

Welcome to Downers Grove Grade School District 58! Since 1902, District 58 has committed itself to providing the best public education possible to its students.

Located 22 miles west of Chicago, the school district rests within the suburban community of Downers Grove.

Over the past century, District 58 has grown to include a preschool program, 11 kindergarten through sixth-grade elementary schools, and two seventh- and eighth-grade middle schools that serve almost 5,000 students from Downers Grove and portions of Darien, Oak Brook, Westmont and Woodridge.

The district strives to provide the best education possible for each of these children. This desire for excellence has led to the creation of community programs such as the **Special Services Parent Group, Legislative Breakfast, Education Foundation, and Older Adults and Kids (OAK)** volunteer program, allowing those in the community to strengthen their relationship with the district. Internally, the district works in partnership with organizations dedicated to the welfare of District 58 students, such as the **Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), Education Foundation of Downers Grove District 58,** and the **Friends of the Gifted (FRoG).**

District 58's dedicated staff believes that each student is capable of learning, and should be educated and challenged at his or her ability level. Within the school community, a standard of conduct, commitment and accomplishment is expected. In return, the district works to provide a safe, friendly, nurturing environment in which students can learn, grow and change.

The "kids first" educational philosophy that served as the cornerstone of District 58 has remained intact throughout the district's history, ensuring that the needs of students remain the district's top priority. District 58 prides itself on providing exceptional educational opportunities in an inclusive environment, while celebrating diversity and cultivating values and character through standards of conduct and commitment.



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Members of the Board of Education can be contacted through the Board secretary, Pam Osika, by calling **630.719.5803**. Board members can also be reached through the district's email system at **BOE@dg58.org** or by mailing a letter to the **Board of Education, District 58 Administrative Service Center, 1860 63rd Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516.**

Communications to the Board are also listed in the Board's monthly meeting agenda.



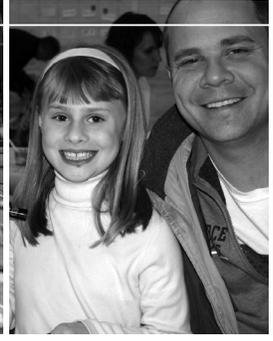
WELCOME *to the*
DISTRICT 58
BOARD *of*
EDUCATION



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The mission of District 58, in partnership with parents and community, is to challenge each child by providing quality educational programs and support services in safe, nurturing environments in order to prepare all students to be lifelong learners and contributing members of society.



BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

Volunteering their time to ensure that our schools serve our students by providing a quality education, a seven-member Board governs the district. Each Board member is elected by the community, to serve the community, for a four-year term.

The Board is a policy-making body responsible for the educational program for students from preschool through grade eight. The Board adopts and monitors the school district budget, develops and approves district policies and hires the district superintendent.

The School Code of the State of Illinois and federal statutes provide the legal basis for Board actions. In addition, the Board operates under the guidelines of District 58's written policies and procedures.

BOARD MEETINGS

The public is encouraged to learn more about the operations of their local school district by attending District 58 Board of Education meetings.

Regular Board of Education meetings are typically held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Longfellow Center, 1435 Prairie Avenue. Meetings held in the months of June, July and August are typically held at the Administrative Service Center, 1860 63rd Street.

Board meeting agendas, minutes and Board Briefs of past meetings are posted on the District 58 website: www.dg58.org.

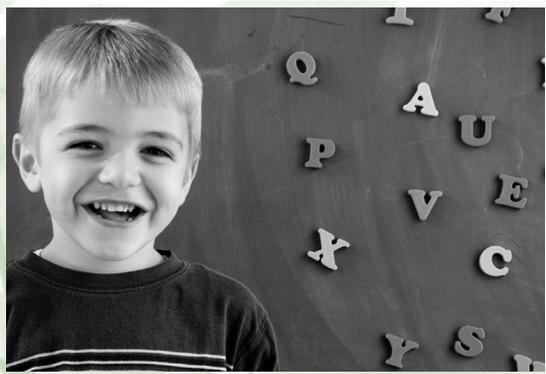
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board of Education supports open communication between the community and the school district. To this end, visitors to Board meetings are invited to address the Board during two "Reception of Visitors" portions of the meeting. Comments during the first Reception of Visitors must pertain to items on the Board agenda. The second Reception of Visitors is for any item of interest. When speaking to the Board, visitors are asked to stand and state their name and school attendance area.

The Board encourages citizens to be informed about Board deliberations and bring to the attention of the Board additional information, viewpoints or issues. The purpose of public participation at Board meetings is to provide this input for Board consideration.

Resolutions to concerns are most successful when internal school matters are first addressed directly with the staff member closest to the situation. That individual is typically the person best able to respond. If further discussion is needed after speaking to the person(s) directly involved in the issue, the immediate supervisor of the staff member should be contacted. In most situations, this individual would be the building administrator (principal, assistant principal). The district superintendent is available to facilitate the partnership between home and school.

If the issue has not been resolved, the Board is best able to give viewpoints their due consideration when the issue is addressed prior to a Board meeting. This can be achieved through written communication to the Board—either mailed to the **Administrative Service Center at 1860 63rd Street, Downers Grove, 60516; or emailed to BOE@dg58.org.**



The day-to-day operation of the schools is led by the district's Superintendent of Schools and administrative staff. The Superintendent oversees a staff of approximately 375 teachers and administrators and approximately 265 instructional support employees including secretarial, clerical, custodial and cafeteria personnel.