



Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Ali Finn
CC: Dr. Katie Reynolds
Date: September 24, 2026
Re: Curriculum and Instruction Executive Summary

Daniel Wright Library Modernization

Phase I of the Daniel Wright Library modernization is now in active use. The initial reconfiguration was completed for the start of the 2026–2027 school year, creating more flexible areas for classroom instruction, collaboration, independent work, and makerspace activities. Teachers have begun regularly reserving the library for classes and instructional activities, and we are tracking usage throughout the fall to better understand how the space is being utilized.

A new mobile makerspace cart is also being introduced for teacher and student use. The cart includes a variety of hands-on STEM and creative materials selected to support engineering design, building, prototyping, problem-solving, and other classroom and makerspace activities. Making these materials mobile allows teachers to incorporate makerspace experiences into instruction while also expanding the types of activities that can take place within the library.

The district is currently scheduling an on-site visit with the architects to determine the scope and feasibility of the proposed architectural changes (garage door). In October, students will be surveyed about the current layout after having several weeks to experience and use the reconfigured library. Staff feedback, student feedback, reservation information, and overall usage patterns will help inform future design decisions.

The project timeline remains:

- **August:** Initial reconfiguration of the existing library space
- **September:** Meet with architects to determine the scope and feasibility of the proposed architectural changes
- **Fall:** Engage students and staff in selecting paint, flooring, furniture, and other design elements. Students will be surveyed in October regarding the current layout and use of the space. Following this survey, we will begin the process of selecting detailed finishes: paint, furniture choices, flooring choices with students, staff, and board members
- **Winter Break:** Target for painting and other improvements that can be completed independently of larger construction

- **TBD:** Furniture installation and potential flooring improvements, dependent upon the scope and recommendations identified through the architectural review

Beginning-of-Year Assessment and Student Support

Fall assessment administration is underway across the district. This year, we have expanded the early literacy and numeracy data available at the primary level through MAP Numeracy and Reading Fluency in grades K–2. Combined with MAP Growth and other classroom-based measures, these assessments provide teachers and teams with additional information early in the school year to identify student strengths and areas of need. This data will be used as part of our MTSS process to inform intervention, enrichment, and instructional planning.

Curriculum Implementation and Professional Learning

Teachers continue implementation of our core instructional resources, including K–6 Amplify CKLA and 6–8 Amplify Desmos Math. Professional learning throughout the year will focus on strengthening implementation and helping teachers use curriculum-embedded assessments and student data to drive instruction.

Upcoming Amplify assessment training for K–2 teachers on September 30 and October 2 will specifically focus on the purpose and use of assessments, how assessments spiral throughout the curriculum, and how teachers can use results to inform instructional decisions.

MTSS and REACH

Beginning-of-year work has focused on continuing to strengthen and align MTSS practices across all three schools. Staff are using multiple sources of student data to identify students who may benefit from additional intervention or enrichment, while the district continues to refine the MTSS Manual as a consistent resource for teams.

REACH services have also been enhanced this year to align with updated identification parameters and our district and consortium acceleration pathways. At Half Day, students identified for advanced mathematics programming are now receiving individualized instruction within their home school rather than traveling to Daniel Wright. This allows students to access appropriately challenging mathematics while remaining connected to their grade-level school community.

Social Media Internship Partnership

In partnership with Stevenson High School’s Career Center, District 103 is currently interviewing candidates for two unpaid social media internship positions. Seven students will interview next week, with the goal of selecting two interns to begin in early October. The interns will gain hands-on experience while supporting the district with content curation and captioning, campaign planning, and creative design. Through this partnership, we also hope to contribute to our broader community by providing students with authentic, work-based learning experiences that allow them to develop professional skills in a real-world setting.

8th Grade Career Exploration – Navig8 Lake County

All Daniel Wright 8th-grade students will participate in Navig8 Lake County, an interactive career exploration experience designed to expose students to a variety of future career pathways. Rather than simply hearing about different careers, students will have opportunities to engage in hands-on experiences across areas such as healthcare, engineering, manufacturing, technology, public safety, and the skilled trades.

Students may experience activities such as practicing hands-on medical care techniques, working with engineering and technical tools, exploring equipment used in different industries, and interacting directly with professionals from throughout Lake County. These experiences provide students with an opportunity to connect their interests and strengths with potential careers while learning more about the education, training, and skills associated with different pathways.

There are roughly 6,000 students from Lake County participating in the event this year across most area districts. The event will take place at the Lake County Fairgrounds on October 20th. Daniel Wright is slated to attend from 12:40 PM - 1:55 PM. [Click here for more information](#) about the event.