

Streator Elementary School District 44

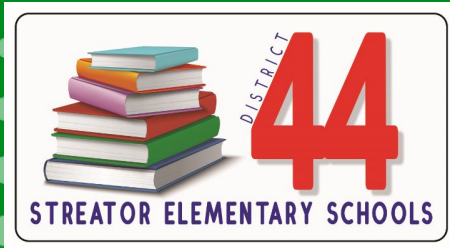
Regular Board of
Education Meeting
& Budget Hearing

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

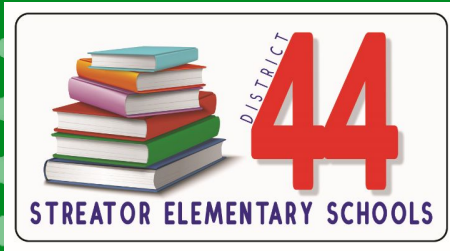
Location: Northlawn Junior High School Library



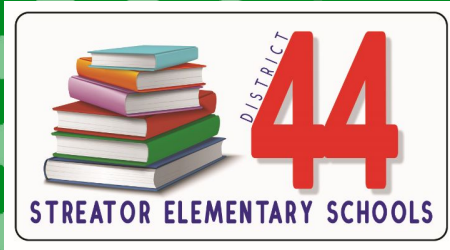


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Budget Hearing



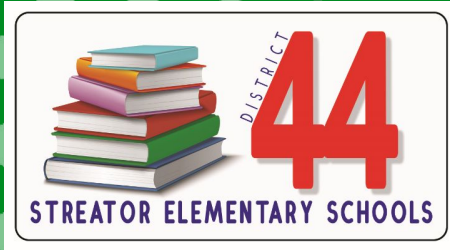
Financial Snapshot

Combined Total Budget Summary (Operating + Non-Operating)

- Total Projected Revenue: \$26,134,773 (\$25,278,176 operating + \$856,597 non-operating)
- Total Projected Expenditures: \$25,795,409 (\$24,018,938 operating + \$1,776,471 non-operating)
- Combined Net Surplus / Deficit: \$339,364 net surplus (\$1,259,238 operating surplus minus \$919,874 non-operating deficit)

Combined Fund Balances

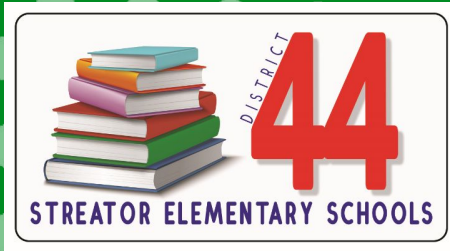
- Beginning Fund Balances: \$21,467,702 (\$19,192,657 operating + \$2,275,045 non-operating)
- Ending Fund Balances: \$21,807,066 (\$20,451,895 operating + \$1,355,171 non-operating)



- The district anticipates receiving nearly \$25.3 million in total revenue, primarily from these sources:
 - State Sources: \$15,011,798 (59%)
 - Local Sources: \$6,521,680 (26%)
 - Federal Sources: \$3,744,698 (15%)

Revenue



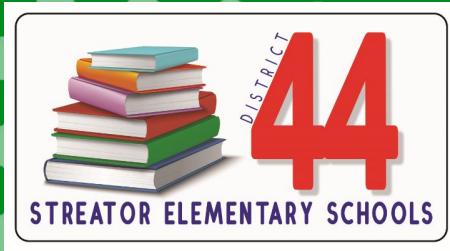


Expenditures

Proposed expenditures total over \$24 million, with the largest portion dedicated to staff and services:

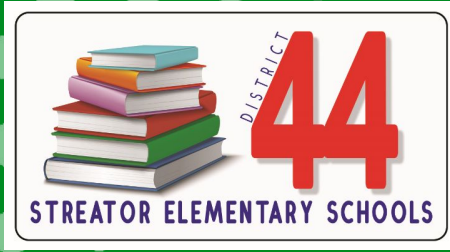
- Salaries: \$11,676,996 (49%)
- Employee Benefits: \$5,385,649 (22%)
- Purchased Services: \$3,565,973 (15%)
- Supplies and Materials: \$1,733,204 (7%)
- Other Objects: \$1,622,116 (7%)
- Capital Outlay: \$35,000 (<1%)





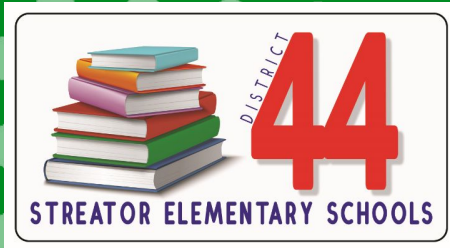
Operating Funds

- Education Fund: Projected revenues of \$21,411,505 against expenditures of \$19,893,326, resulting in a surplus of \$1,518,179.
- Operations & Maintenance Fund: Projected revenues of \$655,489 against expenditures of \$1,070,750, resulting in a deficit of (\$415,261).
- Transportation Fund: Projected revenues of \$2,300,125 against expenditures of \$2,267,795, resulting in a surplus of \$32,330.
- IMRF/SS Fund: Projected revenues of \$746,960 against expenditures of \$787,067, resulting in a deficit of (\$40,107).
- Working Cash Fund: Projected revenues of \$164,097 with zero expenditures, resulting in a surplus of \$164,097.



Non-Operating Funds Transparency

- Combined Non-Operating Deficit: (\$919,874), driven primarily by debt service (Bond & Interest) and planned capital/safety spend-downs (Tort and Fire Prevention & Safety funds).
- Beginning Non-Operating Balance: \$2,275,045
- Ending Non-Operating Balance: \$1,355,171



Key Takeaways

Overall Strong Position



- Operating Surplus of \$1,259,238
- Robust Combined Ending Fund Balance of \$21,807,066

Ensures solid financial standing

Prudent Oversight



- Planned fund-specific deficits
- Non-operating drawdowns

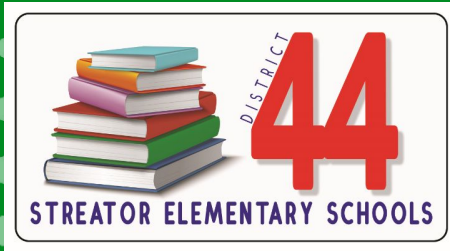
Require continued expenditure discipline

Long-Term Focus

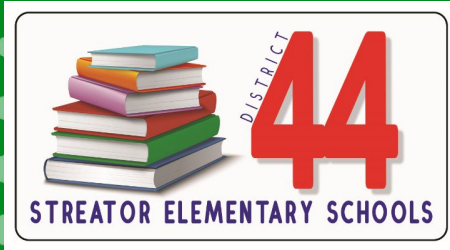


- Ongoing cost-containment efforts
- Multi-year planning

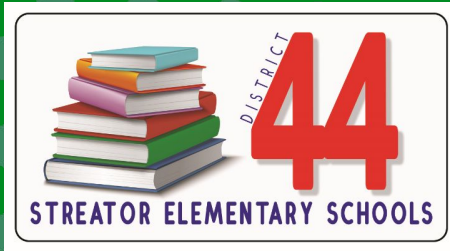
Will protect reserves and prevent structural depletion



Public Participation



Adjournment of Public Hearing

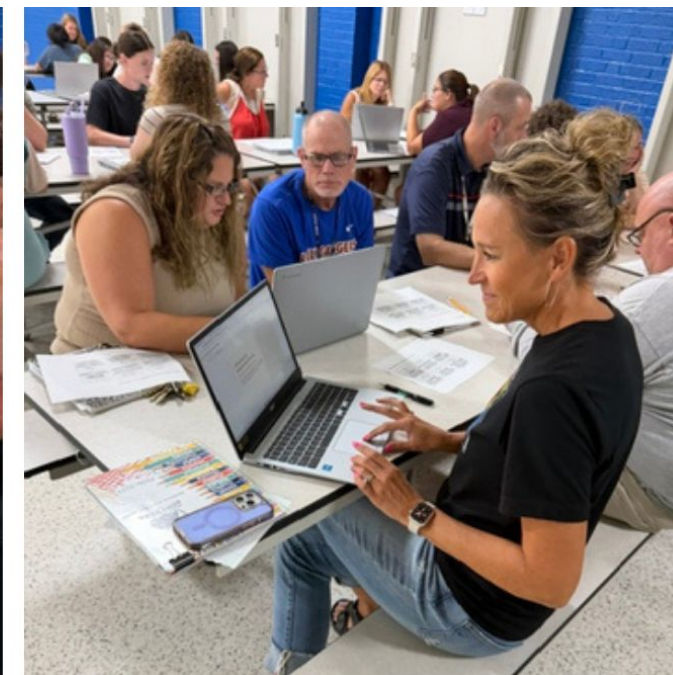


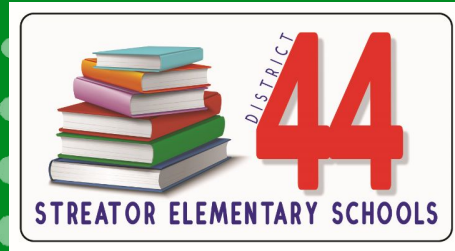
Celebrations

Dr. Melissa Brown

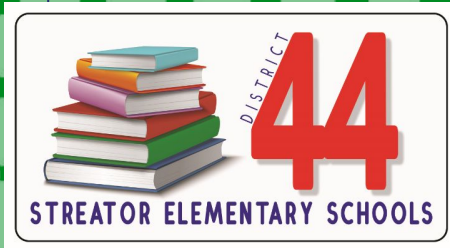


School Improvement Efforts

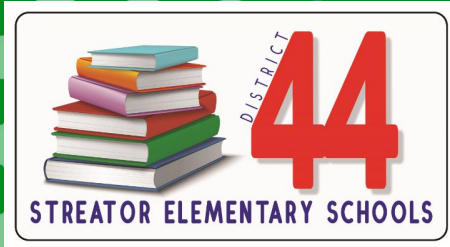




Open Forum



Action Items



Approval of Agenda

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2026 5:00 PM

Northlawn Junior High School Library, 202 E. First St., Streator, Illinois
61364

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

II. CLOSED SESSION - As stated in the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of: Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Personnel, Negotiations, Student Discipline, Litigation, School Security and Safety, Sale of Property, and Review of Closed Session Minutes

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

A. Public Participation/Public Hearing for the FY27 Budget

B. Adjournment of Public Hearing

IV. BOARD SALUTES

V. OPEN FORUM

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of FY27 Budget

C. Approval of Assistant Director of Technology

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Open and Closed Session Minutes of the August 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and the Special Meeting on August 20, 2026.

B. Approval of Payment of Bills, District Travel and Financial Statements

C. Approval of Human Resources Consent Agenda

D. Approval of NL Part-Time Vocational Support Position (Streator Unlimited Partnership)

E. Approval of the Annual Temporary Facility Report and Elimination Plan for Kimes Elementary School (2026-2027 School Year)

F. Approval of the Annual Temporary Facility Report and Elimination Plan for Centennial Elementary School (2026-2027 School Year)

G. Approval of Appointment of IMRF Authorized Agent

VIII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Centennial Update

B. District Technology Update

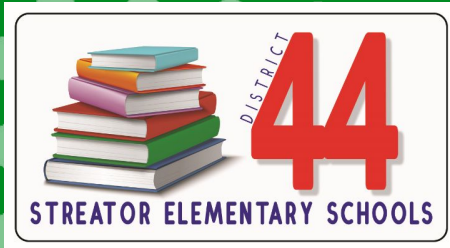
C. Discussion of Board Committee Structure

D. E-Learning Program Plan Renewal and Public Hearing

E. School Maintenance Grant

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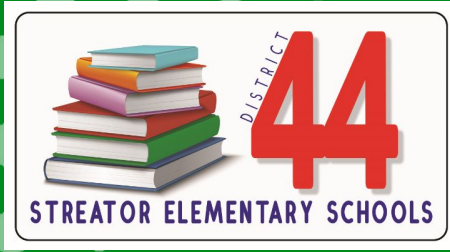
X. ADJOURNMENT



Approval of FY27 Budget

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
			(30)	(30)	(30)	(80)	(80)	(80)	(70)	(80)	(80)	
	Description: Enter Whole Numbers Only	Acct #	Education	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Service	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tax	Fire Prevention & Safety	
1	ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE (without Student Activity Funds) (as of July 1, 2025)		12,935,368	1,668,194	183,937	3,473,809	3,271,640	0	3,323,530	3,583,388	664,413	
2	RECEIPTS/REVENUES (without Student Activity Funds)											
3	LOCAL SOURCES	1000	4,107,664	524,165	608,943	276,762	654,138	0	146,241	3,031,299	317,343	
4	PICUP-THROUGH RECEIPTS/REVENUES FROM ONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER DISTRICT	3000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5	STATE SOURCES	3000	11,167,934	450,000	0	3,995,800	11,552	0	0	0	0	
6	FEDERAL SOURCES	4000	4,280,500	0	18,625	5,300	331,468	0	0	0	0	
7	Total Direct Receipts/Revenues ¹		18,656,100	974,165	613,567	2,281,762	807,130	0	146,241	3,031,299	317,343	
8	Receipts/Revenues for "On Behalf" Payments ²	3000										
9	Total Receipts/Revenues		18,656,100	974,165	613,567	2,281,762	807,130	0	146,241	3,031,299	317,343	
10	DISBURSEMENTS/EXPENDITURES (without Student Activity Funds)											
11	INSTRUCTION	1000	13,865,753				417,117			340,818		
12	SUPPORT SERVICES	3000	3,370,658	873,679		2,234,333	357,968	0		3,316,336	31,008	
13	COMMUNITY SERVICES	3000	81,305	0		0	838			0		
14	PAYMENTS TO OTHER DISTRICTS & GOVT UNITS	4000	483,313	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
15	DEBT SERVICES	5000	0	0	396,220	0	0			0	0	
16	PROVISION FOR CONTINGENCIES	6000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
17	Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures ³		18,301,317	873,679	396,220	2,234,333	785,855	0		3,657,154	31,008	
18	Disbursements/Expenditures for "On Behalf" Payments ⁴	6000	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	
19	Total Disbursements/Expenditures		18,301,317	873,679	396,220	2,234,333	785,855	0		3,657,154	31,008	
20	Excess of Direct Receipts/Revenues Over (Under) Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		354,783	100	15,337	7,429	21,475	0	146,241	(327,855)	96,335	
21	OTHER SOURCES/USES OF FUNDS											
22	OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS (FORM)											
23	PERMANENT TRANSFER FROM VARIOUS FUNDS											
24	Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund ^{5A}	7000										
25	Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund ^{5B}	7000										
26	Transfer of Working Cash Fund Interest	7000										
27	Transfer Among Funds	7000										
28	Transfer of Interest	7000										
29	Transfer from Capital Projects Fund to Debt Fund	7000		0								
30	Transfer of Excess Fire Prev & Safety Tax & Interest ⁶ Proceeds to Debt Fund	7000		0								
31	Transfer of Excess Accumulated Fire Prev & Safety Bond and Int ⁷ Proceeds to Debt Service Fund	7000			0							
32	SALE OF BONDS (FORM)											
33	Principal on Bonds Sold ⁸	7000										
34	Premium on Bonds Sold	7000										
35	Accrued Interest on Bonds Sold	7000										
36	State or Congressional for Fixed Assets ⁹	7000										
37	Transfer to Debt Service to Pay Principal on Loans	7000			0							
38	Transfer to Debt Service to Pay Interest on Loans	7000			0							
39	Transfer to Debt Service Fund to Pay Principal on Revenue Bonds	7000			0							
40	Transfer to Debt Service Fund to Pay Interest on Revenue Bonds	7000			0							
41	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	7000						0				
42	Other Sources	7000										
43	OTHER SOURCES NOT CLASSIFIED OTHERWISE	7000										
44	Total Other Sources of Funds ¹⁰		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

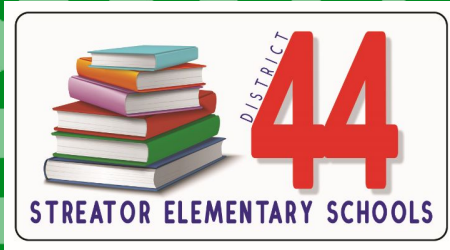
Recommendation: A motion to approve the FY27 Budget as presented.



Approval of Assistant Director of Technology

- Mr. Phelps is recommended for hire as Assistant Director of Technology, bringing nearly ten years of experience as Technology Director alongside an extensive enterprise IT background supporting John Deere systems.
- He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and a CompTIA A+ certification.
- The position includes an annual salary of \$62,000 on a 247-day work calendar, along with standard district benefits and IMRF participation.
- The compensation package provides twelve sick days, five vacation days, four bereavement days, and two personal days.

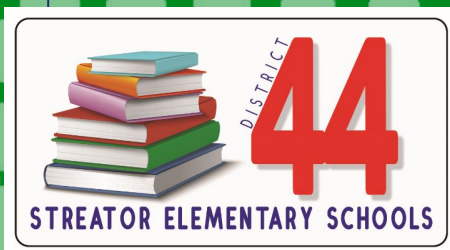
The administration recommends that the Board of Education approve the employment of Jason Phelps as Assistant Director of Technology as presented.



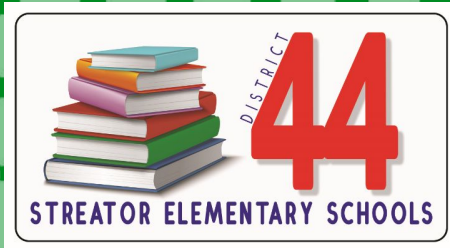
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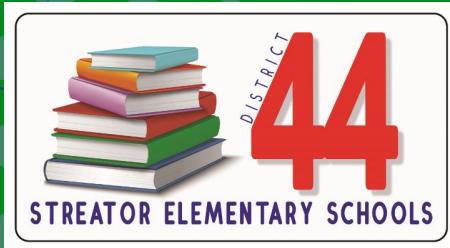
Recommendation: A motion to approve the consent agenda.



Informational Items



Centennial Update



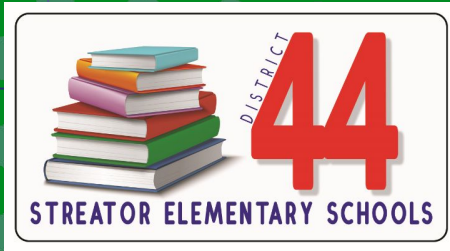
Centennial

*Creating opportunities for students
to soar to their full potential.*



Mr. Steve Bruck, Principal
Mrs. Kamm Reilly, Assistant Principal





Centennial Celebrations!



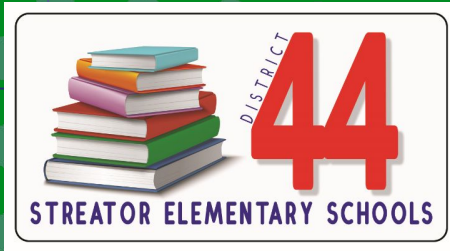
-We remembered 9/11 as a school community by gathering outside for a moment of silence, saying the Pledge of Allegiance together, and placing American flags in remembrance.

-Our PTO is planning a school dance and strengthening community partnerships to bring additional support and opportunities to our students and families.

-2nd Grade: Our second-grade team has been working closely together, and our three new teachers have adjusted positively and become valuable members of the team.

-3rd Grade: Third grade is learning multiplication concepts, including arrays, equal groups, properties of multiplication, and fact fluency.

-4th Grade: Fourth graders are transitioning well, doing a great job following rules and expectations, and engaging in learning through fun activities like idiom posters and exploring the Ring of Fire, including mapping recent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions around the world.



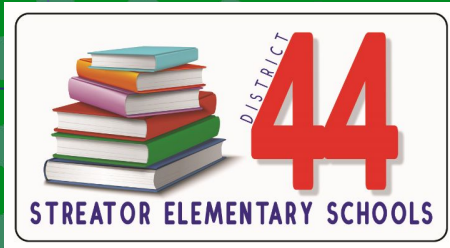
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Eagle Eye Monitor Program



Our Eagle Eye Monitor Program gives students in grades 2–4 the opportunity to take on meaningful leadership roles within our school. Students are selected based on positive behavior, responsibility, respect, and their ability to model our school expectations.

The program has been especially valuable because it puts students in a position to lead by example and recognize their peers for making positive choices. Eagle Eye Monitors help reinforce expectations in common areas, support positive behavior during lunch and recess, and recognize students who are Soaring Above. These kids are positive student leaders who work alongside adults to strengthen our school culture.



Centennial

Meet Our Monitors!



Henry Snyder
4th Grade



Gracen Klein
3rd Grade



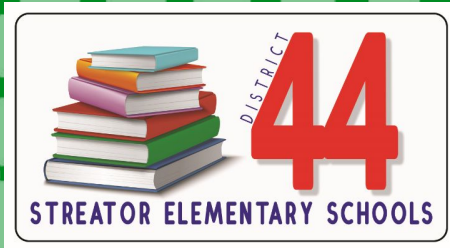
Adalynn Sneath
2nd Grade



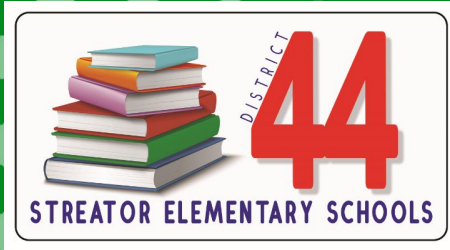
Wyatt Levy
2nd Grade



Carmen Serna
4th Grade



Technology Update



Technology

New Chromebooks
for 26-27, 5th Graders/Kindergarten

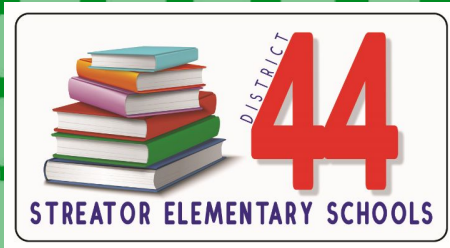


New computers installed
in all classrooms at Kimes.
(Cent) is next on list

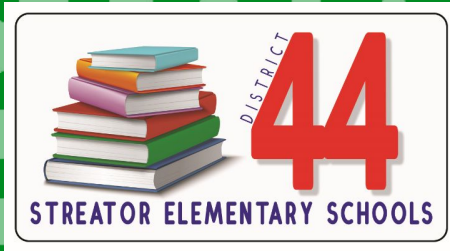


Phone system updated and a phone
installed in all classrooms
District wide



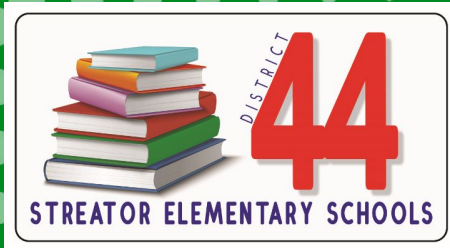


Discussion of Board Committee Structure

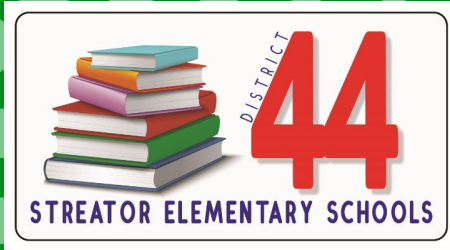


Board Committee

- The board will review an informational framework to discuss establishing a Finance, Building and Grounds Committee and an Academic Success Committee, which emerged from recent policy review sessions.
- Both committees would serve strictly in an advisory capacity to conduct deep-dive reviews and bring formal recommendations back to the full Board of Education.
- Committee composition could incorporate board members alongside open slots for community and stakeholder representation to enhance engagement.
- This report is provided for informational and discussion purposes to allow the board to explore potential advantages and determine whether any further steps are desired.

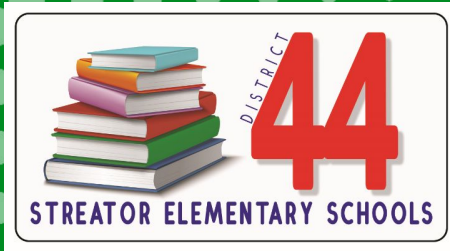


E-Learning Program Plan Renewal and Public Hearing

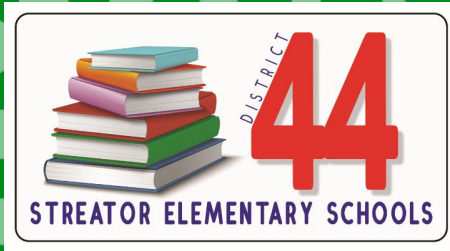


E-Learning Plan

- The district is initiating the renewal process for its E-Learning Program Plan for the 2026-2027 school year as the current three-year approval cycle under the Illinois School Code concludes.
- The district will host a public hearing at the October board meeting following mandatory statutory public notices sent via newspaper, parent communication, and union notification.
- Following the public hearing, the Board will consider a formal resolution to adopt the plan for a new three-year cycle to ensure continuity of instruction through digital and alternative tools.
- This item is presented tonight for informational purposes and discussion to prepare the board for formal action and hearing scheduling at the October meeting.

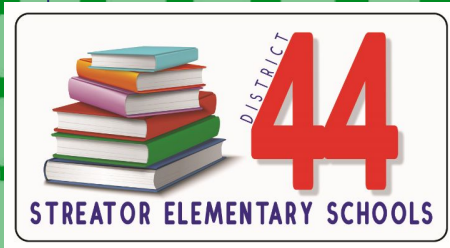


School Maintenance Grant

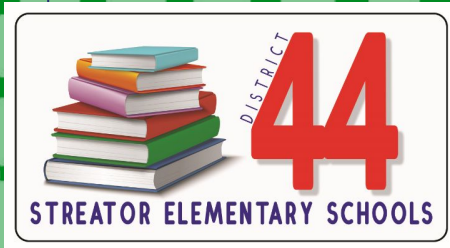


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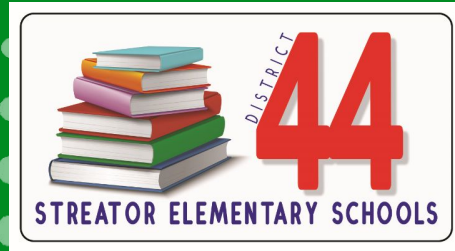
- The administration is collaborating with Matt Lamps from BCA Architects to pursue the ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant, selecting an HVAC system upgrade as the permanent improvement project.
- This dollar for dollar matching grant provides up to \$50,000 in state funds, which will be matched by a \$50,000 commitment from the district.
- A complete scope of work and a required amendment to the Health/Life Safety Plan will be presented for board review and approval at the October meeting.
- Formal approval of the grant application is scheduled to take place at the November meeting.



FOIA Requests



Future Agenda Items



Adjournment