



October 3, 2022

Dear Center Cass Families:

Today is School Custodian Appreciation Day! Our small but mighty custodial staff works hard to keep buildings clean. We appreciate their dedication to our students. Please feel free to send a note of appreciation to them, or to the Principal and we will get the note to them.

It has been an ideal start to Fall from a weather standpoint. Looks like another great week ahead leading into an extended weekend, as there is no school on Monday, October 10 or Tuesday, October 11. Below are a few District level meetings that I want to bring to your attention.

**A) Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 4 @ 6:00 pm – Prairieview Multi-Purpose Room**

The purpose of the Special meeting is to discuss a possible change from cash based accounting to a modified cash based accounting method. For those following our financial situation, the current practice of cash based accounting results in early tax dollars for next year being counted as part of the June 30<sup>th</sup> year end fund balance. While mathematically accurate and in alignment with GAP (general accounting principles), counting early tax dollars intended for next year inside the previous year fund balance masks the true financial health of our District. The State Board of Education uses each School Districts June 30<sup>th</sup> fund balance for several important calculations, including 1) whether or not the District will need to submit a “Deficit Reduction Plan”, 2) whether or not the District will need state intervention as the result of the District’s Financial Profile score, and 3) year-end calculations for a variety of important state and federal calculations.

**B) Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00 pm – Prairieview Multi-Purpose Room**

At the last Board of Education meeting, the Board heard presentations from PMA Financial Advisors, Illinois Purchasing Cooperative, and WOLD Architect, pertaining to the District’s needs. At the upcoming meeting, the Board will hear presentations from the Regional Office of Education, District Attorneys, District Insurance Representative, and District Auditors. Each presentation highlights what school districts are required to have in place to educate children and/or recommended to comply with state and federal law.

You can find more information about Board meetings on the District website or click [here](#) for more information about the District’s referendum. Please feel free to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Wise  
Superintendent of Schools