

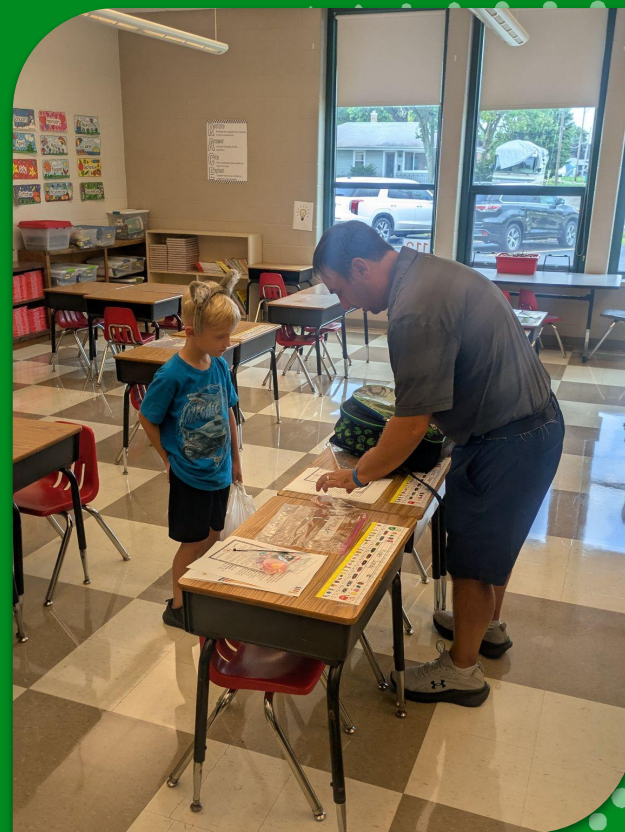
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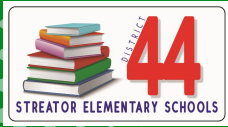
Regular Board of Education Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Northlawn Junior High School Library





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Board Salutes

First Day

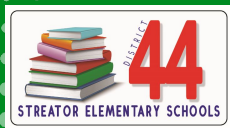


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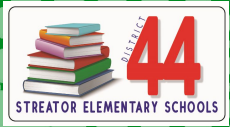


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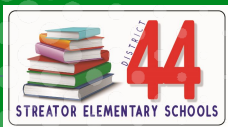




Open Forum



Action Items



Approval of Agenda

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III. 6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

IV. BOARD SALUTES

V. OPEN FORUM

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of the Tentative FY27 Budget

C. Approval of District Personnel District Operations Specialist

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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C. Approval of Human Resources Consent Agenda

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H. Approval of MOU YMCA

I. Approval of Architectural Services Fee Proposal for Ten-Year Life Safety Survey

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B. Welcome Back

C. New Illinois Cell Phone Law and District Policy

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X. ADJOURNMENT



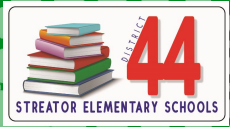
Approval of the Tentative FY27 Budget



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- Unaudited year end results for fiscal year 2026 showed total revenues finishing favorably at 26.2 million dollars and expenses coming in under budget at 25.3 million dollars.
- The tentative operating budget for fiscal year 2027 projects total revenues of 24.89 million dollars against projected expenditures of 24.7 million dollars.
- Formal board action will place the tentative fiscal year 2027 budget on public display for 30 days prior to a public hearing scheduled for September 22, 2026.
- Administration will develop a three year spending reduction plan during the upcoming school year to address deficit spending and ensure long term financial stability.

Recommend to approve the Tentative FY27 Budget as presented.



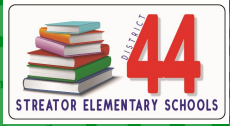
Approval of District Personnel District Operations Specialist



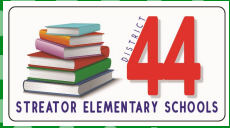
Approval of District Personnel District Operations Specialist

- I am recommending Sadie Griffin for the role of District Operations Specialist to enhance operational efficiency across the district.
- The selected candidate was chosen through a committee hiring process that involved the Streator Education Association.
- The proposed employment includes a start date of August 24 2026 based on a 247 day work calendar.
- Compensation for the position is set at an annual salary of 60,000 dollars with standard district benefits and Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund participation.

Recommend to approve approve the administrative recommendation to hire Sadie Griffin for the District Operations Specialist position as presented.



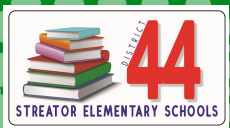
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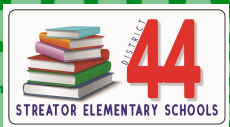
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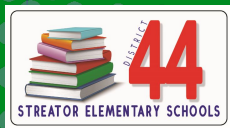
Recommend to approve the consent agenda as presented.



Informational Items



Kimes Elementary School Update



KIMES ELEMENTARY

PEACE IN OUR SCHOOL 

LOVE IN OUR HEARTS 

LEARNING EVERY DAY 



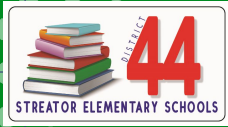
KIMES STRENGTHS ON THE ESSENTIALS SURVEY!

WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SURVEY?

Teachers/Non-Certified Staff: 72.1% Parents: 25.7%

STRENGTHS:

1. Program Coherence- Programs are followed up on and curriculum is consistent across grade levels.
2. Parent Influence on Decision Making- Actively involving parents in developing programs aimed at improving students' academic outcomes. Linking families together and encouraging community networking.
3. Teacher Influence- Involved Families & Teacher-Parent Trust, Collaborative Teachers, Effective Leaders, Supportive Environment, Ambitious Instruction



BUILDING GOALS



FOCUSES FOR THE 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Implementation of Look and Learns

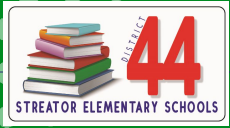
The goal is about collective growth among teachers allowing them to gather ideas, see classroom management in action, and understand how students are responding to specific curriculum. This will also build trust among our teachers.

Tiered Student Support System for Attendance

The goal is to create a tiered system similar to academics and behavior for tracking attendance with interventions put in place for attendance at each tier. This will allow us to smoothly move into the MTSS model.

Core Instruction

The goal is to have our students have some choice and active roles in the learning process.



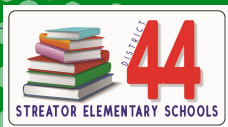
WHAT ARE WE LOOKING
FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?



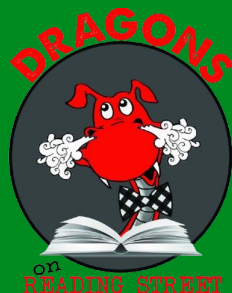
STREATOR HIGH SCHOOL WORK PROGRAM!



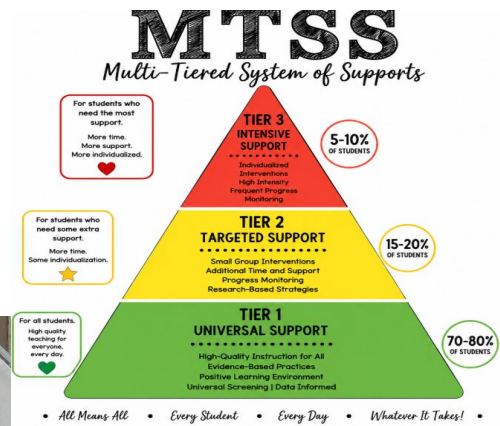
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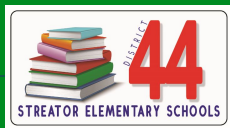


ATTENDANCE!



CLASSROOM OWNERSHIP IN TRACKING ATTENDANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A TIERED SYSTEM!



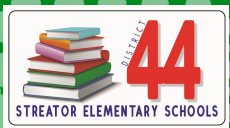


CELEBRATING STAFF AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT!



HIGH FIVE FRIDAYS, COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS & STAFF RECOGNITION!





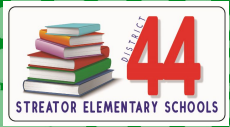
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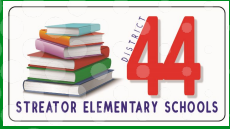
Welcome Back



- Students engaged in active learning and core instruction right from day one across all district buildings
- The 2026 2027 school year launched smoothly with minor operational adjustments resolved quickly by administration and staff
- Staff gathered for an opening presentation focused on core focus areas including modernizing operations, academic outcomes, governance, and building culture
- Building teacher institute days provided safety training with Safety Director Jordan Risley, professional development, and grade level team planning
- Schools hosted strong turnouts across all buildings for family backpack nights prior to the start of the school year



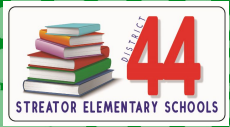
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- Senate Bill 2427 is a new Illinois cell phone law gaining significant attention statewide, though local impact is minimal because District 44 is already ahead of the law.
- Existing local district policies and student handbooks are already fully aligned with state mandates by requiring devices to be powered off and secured in lockers.
- Current district rules already incorporate required exceptions for instructional needs, medical care plans, safety emergencies, and special education frameworks.
- Leadership is collaborating with an Illinois Association of School Boards consultant to update language, add multilingual exemptions, and establish a triennial review cycle.

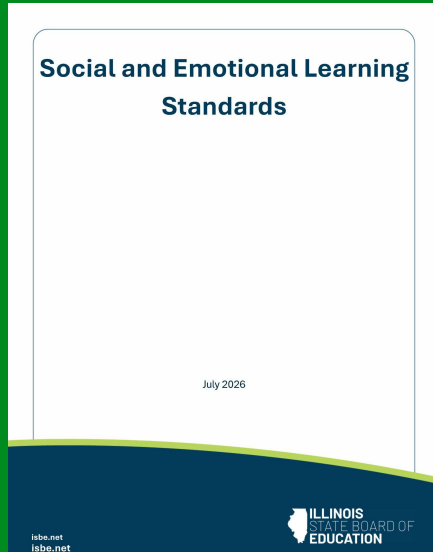


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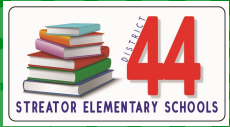


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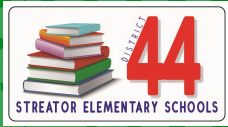
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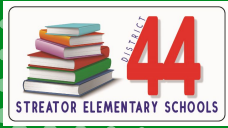
- The Illinois State Board of Education released modernized social and emotional learning standards structured around core life skills, stress management, and practical coping strategies.
- Staff received the updated standards last week and are currently mapping them into daily instruction and building level positive behavior matrices.
- The refined standards strengthen our multi-tiered support system by providing clearer benchmarks for targeted student interventions and progress monitoring.
- Public Act 104-0032 outlines future state mental health surveys for grades 3 through 12, but no district action is needed until state guidance is finalized, fully funded, and brought to the board with explicit opt-out provisions.



FOIA Requests

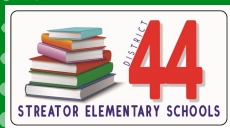


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