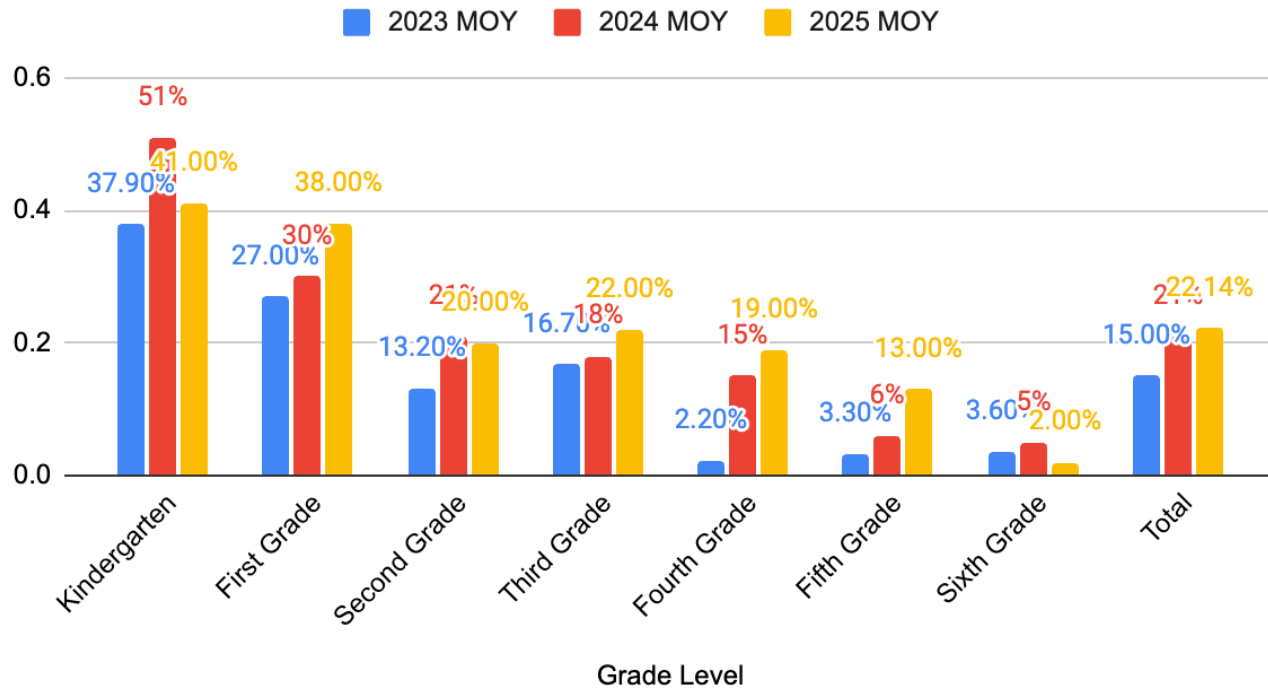


# Moving in the Right Direction..

Parsons Reading 50th Percentile 2023 - 2025 MOY Data



## Parsons Math 50th Percentile 2023-2025 MOY Data



# Reaching our Goals!

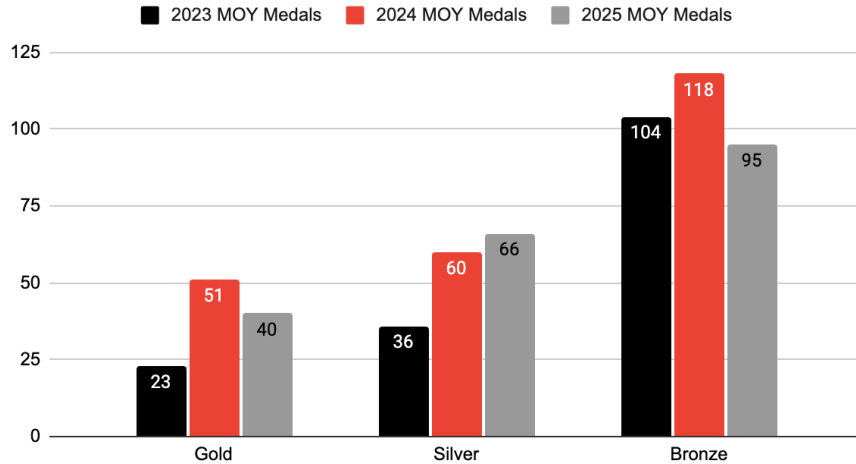
Reading Fall 2024 Winter 2025 50%ile goals							
Gen. Ed Reading	Spring 2024	24/25 BOY Actual	24/25 5% Growth Goal	24/25 5% Goal	3% Mid Year Goal	24/25 MOY Actual	24/25 EOY Actual
Kindergarten	46.00%	27.10%	4.0%	31.0%	29.00%	31.00%	
First Grade	26.00%	34.00%	4.0%	50%	48%	31.00%	
Second Grade	23.00%	27.00%	4.0%	31.0%	29%	29%	
Third Grade	13.00%	12.00%	4.0%	16.0%	14%	14%	
Fourth Grade	18.00%	25%	4.0%	29.0%	27%	16%	
Fifth Grade	14.00%	10.00%	4.0%	15.0%	13.00%	15.00%	
Sixth Grade	19.00%	13.00%	4.0%	17.0%	15.00%	9.00%	
Total	22.71%	21.16%	4.00%	27.00%	25.00%	20.71%	

# Reaching our Goals!

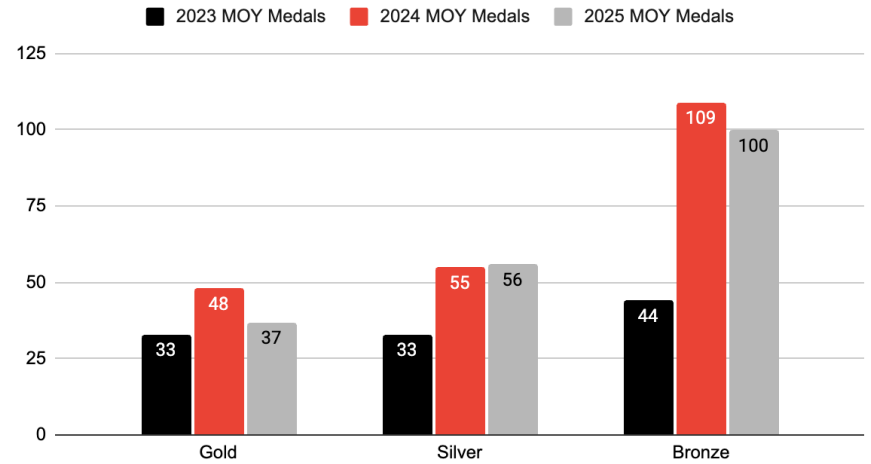
Math Fall 2024 Winter 2025 50%ile goals							
Gen. Ed. Math	Spring 2024	24/25 BOY Actual	24/25 5% Growth Goal	24/25 5% Goal	3% Mid Year Growth Goal	24/25 MOY Actual	24/25 EOY Actual
Kindergarten	47%	42.00%	3.0%	45.0%	44.00%	41.00%	
First Grade	29.00%	34.00%	3.0%	38.0%	36.00%	38.00%	
Second Grade	26.00%	15.00%	4.0%	19.0%	17%	20%	
Third Grade	17.00%	9.00%	5.0%	14.0%	12%	22%	
Fourth Grade	7.00%	21%	5.0%	12.0%	10%	19%	
Fifth Grade	7.00%	7.00%	5.0%	12.0%	10.00%	13.00%	
Sixth Grade	5.00%	13.00%	4.0%	17.0%	15.00%	2.00%	
Total	19.71%	20.14%	4.33%	18.67%	20.50%	22.14%	

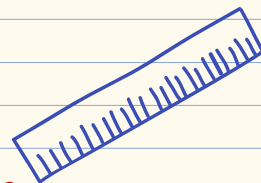
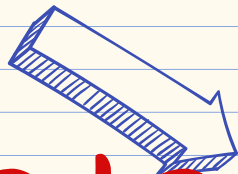
# Race to Success Medal Celebrations!

## Race to Success Reading Medal Awards 2023 to 2025

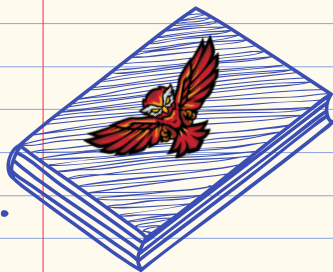


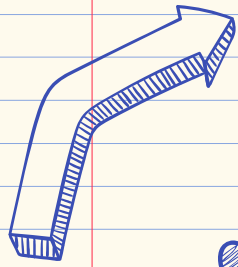
## Race to Success Math Medal Awards 2023 to 2025





# Celebrations!





woohoo!!



Our Success Bell has  
been rung over 3500  
times over the last 3  
years!

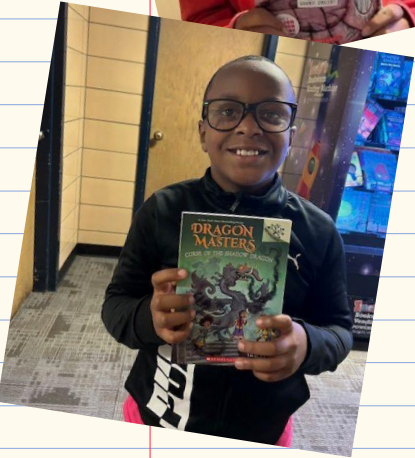
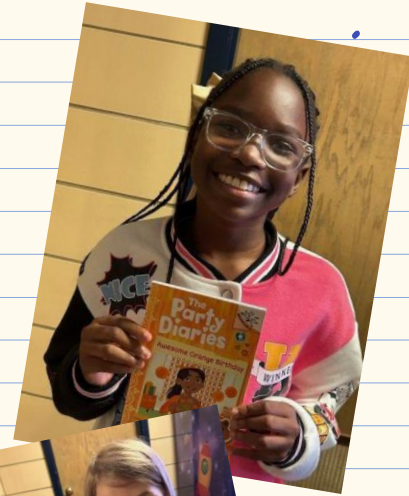
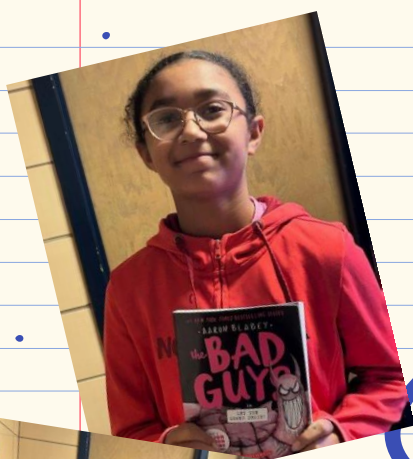
By scholars who are  
setting and meeting  
goals!



# Scholars of the Month!

155 Books

have been earned by our  
Scholars!



Thank you to our families and staff for raising funds to purchase the BOOK VENDING MACHINE and to Macon County Foundation for the donation to keep it filled!



# 2024-2025 Parsons Evening Events!



Mathoween!



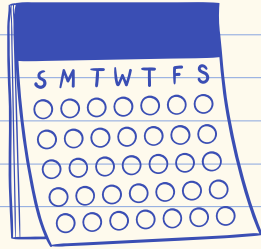
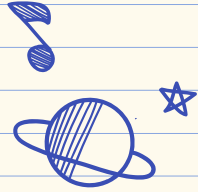
Grandparents Day!



Family Reading Night!



Mark your  
Calendars!



Parsons Turns **58**

*Join us for..*

**PARSONS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**FOUNDERS**

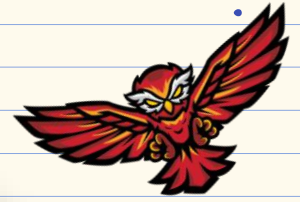
**DAY**

**CELEBRATION**

**FEBRUARY 27TH**

5:00-7:00 pm

Learn about our History  
Black History Bingo, Crafts, Multi-  
cultural appetizers, Choir and a Guest  
Speaker!



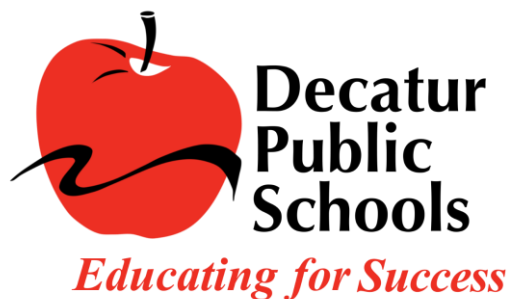


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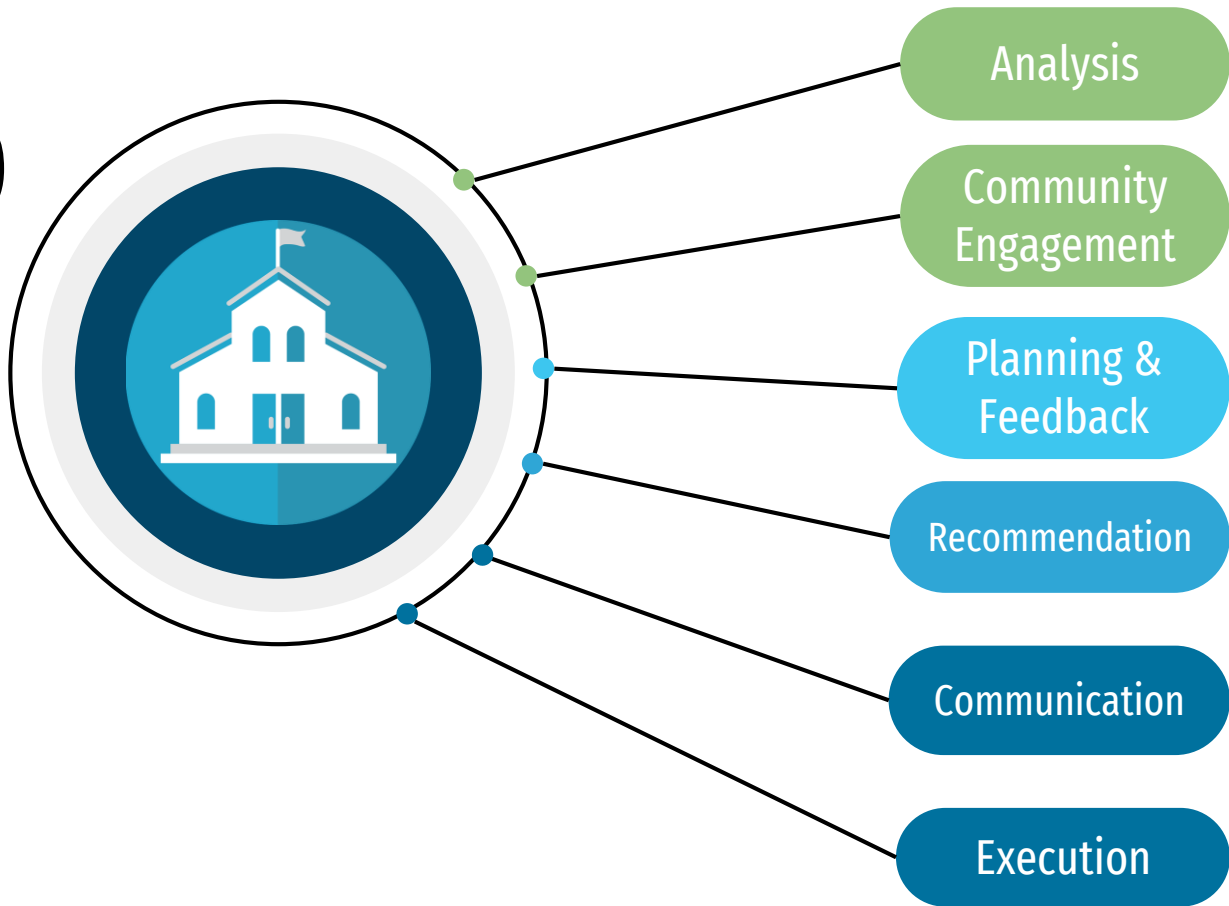
Questions?

# Strategic Plan + Master Facilities Plan = ROADMAP 2030

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# Roadmap 2030



<b>Wednesday, October 16, 2024</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Focus Area 1: Getting Started: Readiness & Orientation	“Who are we and what are we being asked to do?”
<b>Wednesday, November 13, 2024</b> 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Focus Area 2: Data Retreat: Data Review, Environmental Scan, SWOT	Living out the plan (DPS61 Continuous Improvement Systemic Alignment Model)
<b>Thursday, December 5, 2024</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.		“Where are we now? What’s our current situation?”
<b>Wednesday, January 15, 2025</b> 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Focus Area 3: Vision Retreat: Preferred Future State   Embracing Systemic Continuous Improvement	“Where do we want to be? Finalize the SWOT from stakeholder input”
<b>Thursday, February 6, 2025</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.		
<b>Thursday, February 27, 2025</b> 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Focus Area 4: Setting Direction Retreat: Drafting the Plan	“How will we get from where we are to where we want to be?   Goals, Priorities, Strategies”
<b>Tuesday, March 11, 2025</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.		
<b>Thursday, April 10, 2025</b> 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Focus Area 5: Refinement Retreat: Final Plan Refinement and Recommendations	“Utilize stakeholder feedback to finalize the plan; Recommend <i>Roadmap 2030</i> to the Board of Education”
<b>Tuesday, April 15, 2025</b> 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.		

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# **COMMUNITY**

**Engagement Opportunities**

**SWOT Opportunity (Closes February 3, 2025)**  
**Community Forum #1: January 30**  
**Community Forum #2: February 20**  
**Q&A (Ongoing)**

(Front of  
Postcard)



# You're Invited!

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 61

# ROADMAP 2030

STRATEGIC PLANNING & MASTER FACILITIES PLAN

## Community Input Sessions

**JANUARY 30, 2025 @6:30p.m.**

MacArthur High School Auditorium  
1499 W. Grand Ave. 62522

**FEBRUARY 20, 2025 @6:30p.m.**

Johns Hill Magnet School Auditorium  
1025 E. Johns Ave. 62521

Scan to read more  
about Roadmap 2030!



**DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: January 14, 2025

4:30 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building  
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street  
Decatur, IL 62523

PRESENT: Bill Clevenger, President  
Mark Reynolds  
Will Wetzel

Jason Dion, Vice President  
Al Scheider (arrived 5:30 PM)

ABSENT: Alana Banks, Dr. Kevin Collins, Superintendent Rochelle Clark

STAFF: Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning Dr. Larry Gray, Board Secretary Melissa Bradford, Attorney Luke Feeney and others

President Clevenger called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call for Closed Executive Session</b>	President Clevenger called the meeting to order and moved into Closed Executive Session to conduct employee discipline hearings, discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, the purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body, security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Mr. Reynolds.	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:30 PM.
	President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Dion, Wetzel, Reynolds, Clevenger Nay: None Absent: Banks, Collins and Scheider (arrived 5:30 PM) Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent	
<b>Returned to Open Session</b>	President Clevenger asked for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Reynolds moved, seconded by Vice President Dion. All were in favor.	Open Session at 6:05 PM.
<b>Open Session Continued</b>	President Clevenger noted that the Board of Education had been in Closed Executive Session to conduct employee discipline hearings, discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, the purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body, security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees. <u>No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.</u>	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President Clevenger led the Pledge of Allegiance.  President Clevenger noted that in Superintendent Clark's absence, Dr. Larry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, was in charge of the District until she returns.	Information only.
<b>Approval of Agenda, January 14, 2025</b>	Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the January 14, 2025 Open Session Board Meeting Agenda as presented.  Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Vice President Dion. All were in favor.	Agenda was Approved as presented.
<b>District Highlight</b>	Kathryn Rogers, Assistant Principal at Baum, and Jim Dawson, Art Teacher, presented and shared information regarding their athletics, arts, parent events and community involvement (enclosed with packet).	Information only.
<b>Public Participation</b>	President Clevenger noted that during Public Participation, the Board of Education asked for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify oneself and be brief.</li> <li>• Comments should be limited to 3 minutes.</li> <li>• Any public comments submitted to the Board Secretary will be included in the record.</li> </ul> <p>For our listening audience, please note that during any Board of Education meeting and public participation, Board Members do NOT respond and/or comment to public comments; all comments are referred to administration. Furthermore, the Board refrains from referring to specific students or staff members by name, and requests that public commenters refrain from doing so as well. The request that you omit names was made to protect you from allegations of libel or slander or from violations of the Illinois School Student Records Act. It was not intended to shield an employee from criticism.</p> <p>There were no public comments.</p>	Information only.
<b>Board Discussion</b>	No report from the Junior Board Members.  Mr. Scheider asked about his request for an updated Organizational Chart; he stated he had not received it.  Mr. Scheider felt that reading and math were high priorities in the District. The other Board Members agreed. He asked the Board Members to support the return of strong academic courses during summer school, especially for the elementary. He felt the funds were there to support this initiative and the District needs to provide more instruction during summer school for students.	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Board Discussion Continued</b>	<p>He noted that the District could not wait on the implementation of the new Strategic Plan and that the Board Members need to let administration know that the District could fully fund these efforts.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds asked about attendance during summer school last year. Assistant Superintendent Gray replied that last year a lot of students did not attend and a lot of teachers did not want to teach summer school. There were more students who attended summer enrichment and participated in a lot of camps. During summer school, the students were involved with instruction and during summer camps, the students were involved in different enrichment activities.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider noted that in other Districts, the parents were told that if the students were not involved in summer school (instruction), there would be no promotions. Mr. Scheider noted that if it takes more money, the District should offer high incentives to teachers to teach summer school. The majority of summer school should be focused on academics.</p> <p>President Clevenger agreed with the reading and math issues and asked administration for some recommendations. Summer school needs to be reviewed other than by the traditional classroom settings. There needs to be creative ways to bring students back to the classroom.</p> <p>Vice President Dion compared demand and supply with summer school and suggested possible partnerships to help with the funding. How do we get students into the classroom?</p> <p>Mr. Wetzel noted to Mr. Scheider that an updated Organizational Chart was previously sent to the Board Members.</p> <p>There will be more information forthcoming regarding summer school.</p>	Information only.
<b>Reports from Admins Annual Report from Robertson Charter</b>	<p>Niki Fenderson, Principal of Robertson Charter, presented and shared information regarding Robertson Charter School (enclosed with packet), which included their school renovations, attendance, academics, athletics, student safety and community events. They have also implemented a staff Implicit Bias Training and a program called Royal Kings and Queens SEL for K-8 students that focused on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-awareness</li> <li>• Self-management of behavior</li> <li>• Social Awareness</li> <li>• Relationship skills</li> </ul>	Information only.
<b>Ellsworth Dansby Jr. Magnet School Update</b>	<p>Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer, presented and shared information and updates on the new Ellsworth Dansby Jr. Magnet School (enclosed with packet). Floyd Bolt, Supervisor at B&amp;Gs, noted that they were about 50% through the punch list. We are on track for completion and the start of school in August 2025.</p>	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Solar Panel Proposal</b>	<p>Becky Thompson and Aaron Raftery, Representatives from Nania Efficiency &amp; Solar Information Group, presented and shared information regarding the process and RFPs (Request for only. Proposals) for solar panels. The RFPs went live in September and closed on October 22, 2024; they received seven (7). This was not a low-bid selection process, but based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The candidate's qualifications.</li> <li>• Their experience with similar projects.</li> <li>• Their demonstration of the technical needs of the project.</li> </ul> <p>The top three were brought in along with administration for interviews and StraightUp Solar was the top choice and also the lowest offer.</p> <p>Shannon Fulton and Jason Hawksworth (Hawk-Attollo LLC), StraightUp Solar, presented and shared information regarding their offer and the organization (enclosed with packet). There would be a different cost savings every five-years; each school would be reviewed individually.</p> <p>The schools that could possibly receive the solar panel systems are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eisenhower High School</li> <li>• Franklin Gove Elementary School</li> <li>• Muffley Elementary School</li> <li>• Hope Academy</li> <li>• Ellsworth Dansby Jr. Magnet School</li> <li>• Stephen Decatur Middle School</li> </ul> <p>If Board approved, the smaller systems would be installed first.</p> <p>The Board of Education discussed the presentation with company.</p> <p>A recommendation from administration will be forthcoming at a future Board of Education meeting.</p>	
<b>First Read: Policies from Press Issue 116 and Exhibits from Press Issue 115</b>	<p>Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operational Officer, presented and shared a first read on School Information Board Policies from Press Issue 116 and Exhibits from Press Issue 115 (enclosed with only. packet).</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds asked about the strikethrough in Policy 2:260, which read as follows:</p> <p><i>If the Complainant is a student under 18 years of age, the Complaint Manager will notify his or her parents/guardians that they may attend any investigatory meetings in which their child is involved.</i></p> <p>Mr. Reynolds asked if this was removed from the policy, would parents be excluded if something was going on with their child.</p>	

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	<p>Attorney Feeney noted that he would like to review the entire policy (2:260) before he shared his opinion on its meaning.</p> <p>Mr. Reynolds noted on record that this was a concern if removed.</p> <p>Administration and Attorney Feeney will get back with the Board of Education after further review.</p>	
<b>Consent Items</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Consent Items as presented, which included:</p> <p>A. Minutes: Open/Closed Meetings December 10, 2024</p> <p>B. Freedom of Information Report</p> <p>C. Bills</p> <p>Mr. Wetzel moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Reynolds, Dion, Scheider, Wetzel Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>
<b>Consideration and Action on Possible Suspension without Pay and/or Termination of a Teamster Employee</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Termination of Derek Brown, Teamster Employee, effective Wednesday, January 15, 2025 as presented.</p> <p>Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Reynolds.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider noted that he was not able to attend the hearings for Roll Call Items A., B., and C., due to a work obligation and that he will vote present on each.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Reynolds, Wetzel, Clevenger, Dion Nay: None Present: Scheider Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Present, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Termination of Derek Brown was approved, effective 01/15/25 as presented.</p>
<b>Consideration and Action on the Possible Suspension without Pay for a Custodian</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the One-day Suspension without Pay for Tamara Garner, Custodial Employee, effective Wednesday, January 15, 2025 as presented.</p> <p>Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:</p>	<p>Motion carried. One-day Suspension without Pay for Tamara Garner, was approved, effective</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	<p>Aye: Reynolds, Wetzel, Dion, Clevenger</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Present: Scheider</p> <p>Absent: Banks and Collins</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1, Present, 2 Absent</p>	01/15/25 as presented.
<b>Consideration and Action on the Possible Suspension without Pay for a Custodian</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Fifteen-days Suspension without Pay for Chris Bradford, Custodial Employee, effective Wednesday, January 15, 2025 through Wednesday, February 05, 2025 as presented.</p> <p>Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Wetzel, Clevenger, Dion, Reynolds</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Present: Scheider</p> <p>Absent: Banks and Collins</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 1, Present, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Fifteen-days Suspension without Pay for Chris Bradford, was approved, effective 01/15/25-02/05/25 as presented.</p>
<b>Personnel Action Items</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Personnel Action Items listed in the Memo from Monica Wilks, Director of Human Resources, and the Human Resources Department as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Scheider moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Vice President Dion. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Dion, Scheider, Reynolds, Wetzel, Clevenger</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: Banks and Collins</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Personnel Action Items were approved as presented.</p>
<b>Employment of an Assistant Principal at Dennis Lab School</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve Allison Brinkoetter as an Assistant Principal at Dennis Lab School as presented.</p> <p>Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Reynolds, Wetzel, Clevenger, Dion, Scheider</p> <p>Nay: None</p> <p>Absent: Banks and Collins</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Allison Brinkoetter was approved as an Assist. Principal at Dennis as presented.</p>
<b>Employment of an Assistant Principal at MacArthur High School</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve Denisha Patrick as an Assistant Principal at MacArthur High School as presented.</p> <p>Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Clevenger, Dion, Reynolds, Wetzel, Scheider</p>	<p>Motion carried.</p> <p>Denisha Patrick was approved as an Assist. Principal at</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	MHS as presented.
<b>Addendum to Employment Contract for an Interim Director of Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Addendum to the Employment Contract for Floyd Bolt as an Interim Director of Buildings and Grounds as presented.  Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Reynolds. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Scheider, Reynolds, Wetzel, Clevenger, Dion Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. Addendum to Contract for Floyd Bolt as Interim of B&G was approved as presented.
<b>MPSED Admins and Admin Support Salary Schedules for 2025-2026</b>	Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Macon-Piatt Special Education Administrator and Administrative Support Salary Schedules for 2025-2026 as presented. <b>Please note: The Macon-Piatt Special Education District Executive Board approved the salary schedule during their December 19, 2024 Board meeting.</b>  Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Scheider. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Reynolds, Dion, Scheider, Wetzel Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. MPSED Admins and Admin Support Salary Schedules for 2025-2026 were approved as presented.
<b>Everyday Labs Service Agreement</b>	Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Everyday Labs Service Agreement as presented.  Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Reynolds, Wetzel, Scheider, Clevenger, Dion Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. Everyday Labs Service Agreement was approved as presented.
<b>Resolution Abating Taxes Levied for 2024 to Pay Debt Service on the Taxable General Obligation</b>	Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on the District's Taxable General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011B (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds) as presented.  Mr. Scheider moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Wetzel, Scheider, Dion, Reynolds, Clevenger	Motion carried. Resolution to Abate Taxes Levied for 2024 to Pay Debt Service on the Taxable GOSB Series 2011B

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>School Bonds Series 2011B</b>	Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	was approved as presented.
<b>Resolution Abating Taxes Levied for 2024 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Refunding School Bonds</b>	Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education adopt the Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on the District's General Obligation Refunding School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020C as presented. Vice President Dion moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Wetzel. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Dion, Reynolds, Clevenger, Scheider, Wetzel Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. Resolution to Abate Taxes Levied for 2024 to Pay Debt Service on the GORSB Series 2020C was approved as presented.
<b>3-Year Security Camera Licensing Renewal</b>	Assistant Superintendent Gray recommended the Board of Education approve the Three-Year Security Camera Licensing Renewal as presented. Mr. Scheider moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Vice President Dion. Hearing no questions, President Clevenger called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Clevenger, Dion, Reynolds, Wetzel, Scheider Nay: None Absent: Banks and Collins Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Motion carried. Three-Year Security Camera Licensing Renewal was approved as presented.
<b>Announcements</b>	The Board of Education and Administration sends condolences to the families of:  Alma Eileene Shuck, who passed away Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Mrs. Shuck was the mother of Denise Kelly, Cross-Cat Teacher at Franklin Grove Elementary School and Linda Renea Smith, former Special Education Administrator for Macon-Piatt Special Education District.  John Phillips Schultz, who passed away Friday, December 20, 2024. Mr. Schultz was a retired Administrator from Decatur Public Schools.	Information only.
<b>Important Dates</b>	<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b> <b>January</b> 15 District-wide Half Day of School for ALL Students – <b>Please call your home school for details, if needed</b> 20 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – <b>NO SCHOOL and District Offices are Closed</b> 30 Roadmap 2030 Community Input/Engagement Session 1 of 2 – MacArthur High School Auditorium, 6:30 PM – More information <a href="http://www.dps61.org/roadmap2030">www.dps61.org/roadmap2030</a>	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	31 DEADLINE to apply to a DPS Magnet School for the 2025-2026 School Year	
	– More information <a href="http://www.dps61.org/magnet">www.dps61.org/magnet</a>	

**February** 07 Interim Progress Reports

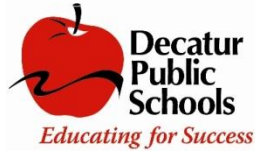
**NEXT MEETING**

The public portion of the next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at the Keil Administration Building.

<b>Adjournment</b>	President Clevenger asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Reynolds moved, seconded by Mr. Wetzel. All were in favor.	Board adjourned at 7:37 PM.
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Bill Clevenger, President

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Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District 61

<b>Date:</b> January 28, 2025	<b>Subject:</b> Monthly Financial Conditions Report
<b>Initiated By:</b> Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operations Officer	<b>Attachments:</b> Financial Conditions Report
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Larry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning and Dr. Jay Marino, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services	

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The attached report illustrates the District's year-to-date revenues and expenditures and provides an explanation of the financial conditions of the Decatur Public School District and Macon-Piatt Special Education District.

### CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

As the District completes December, the sixth month of FY25, the Macon-Piatt Special Education District has expended 46.64% of its overall budget; Decatur 61 has expended 47.72% of its overall budget.

As of January 21, 2025, the State Comptroller is holding FY25 ISBE vouchers in the amount of \$2,821,036.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

n/a

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the Monthly Financial Conditions Report as presented.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:**\_\_\_\_\_

**2024-2025 Decatur Public S.D. #61**  
**Fund Balance Summary - December 31, 2024**

<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Fund Balance 07/01/24</u></b>	<b><u>Revenues To Date</u></b>	<b><u>Expenditures To Date</u></b>	<b><u>Net Cash Flow</u></b>	<b><u>Change in Fund Balance</u></b>	<b><u>Balance 12/31/2024</u></b>	<b><u>Tentative Balance 06/30/25</u></b>
<b>DISTRICT # 61</b>							
Education	\$22,203,280	\$83,351,692	\$64,245,831	\$19,105,861	\$0	<b><i>\$41,309,141</i></b>	<b>\$ 21,847,411</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$2,103,416	\$7,998,091	\$4,022,577	\$3,975,514	\$0	<b><i>\$6,078,930</i></b>	<b>\$ 992,495</b>
Debt Service	\$10,327,523	\$7,930,776	\$7,375,244	\$555,532	\$0	<b><i>\$10,883,056</i></b>	<b>\$ 10,326,024</b>
Transportation	\$6,670,257	\$3,554,246	\$2,525,671	\$1,028,574	\$0	<b><i>\$7,698,832</i></b>	<b>\$ 5,091,618</b>
IMRF	\$3,313,484	\$2,573,246	\$757,756	\$1,815,490	\$0	<b><i>\$5,128,974</i></b>	<b>\$ 4,101,028</b>
Social Security/Medicare	\$655,101	\$2,969,022	\$1,103,016	\$1,866,006	\$0	<b><i>\$2,521,107</i></b>	<b>\$ 1,514,973</b>
Capital Projects Fund	\$6,588,922	\$1,000,000	\$3,147,764	(\$2,147,764)	\$0	<b><i>\$4,441,159</i></b>	<b>\$ 2,025,986</b>
Working Cash	\$5,370,962	\$664,329	\$0	\$664,329	\$0	<b><i>\$6,035,291</i></b>	<b>\$ 6,040,828</b>
Tort Immunity/Judgment	\$4,924,048	\$1,481,724	\$2,525,554	(\$1,043,829)	\$0	<b><i>\$3,880,219</i></b>	<b>\$ 1,521,740</b>
Fire Prevention/Safety	\$1,964,765	\$414,329	\$355,975	\$58,354	\$0	<b><i>\$2,023,118</i></b>	<b>\$ 669,867</b>
<b><i>Totals District 61</i></b>	<b><i>\$64,121,759</i></b>	<b><i>\$111,937,454</i></b>	<b><i>\$86,059,388</i></b>	<b><i>\$25,878,066</i></b>	<b><i>\$0</i></b>	<b><i>\$89,999,826</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 54,131,970</i></b>
<b>Macon-Piatt Special Ed District</b>	<b>\$8,943,097</b>	<b>\$7,448,617</b>	<b>\$10,074,769</b>	<b>(\$2,626,152)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b><i>\$6,316,945</i></b>	<b>\$ 8,829,319</b>

**Macon-Piatt Special Education District**  
**Report Date: December 2024**  
**Financial Condition as of December 31, 2024**

**Percent of year passed: 50%**

	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Adopted Budget</b>	<b>Pre Audit Y-T-D</b>	<b>Percent Received/Used</b>
12	Education	21,488,323	7,448,617	34.66%
	Operation &			
22	Maintenance	-	-	
42	Transportation	-	-	
52	IMRF	-	-	
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	IMRF	<u>21,488,323</u>	<u>7,448,617</u>	<u>34.66%</u>

**Expenditures**

12	Education	19,671,495	9,600,170	48.80%
	Operation &			
22	Maintenance	360,870	30,812	8.54%
42	Transportation	25,750	5,526	21.46%
52	IMRF	<u>1,543,986</u>	<u>438,262</u>	<u>28.39%</u>
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	Total Expenditures	<u>21,602,101</u>	<u>10,074,769</u>	<u>46.64%</u>

**Net Cash**

Total Revenues	21,488,323	7,448,617	34.66%
Total Expenditures	<u>21,602,101</u>	<u>10,074,769</u>	46.64%
Net Cash	<u>(113,778)</u>	<u>(2,626,152)</u>	

**Fund Balances**

**Actual**

12	Education	<u>6,316,945</u>
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**Decatur Public School District #61**  
**Report Date: December 2024**  
**Financial Condition as of December 31, 2024**

**Percent of year passed: 50%**

						PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON <b>FY 24</b> <b>Percent</b> <b>Received</b> <b>As Of</b> <b>12/31/23</b>
	<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Pre Audit Y-T-D</b>	<b>Percent Received</b>		
10	Education	133,617,166	83,351,692	62.38%		48.64%
20	Operation & Maintenance	8,046,666	7,998,091	99.40%		52.72%
30	Debt Service	9,768,275	7,930,776	81.19%		86.46%
40	Transportation	5,978,666	3,554,246	59.45%		35.28%
50	IMRF	3,101,000	2,573,246	82.98%		82.77%
51	Social Security	3,001,200	2,969,022	98.93%		101.56%
60	Capital Projects	2,000,000	1,000,000	50.00%		2.81%
70	Working Cash	669,866	664,329	99.17%		101.08%
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	1,501,500	1,481,724	98.68%		104.02%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	2,669,866	414,329	15.52%		106.76%
	Total Revenues	170,354,205	111,937,454	65.71%		51.99%

						PRIOR YEAR COMPARISON <b>FY 24</b> <b>Percent</b> <b>Used</b> <b>As Of</b> <b>12/31/23</b>
	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Pre Audit Y-T-D</b>	<b>Percent Used</b>		
10	Education	133,973,035	64,245,831	47.95%		36.66%
20	Operation & Maintenance	9,157,588	4,022,577	43.93%		46.49%
30	Debt Service	9,769,775	7,375,244	75.49%		80.04%
40	Transportation	7,557,305	2,525,671	33.42%		45.42%

50	IMRF	2,313,456	757,756	32.75%	39.93%
51	Social Security	2,141,328	1,103,016	51.51%	41.28%
60	Capital Projects	6,562,936	3,147,764	47.96%	59.66%
70	Working Cash	-	-	-	100.00%
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	4,903,808	2,525,554	51.50%	57.64%
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	3,964,764	355,975	8.98%	100.11%
	Total Expenditures	180,343,995	86,059,388	47.72%	41.48%

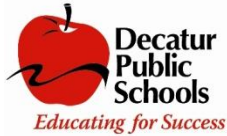
### Net Cash

Total Revenues	170,354,205	111,937,454	65.71%
Total Expenditures	180,343,995	86,059,388	47.72%
Net Cash	(9,989,790)	25,878,066	

### Fund Balances

### Actual

10	Education	41,309,141
20	Operation & Maintenance	6,078,930
30	Debt Service	10,883,056
40	Transportation	7,698,832
50	IMRF	5,128,974
51	Social Security	2,521,107
60	Capital Projects	4,441,159
70	Working Cash	6,035,291
80	Tort Immunity/Judgment	3,880,219
90	Fire Prevention/Safety	2,023,118
	Total Funds	89,999,827



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> January 28, 2025	<b>Subject:</b> Treasurer's Report
<b>Initiated By:</b> Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operations Officer	<b>Attachments:</b> Treasurer's Report – December 2024
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Larry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning and Dr. Jay Marino, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The attached report details the District's investments and the status of the District's cash as of December 31, 2024.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2024 as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

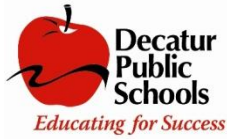
- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:**\_\_\_\_\_

**DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61  
UNAUDITED TREASURER'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 2024**

	Cash/Investments as of 11/30/24	Receipts	Disbursements	Change/Interest	Cash/Investments as of 12/31/24
Education	49,864,311.24	9,683,480.81	13,709,123.23	2.50	45,838,671.32
Operations & Maintenance	6,768,047.35	4,142.77	675,486.26		6,096,703.86
Debt Service	12,556,303.68	597,971.87	2,191,850.00		10,962,425.55
Transportation	8,136,977.69	2,017.58	781,812.34		7,357,182.93
IMRF	5,277,701.74	5,608.52	139,319.44		5,143,990.82
Social Security	2,720,529.00	3,109.02	192,383.82		2,531,254.20
Capital Projects	4,570,015.91	925.79	92,386.67		4,478,555.03
Working Cash	6,074,512.84	1,187.59	0.00		6,075,700.43
Tort/Judgment Immunity	4,041,547.95	781.60	255,859.12		3,786,470.43
Fire Prevention & Safety	2,105,743.22	420.21	70,216.93		2,035,946.50
Macon-Piatt Special Education	6,756,189.62	1,364,485.88	1,762,744.99		6,357,930.51
Activities	632,440.52	52,089.79	69,082.53		615,447.78
	109,504,320.76	11,716,221.43	19,940,265.33	2.50	101,280,279.36

Dr. Mike Curry      01/10/25



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> January 28, 2025	<b>Subject:</b> Approval of School Board Policies and Exhibit from PRESS Issue 116 and Exhibits from PRESS Issue 115
<b>Initiated By:</b> Dr. Mike Curry, Chief Operations Officer and Board of Education Policy Committee	<b>Attachments:</b> N/A
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Larry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning and Dr. Jay Marino, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services	

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Policies and an exhibit from Press Issues 116 and exhibits from PRESS Issue 115 were presented as a first read at the January 14, 2025 Board meeting.

### **CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

There have been no recommended updates to the policies listed below that were presented at the January 14, 2025 Board meeting.

#### **Press Issue 116**

- 7:20 – Students: Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 2:260 – Board of Education: Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 2:265 – Board of Education: Title IX Grievance Procedure
- 5:100 – General Personnel: Staff Development Program
- 7:185 – Students: Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- Exhibit 2:265E – School Board Exhibit: Title IX Glossary of Terms

#### **Press Issue 115**

- Exhibit 2:70E – School Board: Exhibit – Checklist for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment
- Exhibit 2:125-E1 – School Board: Exhibit – Board Member Expense Reimbursement Form
- Exhibit 2:125-E2 – School Board: Exhibit – Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form
- Exhibit 2:160-E – School Board: Exhibit – Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney
- Exhibit 5:20-E – General Personnel: Exhibit – Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment
- Exhibit 5:35-E – General Personnel: Exhibit – Volunteer Agreement Executed by a Non-Exempt Employee
- Exhibit 5:120-E – General Personnel: Exhibit – Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators

- Exhibit 5:310-E – Educational Support Personnel: Exhibit – Agreement to Receive Compensatory Time-Off
- Exhibit 6:300-E1 – Instruction: Exhibit – Application for Diploma for a Service Member Killed in Action or for Veterans of WWII, the Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict
- Exhibit 7:270-E2 – Students: Exhibit – School Medication Authorization Form – Medical Cannabis
- Exhibit 7:280-E2 – Students: Exhibit – Reporting and Exclusion Requirements for Common Communicable Disease
- Exhibit 8:95-E1 – Community Relations: Exhibit – Letter Notifying Parents/Guardians of School Visitation Rights

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the School Board Policies and Exhibits, listed above, from Press Issues 116 and 115 as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:**\_\_\_\_\_



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> January 28, 2025	<b>Subject:</b> Personnel Action
<b>Initiated By:</b> Monica L Wilks, Director of Human Resources, and the Human Resources Department	<b>Attachments:</b> 4 Pages of Personnel Action
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Per Board Policy 5:30: Hiring Process and Criteria – The District hires the most qualified personnel consistent with budget and staffing requirements and in compliance with School board policy on equal employment opportunities and minority recruitment.

**CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:**

All offers of employment are contingent upon the approval of the Board of Education. Accordingly, anyone who is offered and begins employment prior to the approval of the Board of Education understands that they will do so as a substitute. If the approval of the Board of Education is obtained, these substitutes will then be made whole retroactive to their first day of employment.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

These positions are in the budget.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve all Personnel Action Items as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:**\_\_\_\_\_

**To: Board of Education**  
**From: Monica L Wilks, Director of Human Resources**  
**Date: January 22, 2025**  
**Board Date: January 28, 2025**  
**Re: Personnel Action**

**EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Mary Carr	K/2 Instructional Assistant, South Shores, 6 hours per day	January 13, 2025
Sammantha Barrera	One on One Assistant, Parsons, 6 hours per day	January 27, 2025
Ethan Davis	K/2 Instructional Assistant, South Shores, 6 hours per day	January 21, 2025

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Katherine Rolon	Human Resources Recruitment & Retention Specialist, Human Resources	February 3, 2025

**OFFICE PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
DaQuesha Taylor	Pre K-8 Secretary, Johns Hill	January 15, 2025

**EXTENDED DAY PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Sharae Bond	Site Coordinator, PDI	January 30, 2025
Lara Davis	Non Certified Staff, Parsons	January 21, 2025
Ceresa Dear	Non Certified Staff, South Shores	January 21, 2025
Rebecca Gavin	Non Certified Staff, Franklin Grove	January 13, 2025
Kyler Peer	Non Certified Staff, South Shores	January 21, 2025
Olivia Sy	Non Certified Staff, Muffley	January 21, 2025

**TRANSFERS****ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Rachel Lindsey	From Research, Development, Evaluation and Assessment Analyst, Research to Research Analyst Level 2, Research	January 15, 2025

**CUSTODIAN:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Tyler Tarvin	From 2nd Shift Custodian, Hope Academy to 1st Shift Custodian, Muffley	January 21, 2025

**CATEGORY CHANGES:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Danae Smith	From School Security Officer, MacArthur to Care Room Assistant, MacArthur, 6.5 hours per day	January 13, 2025
DaQuesha Taylor	From Pre K-8 Secretary, Johns Hill to Grants Specialist, PDI (Admin Support)	January 27, 2025
Steven Thompson	From Assistant Principal, MacArthur to Physical Education, MacArthur	January 13, 2025

**RESIGNATIONS****TEACHER:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Melissa Sons-Ashmore	Counselor, MacArthur	February 17, 2025

**TEACHING ASSISTANT:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Courtney Hendren	Special Ed Assistant, Eisenhower	February 5, 2025

**OUTREACH PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Latasha Hobbs	Hourly School Nurse, Hope Academy	January 17, 2025

**EXTENDED DAY PERSONNEL:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Tyra Pickens	Certified Staff, Franklin Grove	February 14, 2025

**RETIREMENT****TEACHERS:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Tonya Bales	Special Ed LD Resources, Baum	End of the 2024-25 School Year
Mary Fafara	Speech Language Pathologist, Macon Piatt	End of the 2024-25 School Year
Kevin Hale	Middle School Social Studies, Johns Hill	End of the 2024-25 School Year
Lori Kruse	Special Ed Behavioral Specialist, Macon Piatt	End of the 2024-25 School Year
Barbara Scarlett	Grade 4, Franklin Grove	End of the 2024-25 School Year

**TEACHING ASSISTANT:**

Name	Position	Effective Date
Sally Myers	Library Media Assistant, Franklin Grove	May 22, 2025

**COMPENSATION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in PBIS/ILT Team Meeting on January 13, 2025 at Hope Academy:
 

Michelle Brown	\$33.00	Christy Lowe	\$33.00
Michelle Holsapple	\$25.00	Mollie Johnston	\$33.00
Tonyan Young	\$33.00	Elizabeth Allison	\$33.00
Terri Ellis	\$33.00	Sara Lowry	\$25.00
Shikira Cunningham	\$25.00	Jennifer Stutz	\$16.50

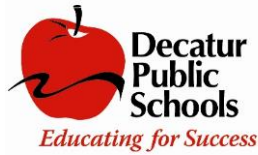
Kaitlin Dickey	\$16.50	Leigh Ann Sinclair	\$33.00
Amber Rezinaz	\$16.50	Deionnte Honorable	\$25.00
Susan Snyder	\$33.00	Marcy Braden	\$16.50
Paree Evans	\$25.00	Alicia Alves	\$33.00
DeAsia Curry	\$33.00	Kate McCray	\$16.50

- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in School Leadership Team Meeting on November 7, 2024 at Franklin Grove:

Carolynn Keizer	Denise Kelly
Sydney Janvrin	Chase Tucker
Melissa Schulz	
- The following staff members should be compensated for participating in PBIS Team Meeting on January 8, 2025 at Hope Academy:

Marcy Braden	\$33.00	Elizabeth Allison	\$33.00
Amber Rezinaz	\$33.00	Susan Snyder	\$33.00
Mollie Johnston	\$33.00	Alexandria Pomorin	\$33.00
Sara Lowry	\$25.00		
- The following staff members should be compensated **\$33.00** for participating in BIST Team Meeting on January 9, 2025 at Franklin Grove:

Iris Leahy	Denise Kelly
Kelsey Rigsby	



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> January 28, 2025	<b>Subject:</b> Network Equipment to Connect DPS to the City of Decatur Fiber Ring
<b>Initiated By:</b> Maurice Payne, Director of Information Technology	<b>Attachments:</b> Network Equipment to Connect DPS to the City of Decatur Fiber Ring – Presidio Quote
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Larry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning and Dr. Jay Marino, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services	

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The K-12 Broadband Initiative (Illinois Century Network: ICN) provides free internet connection for K-12 school districts. The long-term goal is to expand the Fiber connections from all school buildings to the City of Decatur's Fiber ring. Over time, the District will transition from Comcast being our primary Internet provider to using ICN for Internet services.

### CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

DPS61 has already connected 9 buildings to the City of Decatur Fiber ring (which also allows connectivity to ICN). Each building requires hardware at the end of each fiber connection in which we are recommending purchase of: 1.) A router to connect the fiber that runs from the City of Decatur data center; and 2.) A master switch to be installed in the City of Decatur's data center to receive all fiber connections from each DPS building. Both the master switch and the router(s) are E-Rate eligible purchases.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

E-Rate is a program that provides funding for school district to upgrade infrastructure to support internet connectivity for the district and student devices. E-Rate will pay 85% of eligible expenses, with the district being responsible for the remaining 15%. \$80,000 in Professional Services are being included in the quote from Presidio. This project will not require that entire budgeted amount, but it is necessary to "requisition" the remaining amount of E-Rate funds that the District has been awarded so that the unused funds from this project can be utilized for other related projects.

Our third-party vendor, Presidio, will bill USAC for the E-Rate eligible portion in the amount of \$133,475.83. The district is responsible to pay 15% of E-Rate expenses, which is \$23,554.56.

The total cost of the project is \$157,030.39. After E-Rate discounts applied, \$23,554.56 will come from the FY25 Information Technology budget.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education approve the Network Equipment to Connect DPS to the City of Decatur Fiber Ring, as presented.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:**\_\_\_\_\_



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**Customer#:** DECAT009  
**Account Manager:** Tadd Gerst  
**Inside Sales Rep:** Amy Peterson  
**Title:** Erate 2025 - Cisco

**Contract Vehicle:** Illinois DoIT Contract CMT4021089

#	Part #	Description	Unit Price	Qty	Ext Price
C9300X-24Y-EDU					
1	C9300X-24Y-EDU	Catalyst 9300X 24-port 25/10G SFP+, K12	\$14,194.62	2	\$28,389.24
2	CON-SNT-C9300X-2	SNTC-8X5XNBD Catalyst 9300X 24-po	\$1,695.20	2 for 36 mo(s)	\$10,171.20
3	C9300X-DNA-24Y-A	C9300 DNA Advantage, Term License	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
4	C9300-DNA-L-A-3Y	DNA Advantage 3 Year License	\$1,141.25	2	\$2,282.50
5	TE-EMBEDDED-T	Cisco ThousandEyes Enterprise Agent IBN Embedded	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
6	TE-EMBEDDED-T-3Y	ThousandEyes - Enterprise Agents	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
7	D-DNAS-EXT-S-T	Cisco DNA Spaces Extend Term License for Catalyst Switches	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
8	D-DNAS-EXT-S-3Y	Cisco DNA Spaces Extend for Catalyst Switching - 3Year	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
9	SC9300UK9-1712	Cisco Catalyst 9300 XE 17.12 UNIVERSAL	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
10	PWR-C1-715WAC-P	715W AC 80+ platinum Config 1 Power Supply	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
11	PWR-C1-715WAC-P/2	715W AC 80+ platinum Config 1 SecondaryPower Supply	\$709.73	2	\$1,419.46
12	CAB-TA-NA	North America AC Type A Power Cable	\$0.00	4	\$0.00
13	C9300X-NW-A-24	C9300 Network Advantage, 24-port license	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
14	STACK-T1-50CM	50CM Type 1 Stacking Cable	\$56.78	2	\$113.56
15	CAB-SPWR-150CM	Catalyst Stack Power Cable 150 CM - Upgrade	\$56.78	2	\$113.56
16	C9300-SSD-NONE	No SSD Card Selected	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
17	TE-C9K-SW	TE agent for IOSXE on C9K	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
18	C9K-ACC-RBFT	RUBBER FEET FOR TABLE TOP SETUP 9200 and 9300	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
19	C9K-ACC-SCR-4	12-24 and 10-32 SCREWS FOR RACK INSTALLATION, QTY 4	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
20	CAB-GUIDE-1RU	1RU CABLE MANAGEMENT GUIDES 9200 and 9300	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
21	C9300X-NM-8Y	Catalyst 9300 8 x 10G/25G Network Module SFP+/SFP28	\$1,447.85	2	\$2,895.70
22	NETWORK-PNP-LIC	Network Plug-n-Play Connect for zero-touch device deployment	\$0.00	2	\$0.00
Total:					\$45,385.22



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ASR-920-4SZ-A					
23	ASR-920-4SZ-A	Cisco ASR920 Series - 2GE and 4-10GE - AC model	\$2,498.25	9	\$22,484.25
24	SP-AR3-ASR920ZA	SP AR HW 24X7X4 Cisco ASR920 Series - 2GE and 4-10GE - A	\$542.84	9 for 12 mo(s)	\$4,885.56
25	ASR920-S-M	Cisco ASR920 Series - Metro Access	\$425.84	9	\$3,832.56
26	SP-AR3-ASR920SM	SP AR HW 24X7X4 Cisco ASR920 Series	\$49.20	9 for 12 mo(s)	\$442.80
27	A900-CONS-KIT-U	ASR 900 USB Console Cabling Kit	\$0.00	9	\$0.00
28	SASR920NPEK91715	Cisco ASR 920 Series IOS XE UNIVERSAL -NO PAYLOAD ENCRYPTION	\$0.00	9	\$0.00
29	CAB-AC-US	Power Cord - US, 15A,125V,2500mm,-40C to +85C	\$0.00	18	\$0.00
30	A920-RCKMT-C-19	EIA 19in Rack mount Option for the Cisco ASR 920 Compact	\$0.00	9	\$0.00
31	A920-CBL-GUIDE	ASR 920 Cable Guide	\$0.00	9	\$0.00
Total:					\$31,645.17
32	PS-SVC-FF	Fixed Fee for Presidio employee labor	\$80,000.00	1.0000	\$80,000.00
Deliverable: Presidio Professional Services					

	Sub Total:	\$157,030.39
	Grand Total:	\$157,030.39

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT CMT4021089 SHALL GOVERN THIS QUOTE.

QUOTE IS VALID FOR 30 DAYS FROM DATE SHOWN ABOVE.

Customer hereby authorizes and agrees to make timely payment for products delivered and services rendered, including payments for partial shipments

Customer Signature

Date

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Accelerate the adoption of new technology with PTC's flexible financing solutions. Our in-house financing specialists can help roll all of your technology-related costs (hardware, software, maintenance, services) into a single payment structure designed to meet your technology needs and budget requirements.

### SAMPLE 36 MONTH LEASE QUOTE

Presidio can offer you 36-month indicative lease rates for the equipment in this quote for as low as **\$4,596.83** \* per month.

	Sale Price	Monthly Lease Price
Hardware	\$59,248.33	\$1,639.22
Software	\$2,282.50	\$66.74
Other	\$95,499.56	\$2,890.87
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$157,030.39</b>	<b>\$4,596.83</b>

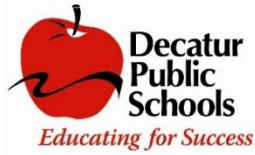
### FINANCING OPTIONS WITH NO PAYMENTS FOR UP TO 90 DAYS

Our program allows your company to accelerate the adoption of new technology, receive the benefits now, and delay the initial payments for up to 90 days.

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\* This rate is for planning purposes only and subject to change based on final in equipment configurations, installation time frames, and market conditions. All quotes are subject to approval by the Presidio Technology Capital Finance Committee and execution of PTC's standard lease and credit documentation.



## Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

<b>Date:</b> January 28, 2025	<b>Subject:</b> Award of quote to Replace the Fence at Pershing Early Learning Center
<b>Initiated By:</b> Floyd Bolt, (Interim) Director of Building and Grounds	<b>Attachments:</b> Decatur Fence Quote dated January 2, 2025
<b>Reviewed By:</b> Dr. Larry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning and Dr. Jay Marino, Assistant Superintendent of Support Services	

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Pershing Early Learning Center's current condition of the outer-most perimeter fence is in poor condition. Due to the amount of traffic along Pershing Road and the overall wellbeing of the students that attend recess within these fenced areas, makes it pertinent to reinstall the fence that's of poor condition, to eliminate the potential risks of our students. The work to be completed would include replacing the outer-most North and South perimeter fence, attaching to the existing perimeter fence along the east side - the condition of this fence is good and will be left alone. This work would also include replacing an 18' gate on the south side of the school.

### CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Decatur Fence submitted a quote for \$25,860.00 to remove existing and install new black chain-link fence, including an 18' double drive gate at the Pershing Early Learning Center School site. Decatur Fence has indicated they will be able to complete the work as described just as soon as the weather breaks from winter conditions.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

These services will be paid out of Fund 60 – Capital Projects

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration respectfully requests the Board of Education accept the quote from Decatur Fence to replace the above-mentioned fence at Pershing Early Learning Center in the amount of \$25,860.00 as presented.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

**BOARD ACTION:**\_\_\_\_\_

Decatur Fence

# Estimate

2150 E. Locust  
Decatur IL 62521

Date	Estimate #
1/2/2025	6752

Name / Address
Decatur Public Schools Caleb Allen

Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Total
Job Location - Pershing School		14,100.00	14,100.00
Install approximately 142 linear feet of 4', 2" mesh, 8F extruded black chain link fence with bottom tension wire. End posts and corner posts are 2 7/8" x 7', DQ40 weight pipe. Line posts are 2 3/8" x 7', CQ20 weight pipe. All corner posts will be set in concrete. Top rail is 1 3/8" x 21', SE .055 Poly Black Spectra pipe.			
Install approximately 596 linear feet of 6', 2" mesh, 8F extruded black chain link fence with bottom tension wire. End posts and corner posts are 2 7/8" x 9', DQ40 weight pipe. Line posts are 2 3/8" x 9', CQ20 weight pipe. All corner posts will be set in concrete. Top rail is 1 3/8" x 21', SE .055 Poly Black Spectra pipe. Gate posts will be 4" x 10' DQ40 pipe. Includes (1) 18' double drive gate with standard hardware.			
Labor/Installation      Prevailing wage		11,760.00	11,760.00
		<b>Subtotal</b>	\$25,860.00
		<b>Sales Tax (0.0%)</b>	\$0.00
		<b>Total</b>	\$25,860.00