



HILLSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 93 QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Year 3 Quarter Two

February 2019

Dear District 93 Community,

During the first half of the 2018-2019 school year, Hillside School District 93, focused on continuing to enhance our opportunity to connect with our families. Starting in November 2018, we asked our families to complete the seventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of Hillside school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school. If you have not taken the survey, we ask that you complete it by February 15, 2019. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

The Hillside School District 93 Strategic Plan, is reviewed on an annual basis to determine the progress being made in each of the focus areas. We invite you to participate in the annual update meeting being held on **Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** At this annual update meeting, participants will engage in small discussion groups with the Administrative Team and the Board of Education about the progress in the five (5) focus areas.

The Strategic Planning process can only be successful with the constant input of our Board of Education, school staff and community members. If you are interested in participating in the Annual Review Meeting, please contact my secretary **Mrs. Ana Maria Velasquez** at **1-708-449-6490 x7104**, or email avelasquez@hillside93.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 708-449-6490.

Regards,

Dr. Kevin L. Suchinski
Superintendent



The Hillside Fire and Police Departments volunteered for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner to support our Band and Chorus program. Thank you so much!

Strategic Planning Focus Areas

Community Engagement

- ⇒ Hillside School and the Hillside PTO held their annual Breakfast with Santa with the support and assistance of both the Hillside Police and Fire Departments bringing the community together for a tasty pancake breakfast.
- ⇒ Hillside School District 93 purchased new technology to enhance the home to school connections. This included new video recording devices to allow the school to stream live school events. In addition, translation equipment was purchased to allow for simultaneous translation of school events from English to Spanish.

Instruction and Programming

- ⇒ All kindergarten through eighth math teachers participated in a collaboration lesson study cycle lead by Carnegie Learning math specialists. The cycle included co-planning of lesson content, development of high level questioning and instructional strategies. The lesson was taught and observed by grade level teachers, followed by time for debriefing and discussion of next steps.
- ⇒ In November, Hillside School's middle school students participated in a presentation by Elyssa's Mission on suicide prevention. The Signs of Suicide presentation is designed to increase awareness of suicide and related issues as well as a brief screening for depression and other risk factors associated with suicidal behavior.

Human Resources

- ⇒ As part of the continuous improvement cycle, administrators completed a Math Walkthrough. The purpose of a walkthrough is to look for evidence of best practices of math instruction in action. Results from the walkthrough will be used for future coaching and professional development.
- ⇒ MAWI learning will be starting a program with some 7th grade students called, "What's My Future." Students will explore future careers, set goals, and strengthen leadership skills while learning how education can help them reach their goals.



Mrs. Gainer, and the school administrators, kicked off the 2nd Quarter, by having students participate in activities to reinforce our core beliefs of: Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be Safe!



- ⇒ Teachers learned about and practiced thinking routines from the book, [Making Thinking Visible](#) by Ron Ritchhart, Mark Church, and Karin Morrison. These routines can be used across all subjects and provide a framework for teachers to help students explore and discuss content more deeply.

Facilities

- ⇒ Hillside School District 93 completed the IARSS 4 Year Compliance conducted by the Intermediate Service Center West #40. The compliance visit, exams if a school district is complying with all state and federal laws in the areas of Students, Staff/Personnel, Policy/Governance, Health, Life, and Safety and Instructional Programming. Hillside School District 93 received a 100% compliance rating.
- ⇒ During the Winter Break, Hillside School completed the renovation of the kitchen serving line and the installation of new food equipment such as a salad bar and a convention oven. These upgrades will allow the Food Service Department to offer an expanded hot and cold food menu that promotes healthy eating habits. The renovation of the kitchen was paid by a federal grant.

Finance

- ⇒ In keeping with our plan to be more transparent to the community on how the District spends its resources, we have expanded the finance section on the website to include additional information regarding finances (multi-years): Annual Budget, Annual audited Financial Reports, Compensation Reports, Contracts, Wage Notices and Tax Levy
- ⇒ The District is continuous in its effort to secure funding to expand our revenue base to support the programs and initiatives we offer at the school. As such, we applied again for funding, for the second year, of the Healthy Community Investment Grant program. The District was notified that we would receive another round of funds, \$29,159 to offer, and transport, students to after-school tutoring and mentoring programs at the school

Strategic Plan Focus Areas and Goals 2016-2021

Finance:

Goal One: Maintain healthy fund balances, remain fiscally prudent and minimize the impact on taxpayers.

Goal Two: Be proactive and promote legislation that is in the best interest of the school district.

Human Resources:

Goal One: Enrich a safe, respectful and empowering environment.

Goal Two: Recruit, hire and retain a highly qualified and diverse staff.

Facilities:

Goal One: Establish a 3-5 year building and grounds plan.

Goal Two: *Evaluate and update safety procedures.

Community Engagement:

Goal One: Promote family/community involvement to enhance teaching and learning.

Goal Two: Enhance communications with family/community that is transparent and informative.

Instruction and Programming

Goal One: Align instructional practice/programming with 21st century learning standards and provide professional development supports that complement the initiative.

Goal Two: Utilize instruction and programming to promote a healthy school culture.

*Updated goal at the March 9, 2018 Annual Strategic Planning Meeting

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