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Ivy Hill Elementary

2211 North Burke Drive

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RECOGNITIONS & WELCOMES

**Wednesday, November 15 was Illinois School Board Members day and District 25 extended a big thank you to their School Board members tonight.*

**Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary School was named a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award recipient. The Board congratulated Principal FitzPatrick and her Blue Ribbon writing team. FitzPatrick and her team showed a video highlighting OMS and it's Blue Ribbon award. A celebration with the school and its community will be held on December 1 at Olive.*



TAKING ACTION

Business Department

2017 Tax Levy Adoption

The Board of Education approved the 2017 Tax Levy Adoption

The District is levying CPI (2.1%) plus new growth for a total of 4.9%. The District typically estimates new growth at 2.0%, but this year D25 was notified by the Village that Tax Increment Financing District #3 (TIF 3), at the corner of Rand Road and Arlington Heights Road is property that will be dissolved by the Village and will come on as new property for 2017. This caused the estimation of new growth to be higher than 2.0%.



INFORMATION ITEMS

2018-2019 School Calendar: Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Planning, Jake Chung thanked the work of the members of the District's Calendar Committee which included representatives from the PTA Council, the Arlington Teachers' Association, and administrators. The committee focused their attention on two major goals. One was to provide continuity and cohesiveness when looking to address student learning. Another was to align as closely as possible to District 214 since their shift to a collegiate schedule. The start date for next year is Tuesday, August 21, 2018 which is within one week of District 214's start date. Conferences are shifted from November to October. This gives teachers an earlier opportunity to communicate the needs of their students to parents.

Process for filing the school board vacancy: Details on the open seat on the board and an application can be found by visiting www.sd25.org or www.sd25.org/BoardofEducation. Applications are due Tuesday, November 28 by 3 p.m.



STRATEGIC VISION 2020 UPDATE

Department of Student Learning - To view the Strategic Vision 2020 progress, visit www.sd25.org/StrategicPlan

Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning, Dr. Eric Olson, and the Advanced and Personalized Learning Coordinator, Pete Helfers updated the board on the Advanced Learning program in District 25. This presentation highlighted how Dr. Olson, Mr. Helfers and a committee of K-8 administrators and teachers have been studying how the District supports its advanced learners. This presentation also highlighted some changes that are going to be put in place during the second half of the school year in the Advanced Learning program.

Changes to the current format:

1. The District will create more of an opportunity for its students to qualify for advanced learning.
2. There will be a greater selection of pathways to qualify for advanced learning.

For reference:

- Advanced Math programming is currently implemented in District 25 in grades 4-8.
- Advanced Language Arts programming is currently implemented in District 25 in grades 6-8.