



## School District 105

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This is the third of six **District 105 Newsletters** we will send throughout the year. This one page newsletter is another way we highlight the important district information we share on our website and through presentations and forums.

### Did You Know?

- **Gurrie Principal Ed Hood has been named as Cook County Middle School Principal of the Year.** Mr. Hood's twelve years of leadership have resulted in outstanding gains in student achievement and school climate.
- Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students took Winter MAP in December for placement into Lyons Township High School courses:
  - 80% of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students scored at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile on *Winter MAP Reading*. **This is the highest 8<sup>th</sup> grade percentage since the district began taking winter MAP in 2010.** 70% of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders achieved their spring to winter targets, placing this class well above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in student growth.
  - 63% of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students scored at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in *Winter MAP Math*. This is the second highest percentage since the district began taking winter MAP. 63% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders achieved their spring to winter targets, placing this class at approximately the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in student growth.

### District School Board Elections

District School Board elections will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Candidates Julio DaSilva, David Herndon, Elyse Hoffenberg, Kristine Lonsway, and Eileen Tucker will be running for four open seats. Our parent and staff organizations will be sponsoring a Candidates Forum at Gurrie Middle School on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

### 2017-18 School Calendar

The School Board had its initial 2017-18 school calendar discussion at the meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The draft under consideration has winter and spring break schedules that align with Lyons Township High School. The calendar draft has been posted on the Calendar tab of our district website.

### 2017-18 Early Dismissal Consideration

The School Board is also considering a weekly 2:00 P.M. early dismissal and the elimination of half days in its calendar adoption process. A committee comprised of certified staff, administrators, and school board members has recommended the early release days to provide needed time for district-wide professional development. Our assistant superintendent, Steve Bahn, will be attending PTO meetings at each of the five buildings over the next several weeks to share details about this proposal and to gather parent feedback. We will continue to communicate our ongoing discussions about this plan through district newsletters in the weeks ahead.

### Mid-Year MAP Results

- **Overall, 65% of our students scored at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in *Winter MAP Reading*.** This percentage exceeds our three-year rolling winter average of 61%. **60% of students achieved their *Spring to Winter MAP Reading Targets*.** This progress is consistent with the district three-year rolling average for fall to winter progress.
- **Overall, 54% percent of our students achieved at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile In *Winter MAP Math*.** This percentage is below our three-year rolling average of 59%.
- **48% of students achieved their *Spring to Winter MAP Math Targets*.** This progress is below our district three-year rolling average of 56% for fall to winter progress.