



Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 7:00 PM

Diamond Lake School Sparkle Center
25807 Diamond Lake Road
Mundelein, IL 60060

- I. Call to Order / Roll Call
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comments (Agenda Items Only)
- IV. Presentations
 - IV.A. Diamond Award(s):
Hillary Shores
- V. Business Agenda
 - V.A. Administrative: Review Omnibus Vote Agenda *REVIEW*
 - V.B. Personnel: Approve Personnel Items: *ACTION*
 - V.B.1. New Hire(s):
Ana Rodriguez; WOIS; Administrative Associate
 - V.B.2. Resignation(s):
Rachelle Gulik; DLS; 3rd Grade Dual Language Teacher
Jennifer Ostrander; DLS; 2nd Grade Dual Language Teacher
Krystal Angelo; DLS; EL Teacher
Marsha Seymour; WOIS; SPED Resource Teacher
Andria Wilson; DLS; SPED Teacher
Tammy Verdino; WOMS; SPED Teacher
 - V.B.3. Leave of Absence(s):
Delaney Kurland; DLS; 1st Grade Teacher
 - V.C. Administrative: Adopt Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Certified Staff Pursuant to 105ILCS 5/24-11 *ACTION*
Aris Johnson; DLS; Social Worker
 - V.D. Administrative: BOE Meeting: 24-25 Meeting Dates *REVIEW*
- VI. Board Discussion
 - VI.A. Finance Committee/Enrollment Study
- VII. Freedom of Information Requests (1)
- VIII. Notices and Communications
 - VIII.A. D76 Highlights(s):
- IX. Public Comments and Petitions (Non-Agenda Items)
- X. Others
- XI. Executive Session:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

XII. Adjournment



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AGENDA ITEM V-A

Administrative: Approve Omnibus Vote Agenda *REVIEW*

Items under the Omnibus Vote Agenda are considered routine and/or non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If any one Board member, staff, administrator, or citizen wishes to have a separate vote on any item or items, that item or items will be pulled from the Omnibus Vote Agenda and voted on separately.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Diamond Lake 76 Board of Education accepts and approves the Omnibus Vote Agenda, Items A thru D as listed:

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| A. Approval of Minutes
Combined Meeting | 02.20.24 |
| B. Approval of Payrolls | 3.30.2024, 04.15.2024* |
| C. Approval of Current Bills: | |

*Pre-approval of Payrolls not to exceed \$400,000.00 each.



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AGENDA ITEM V-B

Personnel: Approve Resolution for Personnel Items: ACTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Diamond Lake 76 Board of Education accepts and approves the Personnel Items as depicted on the Agenda:

1. New Hire(s):

Employee	School	Position
Ana Rodriguez-Chavez	WOIS	Administrative Associate

2. Resignation(s):

Employee	School	Position
Rachelle Gulik	DLS	3 rd Grade Dual Language Teacher
Jennifer Ostrander	DLS	2 nd Grade Dual Language Teacher
Krystal Angelo	DLS	EL Teacher
Marsha Seymour	WOIS	SPED Resource Teacher
Andria Wilson	DLS	SPED Teacher
Tammy Verdino	WOMS	SPED Teacher

3. Leave of Absence(s):

Employee	School	Position
Delaney Kurland	DLS	1 st Grade Teacher



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AGENDA ITEM V-C

Administrative: Adopt Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Certified Staff Pursuant to 105ILCS 5/24-11 *ACTION*

1. **Non-Renewal(s):**

Employee	School	Position
Aris Johnson	DLS	Social Worker



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE NON-RENEWAL OF Aris Johnson AS A
PROBATIONARY TEACHER FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL TERM**

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 5/24-11 of the Illinois *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/24-11), the Diamond Lake School District No. 76 (the "District") Board of Education (the "Board"), is authorized to non-renew the employment of probationary teachers in the District for the following school terms; and

WHEREAS, this Board received a recommendation from the administration that Aris Johnson probationary employment not be renewed for the 2024-2025 school term; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the administration's recommendation and, pursuant to Section 5/24-11 of the *School Code* has determined Aris Johnson will not be reemployed by the District for the 2024-2025 school term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Diamond Lake School District No. 76 Board of Education as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds that all the recitals contained above are true and correct, and that the same are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The Board, after due consideration, hereby determines Aris Johnson shall not be reemployed as a teacher in the District for the 2024-2025 school term and, accordingly, her employment shall terminate at the close of the present 2023-2024 school term.

Section 3. The President and Secretary of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to send Aris Johnson, via certified mail, notice of this Board's decision not to reemploy her for the 2024-2025 school year, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 1 attached hereto, along with a copy of this approved Resolution by April 1, 2024.



Section 4. Further, the Superintendent or their designee is hereby authorized and directed to hand deliver Aris Johnson notice of this Board’s decision not to reemploy her for the 2024-2025 school year, which shall be substantially in the form of Exhibit 1 attached hereto, along with a copy of this approved Resolution by April 1, 2024.

Section 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

ADOPTED THIS 5th day of March, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF _____ SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. ____, _____ County, Illinois

By: _____
President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education



Diamond Lake School District 76

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AGENDA ITEM V-D

Administrative: Review Proposed 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates *REVIEW*

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Act requires each public body to give public notice of its schedule of dates, times and places for regular meetings at the beginning of each calendar or fiscal year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Diamond Lake 76 Board of Education approves their 2024-2025 calendar allowing for meetings to be held twice a month at the Diamond Lake School, 25807 Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein, IL. With the exception of the following months:

- July 2024
- December 2024
- January 2025

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Valerie M. Donnan, Ed.D.
Superintendent

EXECUTIVE BOARD / GOVERNING BOARD

2023-24 Meeting Schedule

Revised 3/5/2024 (EB meeting location change)

Please Note: Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call 847-986-2319 to confirm.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule

SEDOL Administration Office Bay Room – 9:30 am

**** Cyd Lash Academy Multipurpose Room – 9:30 a.m.**

July 27, 2023- GLS Community Room
August 24, 2023
September 21, 2023
October 26, 2023
November 9, 2023
December 14, 2023
January 25, 2024

February 15, 2024
March 21, 2024
April 4, 2024* Special meeting on tentative budget
April 25, 2024
May 23, 2024
June 27, 2024**
July 25, 2024**

Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Gages Lake School Community Room – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Public Hearing on Budget @ 6:30 p.m.

SEDOL Admin Building

18160 W. Gages Lake Road
Gages Lake 60030

Laremont School

17934 W. Gages Lake Road
Gages Lake 60030

Gages Lake School

18180 W. Gages Lake Road
Gages Lake 60030

Cyd Lash Academy

18042 W. Gages Lake Road
Gages Lake 60030

The Special Education District of Lake County is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to attend and/or participate, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, are requested to promptly contact the District's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at (847) 548-8470, or Illinois Relay for the Hearing Impaired, 1-800-526-0844.

:sm – 7/27/23; June/July EB location change 3/5/24

Exceptional Services for Exceptional Students by Exceptional Staff



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A word from the Superintendent

By Dr. Val Donnan

At SEDOL (Special Education District of Lake County), our commitment to providing exceptional services to students with special needs is unwavering. We take pride in our non-replicable special education programs that cater to the diverse needs of our students while ensuring fiscal sustainability for the future.

One of the cornerstones of our commitment is the constant review and enhancement of our funding structure. Understanding the importance of financial stability in maintaining the quality of our programming, that's why we've established the SEDOL Steering Committee along with several subcommittees to delve into this crucial aspect of our operations.

Currently, the SEDOL Fiscal Subcommittee, comprised of SEDOL member superintendents, member special education administrators, and our dedicated administration team, is actively engaged in reviewing and providing feedback on a developing funding structure. The goal is clear: to ensure that our programs continue to thrive without compromising on quality, all while maintaining financial stability.

This collaborative effort involves careful consideration of recommendations from various subcommittees. Each recommendation is meticulously assessed to guarantee that it aligns with our core values and our commitment to serving students with exceptional needs.

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everything we do at SEDOL, and we are dedicated to providing them with the resources and support they need to excel.

We want to express our gratitude to all members of the SEDOL community for their ongoing support and dedication to our mission. Together, we will continue to uphold the highest standards of excellence in special education and ensure a bright future for all students.

Don't miss Laremont School's Special Needs Resource Fair on March 8!

By Andre Probst

The purpose of this fair, which is FREE for the public to attend, is to provide families, allies, and individuals living with disabilities the opportunity to connect with local agencies, organizations, resources, and the community. Learn about camps, assistive technology, adult day programs, mental health resources, support groups, medical health care, special needs law, and much more from various vendors and organizations.

All are welcome to attend Laremont School's Special Needs Resource Fair on Friday, March 8, 2024 in the Laremont School Gymnasium, located at 17934 Gages Lake Road, Gages Lake, IL 60030, from 9am-3pm!

This event coincides with SEDOL/Laremont's Parent Teacher Conference Day, which is a non-student attendance day.

Spread the word to friends and families. You don't want to miss attending this important event! SEDOL and Laremont do not sponsor or endorse any of the vendors and organizations. If you have any questions, please email Andre Probst at aprobst@sedol.us.



Scholarships opportunities

We're excited to share a fantastic opportunity for our students: a comprehensive list of scholarships compiled by Kurt Preble. These scholarships cover a range of criteria and interests, providing our students with various avenues to pursue financial assistance for their education.

Navigating the world of scholarships can be overwhelming, but we're here to simplify the process for you. This carefully curated list includes scholarships suited to diverse backgrounds, talents, and aspirations. Whether your student excels academically, athletically, or artistically, there's something here for everyone.

We encourage all students to explore the opportunities presented in this list and consider applying for scholarships that align with their goals and interests. Securing scholarships can ease the financial burden of higher education and open doors to future opportunities.

[Click here for scholarships...](#)

Sign-up to learn ASL

SEDOL's Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Program at John Powers Center knows that a vital part of ensuring deaf and hard of hearing students' success is by maximizing the number of people in their lives who can effectively communicate with them in an accessible language. For many parents of DHH students, the first deaf person they have ever met is their child and they need support in learning how to best meet their child's communication needs. To provide that support, SEDOL's DHH Program offers three 8-week sessions of American Sign Language classes annually on Wednesday nights from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the fall, winter, and spring.

The ASL Class Program at John Powers Center is a SEDOL Foundation grant-funded program that has been in existence for over 40 years. It is open to anyone who wants to attend including SEDOL families, SEDOL staff members, district staff members, and community members. The grant funding allows up to offer the classes at no cost to SEDOL family members. In addition to the classes, childcare, Spanish translation services, and a new Kids ASL class for siblings of SEDOL students are offered.

The ASL Class Program has grown significantly over the years. For the winter 2024 session, 105 individuals are registered across the 7 classes offered both virtually and in-person at a variety of different levels. There are 42 SEDOL families enrolled including families with students from Fairhaven, Millburn, Laremont, John Powers Center, the transition program, and the hearing itinerant program. Twenty-one SEDOL students and their siblings attend the two Kids' classes. The program provides a place for SEDOL families to come together, not only to learn but create lasting relationships. We are grateful to SEDOL and the foundation for continuing to support the ASL classes.

Profile: Chometry O.

By Joshua Housing

Chometry, a proud member of the Class of 1992 at Laremont, holds a special place in our alumni community. During her time at Laremont, which was located at the current site of Gages Lake School, she made quite a splash—literally! Known affectionately as "The Shark," Chometry honed her swimming skills right here on campus, leaving an indelible mark on her classmates and teachers alike.



Beyond her school days, Chometry leads an active and vibrant life. She finds joy in exploring the great outdoors through hiking adventures, savoring new culinary delights, and immersing herself in the magic of the silver screen. With her faithful companion Jetta by her side, she embarks on hiking excursions and leisurely strolls, often taking breaks to indulge in her love for Pokémon Go.

When she's not out exploring the world, Chometry enjoys delving into the realms of gaming, with favorites including Animal Crossing, Hogwarts Legacy, and Zelda. Her diverse interests extend to

Chomedy's journey from Laremont alumna to the vibrant individual she is today serves as an inspiration to us all. We celebrate her achievements and cherish her continued connection to our school community.

Laremont school's students are 100 days smarter!

By Andre Probst

On January 31st, Laremont School's students marked a significant milestone: they became 100 days smarter! The vibrant celebration of their 100th Day of School was filled with engaging activities and reflections on their learning journey.



Throughout the day, students eagerly participated in various festivities, including counting 100 different items and crafting their own 100th Day of School Trail Mix. Adding to the excitement, students adorned themselves with capes adorned with 100 items, showcasing their creativity and spirit.

Amidst the festivities, students took a moment to reflect on their growth and achievements over the past 100 days. It was a joyous occasion for all, celebrating not only academic milestones but also the spirit of camaraderie and discovery that defines Laremont School's vibrant learning community.

Cyd Lash sports update

By Kurt Preble

Cyd Lash Academy recently wrapped up another successful CAAEL volleyball season, where our students showcased their dedication and sportsmanship. Led by Mr. Cartier, our Cyd Lash Coyote Volleyball Team exemplified teamwork and commitment, resulting in a remarkable 5-1 record and earning the title of North Divisional winners. Despite facing tough competition, including a loss against Allendale, our team persevered and secured a spot in the playoffs, advancing to the Elite 8.

Throughout the season, our students demonstrated leadership and compassion, motivating each other to meet eligibility requirements and behavioral expectations. Their hard work and determination paid off, as they came within reach of the Final Four Championship, marking another successful season for Cyd Lash Academy.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all staff and administration for their unwavering support and encouragement, contributing to the team's achievements. As we transition into CAAEL's basketball season, we look forward to more opportunities for our students to excel both on and off the court.

Calm classroom and MeMoves

In our classrooms, students actively engage in mindfulness practices through the implementation of two programs: Calm Classroom and MeMoves. These programs aim to equip students with practical strategies to regulate their emotions and foster a conducive environment for learning. The overarching goal is to cultivate a sense of calmness, enabling students to navigate challenging situations effectively.

Once students acquire these strategies, they can apply them beyond the classroom setting, extending their benefits to various aspects of their lives. By mastering these techniques, students develop resilience and the ability to remain composed in the face of adversity.

We encourage families to incorporate mindfulness activities into their daily routines, as these practices can greatly benefit children both at home and in other environments. These activities can be enjoyed collectively as a family, fostering bonding moments and promoting emotional well-being.

For additional resources and guidance on mindfulness practices, our Social Workers offer invaluable support. Netflix also provides excellent videos such as "HeadSpace: A Guide to Meditation," our dedicated team is equipped with a wealth of resources tailored to support our students' holistic development, here's a resource to help manage stress: [click here](#)

Spreading holiday cheer

By Kurt Preble

During the recent holiday season, Cyd Lash Academy teamed up with Gratitude Generation to spread some festive cheer by providing holiday gifts for CLA families. It was heartwarming to see the smiles on the faces of the families as they received these thoughtful gifts. The joy and gratitude shared by each recipient truly warmed our hearts during the winter season.

Leading this wonderful collaboration is Stacey Gottlieb, a dedicated Social Worker at Cyd Lash. Stacey has been instrumental in coordinating efforts between Gratitude Generation and CLA social workers not only for the holiday gifts but also for ongoing donations, including winter coats for our students. Together, we're making a positive impact on our community, spreading warmth and kindness during the holiday season and beyond.

Abbott's disABILITY Network annual summit

By Matthew Crowley

SEDOL and the SEDOL Foundation were highlighted at Abbott's disABILITY Network Annual Summit in December 2023. This was an international opportunity for SEDOL to share about how we support individuals with disabilities. The summit included networks from all



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Subry shared information about how the SEDOL Foundation supports students and how the partnership with Abbott makes a difference due to their generosity throughout the year including an annual school supply drive. This year's school supply drive was donated to the students at Gages Lake School.

Joshua Housing

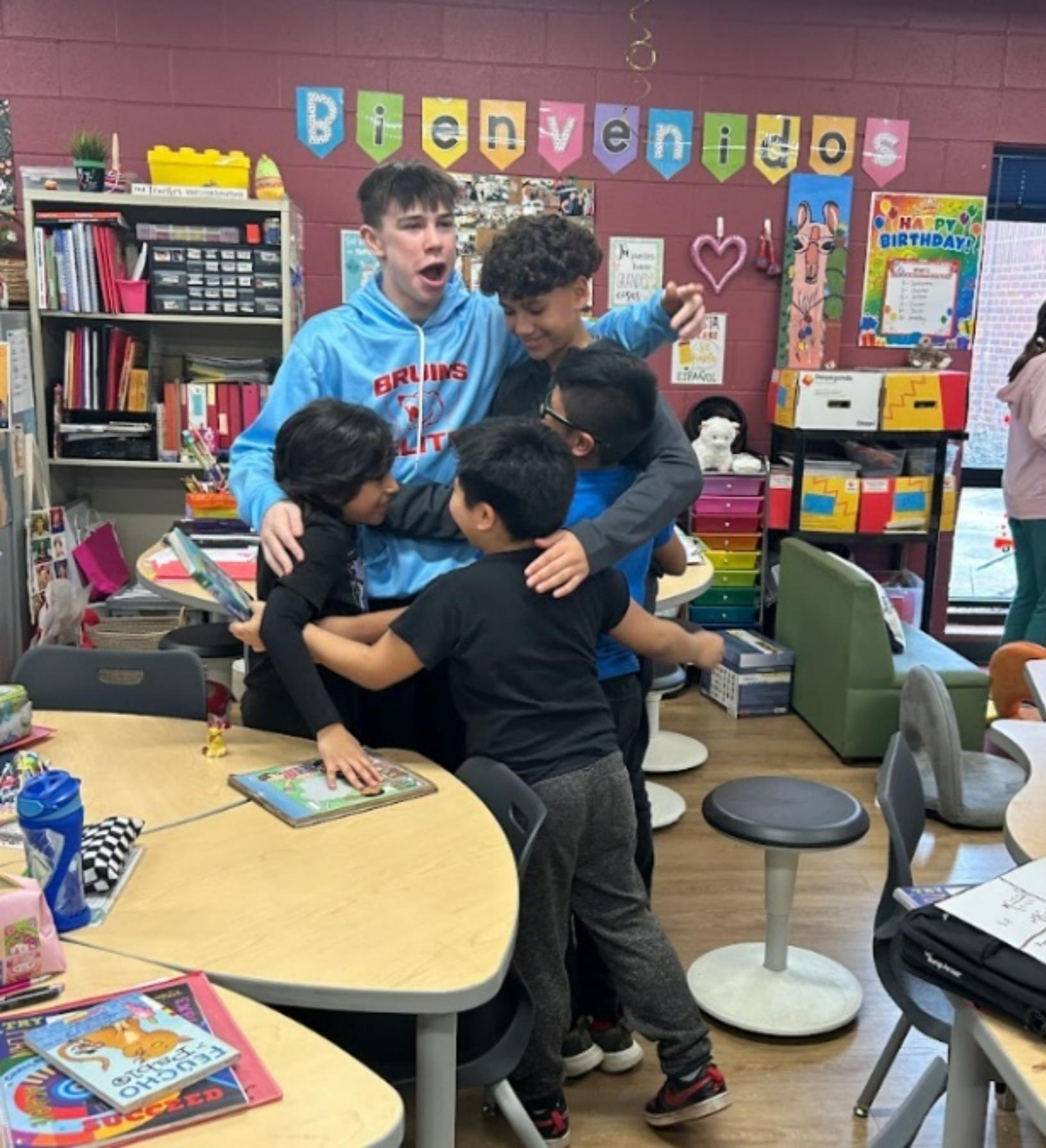
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1 message

Samira Calderon <broadcasts@schoolmessengermail.com>
Reply-To: Samira Calderon <broadcasts@schoolmessengermail.com>
To: hcarrero@dist76.org

Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM

A Message From



Dear Staff,

As you may be aware, a Mundelein apartment building was severely damaged by last night's storm and is uninhabitable. Over 50 Mundelein Community members were displaced and the apartment building will be uninhabitable for an extended time. The building is in the Mundelein High School District and the Hawthorn District 73 boundaries.

Liaisons from the D73, D75, D76, and D120 are collaborating to provide assistance and resources to the families affected. We are gathering gift cards to stores like Walmart, Target, Aldi, and Jewel in addition to giving these families complete access to The Welcome Center.

You can also donate to the MHS Student Support Fund on RevTrak. Then, in the comments, list "apartment damage". <https://mundelein.revtrak.net/student-support-donations/#/v/student-support-donation>

If you would like to contribute in any way, please reach out to Samira Calderon, scalderon@dist76.org or 224-548-6845.

As always, thank you for your support to the community.

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SUMMER EXPLORATION CAMP

District 76 Summer Exploration Camp will be Monday-Friday, and is open to all Diamond Lake students entering 1st through 8th grade. There is no cost, and breakfast will be provided.

1-28 June 2024

8AM - 11:30AM

Location: Diamond Lake School



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Questions?: egrubb@dist76.org (English)
dbaron@dist76.org (Spanish)



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