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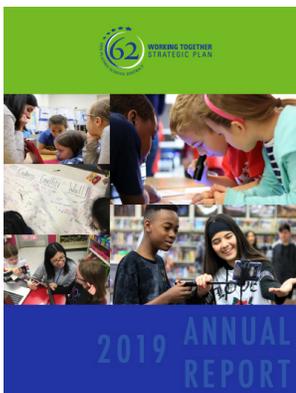


October 2019

## District 62 launches inaugural annual report

Community Consolidated School District 62 is pleased to announce the launch of its inaugural annual report.

The annual report features fast facts about the district, financial updates and a student data overview with a review of the Year 1 implementation of the five-year strategic plan which was adopted by the Board of Education in June of 2018.



“We are very proud of the work we accomplished this past school year,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul E. Hertel. “Connecting with our staff, parents and community and remaining transparent will be our continued focus. We hope that this annual report will serve as a resource of information for people interested in learning more about our district which is an integral part of the community.”

The annual report is available on the District 62 website:

[www.d62.org](http://www.d62.org)

- English: [bit.ly/62AnnualReport](http://bit.ly/62AnnualReport)
- Spanish: [bit.ly/62AnnualReportES](http://bit.ly/62AnnualReportES)
- Polish: [bit.ly/62AnnualReportPOL](http://bit.ly/62AnnualReportPOL)



## Strategic Plan Goals

### Goal 1: **Student Growth and Achievement**

Engage all students in learning that leads to academic growth, achievement, and readiness for high school, college, career, and life.

### Goal 2: **Learning Environment**

Provide personal support to each student to develop the skills and confidence to be self-sufficient learners.

### Goal 3: **Work Environment**

Provide personal support to each staff member to develop the skills and confidence to be innovative, exemplary, and visionary leaders of the district and their profession.

### Goal 4: **Family and Community Connections**

Engage families and the community as partners to support student success.

### Goal 5: **Resources**

Effectively, efficiently, and equitably manage the district's facilities and financial resources.

## Julie Fogarty named Director of Curriculum

With nearly 15 years in building level administrative experience behind her, Dr. Julie Fogarty will begin a new chapter in District 62 this month.

“I’m very excited to begin this new role and the opportunity to continue to support teaching and learning throughout the district,” said Dr. Fogarty. “During my time in Community Consolidated School District 62, I have come to appreciate the commitment to learning and growing evidenced by the district and to establishing relationships with the students, staff and families.”



Dr. Fogarty served as principal of Forest Elementary School for 12 years before becoming

principal of Algonquin Middle School in 2017. This month, Dr. Fogarty will take on the role of Director of Curriculum. In this capacity, Dr. Fogarty will join the Instructional Services team and support student learning through curriculum, instruction and assessment.

“Dr. Fogarty will be a wonderful benefit to our Instructional Services team, bringing her knowledge of research-based curriculum, instructional practices and assessment to all students and staff across District 62. I am thrilled to welcome Dr. Fogarty to our team,” said Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Laura Sangroula.

Clarke College is where Dr. Fogarty earned her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education in 1992. She went on to receive her Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction from National Louis University in 1997. Dr. Fogarty

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later received her Doctorate in Education from Loyola University in 2011.

“Dr. Fogarty has been an asset to the district for the last 14 years,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Paul E. Hertel. “Dr. Fogarty has had great success as an instructional leader and I am confident she will thrive in this new role that will support student learning and instruction. She will be a wonderful addition to the District 62 team.”

Prior to joining District 62, Dr. Julie Fogarty served as an assistant principal/building assistant for four years in Community Consolidated School District 15 in Palatine and was a second grade teacher at Harlem Consolidated School District 122 in Machesney Park.

“I want to thank the Board of Education and Dr. Hertel for this opportunity and their faith in me,” said Dr. Fogarty. “I look forward to continuing to work together for our children.”

### Heads Up

The Des Plaines Police Department seeks crossing guards. The position pays \$15.00 per hour.

If interested please contact Officer Heidkamp at (847) 391.5498, or click the following link: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/desplaines>

## Westerhold Early Learning Center to host Community Resource Fair October 23

The Jane L. Westerhold Early Learning Center will host a Community Resource Fair from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on October 23.

The fair will host over 20 different community agencies for the purpose of bringing in and showcasing agencies that support the students of Des Plaines. The Des Plaines Public Library, Des Plaines Park District, Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines, Des Plaines Fire Department, Des Plaines History Center and Des Plaines Arts Council are among some of the organizations that will be in attendance that day.

For more information or to host a booth at the fair, please contact Isabel Montoya, [montoyam@d62.org](mailto:montoyam@d62.org) or (789) 784.5782.

## FinanceBits

At its September meeting, the Board of Education approved the payoff of over \$28 million in district bonds, which become callable in December. The rating agency Standard & Poor's gave the district a rating of AA+ on its debt. The remaining district debt of a little over \$40 million was refunded at a much lower interest rate. The payoff and refunding will save the district over \$13 million in interest payments over the next six years.

At this same meeting, the Board also approved the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. The budget shows a planned deficit of \$36 million due the payoff of debt. The district remains in strong fiscal condition and is expected to run operational surpluses into the future.

### Seeking substitute teachers



District 62 invites you to apply to serve as a substitute teacher. It's a perfect opportunity for those wanting to spend time with students, earn extra dollars and give back to public education.

Questions? Contact: Sylvia Ortega at [ortegas@d62.org](mailto:ortegas@d62.org) or 847.824.1136

## District 62 Education Foundation Footnotes

The District 62 Foundation is starting the school year on a high note. This fall, the Foundation will award \$25,000 in grants to teachers as part of its annual grant program. Competitive grants have been awarded since 2002. Grants are offered for up to \$1,000 per project. The program evolves differently each year, the dollars awarded and number of grants funded changes based on the success of Foundation fundraising efforts that year. Donations are always welcome at [www.d62foundation.com](http://www.d62foundation.com)

The mission of the Foundation is to enrich and enhance the learning environment for District 62 students. In that spirit, funding has gone toward such things as field trips, STEM/Robotic/Maker Space materials, lunch and after-school clubs for students, musical performance opportunities/instruments/enrichment, author visits, and much, much more. With growing support from the community and the continued generous support of District 62 staff members, the Foundation will continue its mission of supporting and enriching the educational lives of District 62 students.

A new focus for this 2019/2020 school year: to engage the community and sponsor student-centered activities to bring all schools of District 62 together. The Foundation will host a bowling event for middle school students and a chess tournament for all ages in early 2020. In March, the District 62 Foundation will hold its annual fundraising event which is an evening of food, fun, and fundraising. In reaching out to students, their families, and the community at large, the Foundation Board hopes to gain additional support and new members. For more information on ways to support the District 62 Foundation go to [www.d62foundation.com](http://www.d62foundation.com)