



**PARK FOREST-CHICAGO HEIGHTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 163**

2021-22
Park Forest-Chicago Heights
School District 163
At-A-Glance

MISSION STATEMENT

District 163 is committed to meeting the needs of our diverse student body and to promoting high educational standards by:

- differentiating instruction;
- nurturing active, strategic and higher level thinking skills;
- inspiring a love of lifelong learning.

ABOUT US

District 163 is a unique and planned community located in the southern part of Cook County approximately 35 miles south of Chicago and serves the communities of Park Forest and Chicago Heights.

STUDENTS

Student enrollment is 1,581:

- ❖ 117 students in an early childhood program
- ❖ 583 students in a primary education program (K – 3rd)
- ❖ 325 students in an elementary program (4th & 5th)
- ❖ 556 students in a middle school program (6th – 8th)

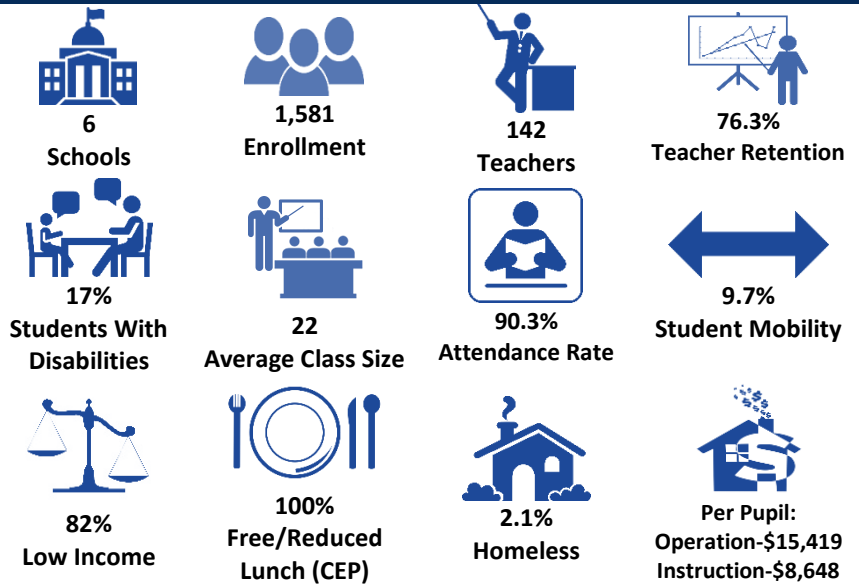
Student demographics:

- ❖ 84% Black
- ❖ 2.5% White
- ❖ 9.1% Hispanic
- ❖ 0.1% Asian
- ❖ 4.5% Two or More Races
- ❖ 0.1% Pacific Islander/Am Ind/Other

CONTACT US

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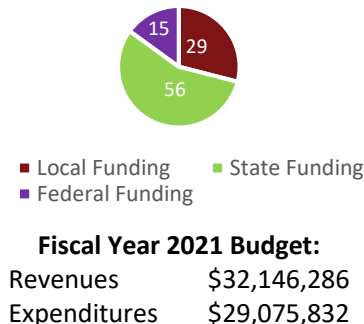
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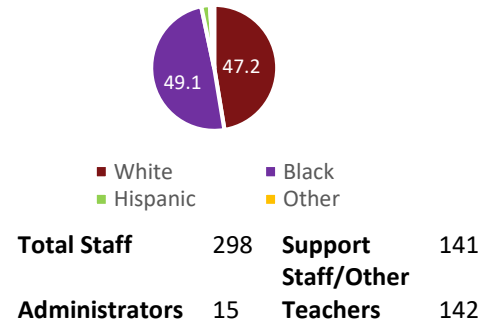
SCHOOLS

21ST CENTURY PRIMARY CENTER (Grades K-3) 240 S. Orchard Drive Park Forest, IL 60466	ALGONQUIN PRIMARY CENTER (Pre-Kindergarten) 170 Algonquin Street Park Forest, IL 60466	BARACK OBAMA SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND STEM (Grades 4-5) 401 Concord Drive Chicago Heights, IL 60411
BLACKHAWK PRIMARY CENTER (Grades K-3) 130 Blackhawk Drive Park Forest, IL 60466	MOHAWK PRIMARY CENTER (Grades K-3) 301 Mohawk Street Park Forest, IL 60466	MICHELLE OBAMA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS (Grades 6-8) 530 Lakewood Blvd Park Forest, IL 60466

DISTRICT REVENUE



STAFF



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DISTRICT 163 BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is governed by district residents who are elected at large to serve four-year terms without pay.



Walter L. Mosby III
President



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Vice President



Judy M. Hawthorne
Secretary



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Assistant Secretary



Dr. Christina Dupee



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Allison McCray

WHAT IS THE BOARD'S ROLE?

The Board:

- establishes and monitors the District's goals, mission and vision
- hires and evaluates the superintendent
- determines policy and monitors financial operations
- annually approves a District budget
- authorizes expenditures
- approves the appointment of teachers and other staff members
- authorizes curriculum development and revision

WHAT IS THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ROLE?

The Superintendent:

- is the Chief Executive Officer of the District and the administrative head of all departments;
- is responsible for all District operations and educational programs;
- implements Board policies
- encourages and maintains communication between the District and the community;
- makes recommendations to the Board regarding the budget, building plans, location of sites, personnel, textbook adoptions, courses of study and instructional materials.

DISTRICT 163 ADMINISTRATORS

- Dr. Erika Patterson—*Associate Superintendent, Human Resources*
 Dr. Regina Nottke – *Assistant Superintendent, Student Services*
 David Ricker – *Chief School Business Official*
 Dr. Erika Johnson – *Director of Instructional Services & Grants*
 Ms. Valerie Valente- *Director of Technology & STEM*
 Ms. Angela Starks – *Principal, 21st Century*
 Mrs. Chrishawn Chinn – *Principal, Algonquin*
 Dr. Felix Anderson – *Principal, Blackhawk*
 Mrs. Lori Colbert – *Principal, Mohawk & Director of Honors*
 Veneeta Phelps- *Principal, Barack Obama*
 Mrs. Muriel Hollimon, *Assistant Principal, Barack Obama*
 Dr. Timothy Craddock- *Principal, Michelle Obama*
 Mrs. Kristin Foster – *Principal Climate, Culture and the Arts, Michelle Obama*
 Mr. TJ Lee – *Assistant Principal, Michelle Obama*

2021-22 BOARD MEETING DATES

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee and Education Committee meetings are held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Session.

September 27	Finance Committee, Regular Session
October 25	Education Committee, Regular Session
November 15	Finance Committee, Regular Session
December 13	Regular Session
January 24	Finance Committee, Regular Session
February 28	Education Committee, Regular Session
March 21	Finance Committee, Regular Session
April 25	Finance Committee, Regular Session
May 23	Finance Committee, Regular Session
June 27	Finance Committee, Regular Session

FACTS ABOUT DISTRICT 163

- ❖ Innovative facility design and learning environments which promote curiosity, critical thinking, authentic experiences and student engagement
- ❖ Robust educational programming through blended learning platforms in literacy and mathematics
- ❖ 8th grade Leadership Development and Mentoring Program designed to build leadership and life skills preparing students for college readiness and innovative careers
- ❖ Home to STEM and Performing Arts schools offering choice options for 53% of students
- ❖ STEAM education programs for all primary students
- ❖ Full-day Pre-Kindergarten programs for 52% of enrolled early learners through Preschool Expansion Grant
- ❖ Community Eligibility Provision District serving breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost
- ❖ Targeted resources for enrichment, intervention, climate and culture, social emotional learning and family engagement programs
- ❖ Recipient of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant
- ❖ Sound fiscal planning presenting a \$29.5 million balanced budget
- ❖ 47% of the annual budget is spent on instructional services to students

For more information about District 163 and its schools, please visit www.sd163.com.