



PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

"QUALITY EDUCATION WITH CARE FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT".

PAEC CENTER BOARDROOM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **CLOSED SESSION**
3. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**
4. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
5. **APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**
6. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
7. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**
 - B. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - C. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**
 - a. **ROSAS SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICER**
 - b. **ADELSON EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, LTD**
 - c. **INFINITEC**
 - b. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPORT**
 - a. **RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS**
 - b. **CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT**
 - D. **CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS**
 - a. **TREETOP SPEECH THERAPY SERVICES, PLLC.**
 - b. **PLAYING AND LEARNING THERAPY SERVICES, CORP.**
 - c. **THE STEPPING STONES GROUP**
 - d. **THERAPY CARE, LTD.**
 - e. **CROSS COUNTRY EDUCATION**
 - f. **AGREEABLE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**
 - g. **PROVISO TOWNSHIP GLADIATORS WC**
 - h. **THE ANSWER, INC. FACILITY USE AGREEMENT**
 - i. **RENEWAL OF CONTRACT**
8. **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**
9. **DUPAGE/WEST COOK REPORT**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2026.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 6, 2026. The following items were discussed:

- **Treasurer's Report (July 2026)** - The committee reviewed the Treasurer's Report for July, including an overview of revenues, expenditures, and fund balances.
- **Proposed FY2027 Budget** - The committee reviewed the proposed FY2027 budget and discussed the budget projections for the upcoming fiscal year.
- **FY2027 Geothermal Project Invoice** - The committee discussed the geothermal project costs for FY2027. Because the project is expected to be completed at the beginning of FY2027, **full payment from the member districts is needed immediately** to ensure PAEC has the funds available to meet the project's payment obligations. Each member district has received an invoice showing its respective portion of the geothermal project costs.
- **Audit Update** — An update was provided regarding the FY2026 audit. Final fieldwork dates have been scheduled for **October 19, 2026, and November 6, 2026**.
- **Finance Committee Meeting Schedule** — **Future** meeting dates were discussed, and the committee agreed to meet **quarterly throughout the school year** to review financial matters, budget updates, and other items as needed.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

A. PROJECTED DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2026-2027

The information is attached.

B. PROJECTED ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM STAFFING PATTERNS 2025-2026

The information is attached.

C. TRANSITION REPORTS

No transition reports for the month of July.

D. INITIAL REFERRALS

No referrals for the month of July.

E. POLICE REPORTS

No reports for the month of July.

F. PAEC ACTIVITY FUND

The information is attached.

G. PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES

H. PAEC EVENTS

The information is attached.

I. ABA THERAPY DEPARTMENT

J. FOIA REQUESTS (3)

K. PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The information is attached.

12. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD

None.

13. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

None.

14. MEETING RECAP

1. The Governing Board approved the Resolution to Transfer Funds.

2. The Governing Board approved the installation payment for the geothermal construction project.

3. PAEC, at the direction of both Boards, have created an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy department. "It is a scientific approach to understanding learning and behavior." This will start with 1–2 Registered Behavioral Technicians (RBTs) and part-time Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs). BCBAs "promote positive behavioral changes and often specialize in autism, developmental disabilities, and brain injuries." RBTs assist the BCBAs by carrying out the methods of intervention. The department staff will start in D#87 and will expand from there into the other elementary districts.

4. Dr. Starck-King contract; not to exceed 40 hours at \$200.00 per hour.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
PAEC CENTER – 6:00 PM
JULY 15, 2026
MINUTES**

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 PM by Governing Board Vice-President Brian Dawson.

District 87	Ms. Charice Walker	Present
District 88	Ms. Dorothy Clark Smith	Absent
District 92	Mr. Brian Dawson	Present
District 93	Ms. Stisha Lexen	Present
District 209	Ms. Sandra Hixson	Absent

Present: 3, Absent: 2

Also present were Mr. Michael James (Executive Director) and Mrs. Cecy Mendoza-Jurek (PAEC Recording Secretary).

2. CLOSED SESSION

Recommended Motion(s):

I move to convene into Closed Session at 6:14PM, under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee (s), specific individual(s) who serve as an independent contractor(s), specific volunteer(s) of the Board, section 2(c)(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, Section 2(c)(5) purchase of lease of real property or legal counsel for the Board as presented.

The motion was made by Stisha Lexen and seconded by Charise Walker.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

3. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Recommended Motion(s):

I move to reconvene into Open Session at 6:28PM as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Charise Walker.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- None

5. APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

Recommended Motions(s):

I move that the Governing Board approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 2026 as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Charise Walker

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

6. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.A PRESS PLUS 121 (3RD READING)

I move that the Governing Board approved the second reading of Press Plus 121 as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

- Mr. James stated that some of the questions on Press Plus 121 required board members' input. This input was provided and decided by the board before the vote occurred.

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

I move that the Governing Board approve the Consent Agenda which encompasses agenda items regarding Payroll, Bills, and New Business as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

7.A APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

I move that the Governing Board approve the payroll as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

7.B. APPROVAL OF BILLS

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

7.C NEW BUSINESS

7.C.a APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT

I move that the Governing Board approve the Personnel Report as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

7.C.b APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPORT

I move that the Governing Board approve the March Contractual Agreement Report as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

7.C.c. STIPENDS 2026-2027

I move that the Governing Board approve the Stipends 2026-2027 as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

7.C.d. CRISIS PLAN 2026-2027

I move that the Governing Board approve the Crisis Plan 2026-2027 as presented.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Stisha Lexen.

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

- Mr. James stated that the Phone List will be updated.

8. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board did not meet during the month of July.

9. DUPAGE WEST COOK REPORTES

The next meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2026

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance Committee did not meet during the month of July.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

11.A FINAL ESY COUNT 2025-2026

Information was attached to the board report.

11.B. FINAL ESY ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM STAFFING PATTERNS 2026 - 2027

Information was attached to the board report.

11.C PROJECTED DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2026-2027

Information was attached to the board report.

11.D PROJECTED ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM STAFFING PATTERNS 2026 - 2027

Information was attached to the board report.

11.E TRANSITION REPORTS

Information was attached to the board report.

11.F INITIAL REFERRALS

No report for the month of July

11.G POLICE REPORTS

There were no reports..

11.H PAEC ACTIVITY FUND

Information was attached to the board report.

11.I STRATEGIC PLANNING

Information was attached to the board report.

- Mr. James stated that the strategic planning with West40 consultants is ongoing with the goal being to have a working plan at the start of the new year and that there is a lot of work in progress.

11.J FOIA

- Mr. James stated that another FOIA request was received, making approximately seven FOIA requests from one company regarding vendors that are not used by PAEC. He will comply with it as soon as possible.

11.K JUNETEENTH EXHIBIT AT PAEC CENTER

Information was attached to the board report.

- Mr. James stated that the ESY students held a Juneteenth art work exhibit that went very well.

11.L SPEAKER WELCH JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Information was attached to the board report.

- Mr. James stated that he had attended the Juneteenth Celebration with Mrs. Mendoza-Jurek at the Hillside Park District where he was able to interact with local elected officials, parents and staff, in an effort to increase PAEC's presence in the community.

11.M LIONS' CLUB FUNDRAISER

Information was attached to the board report.

- Mr. James stated that as of July 1, PAEC is a Lions Club member with the goal of creating connections, service collaboration, and support opportunities. He has attended both a Lions Club meeting and a fundraising event as part of establishing the relationship.

11.N PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES

Information was attached to the board report.

11.O PAEC EVENTS

Information was attached to the board report.

- Mr. James stated that there was a visiting dance group that performed African cultural dances and had positive student engagement.

11.K PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Information was attached to the board report.

- Mr. James provided updates on the geothermal project with photo documentation available to the board and the good news that the project is on track, and projected to be completed early but definitely before August 12.
- Mr. James stated that both Ms. Cohen and Ms. McDaniel were absent due to traveling to a venue event at Grand Canyon University (GCU).
- Mr. James stated working with GCU to expand the GCU outreach to high school and grades 5–8 to promote college awareness.

12. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD

- None

13. MEETING RECAP

- 1) The Governing Board had the 3rd review and had voted on Press Plus 121.
- 2) The Governing Board voted on the PAEC Crisis Plan for SY 2026-2027.
- 3) The Geothermal construction project has included regular meetings. The project continues to be on track to be completed on time.

14. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- None

17. ADJOURNMENT

I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:52PM, for lack of further items to discuss.

The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Charise Walker

Roll Call Vote:

Charise Walker: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Absent, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Yea, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Governing Board President

Governing Board Secretary

Date

PAYROLL AGENDA

JUNE 2026

				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026		PAYROLL 6/15/26	
	Education Fund			\$ 477,578.33	\$ 20,255.62	\$ 16,713.28	\$128,324.81	\$ 642,872.04			
	Building Fund			\$ 16,939.35	\$ 1,287.75	\$ 943.54	\$4,350.23	\$ 23,520.87			
	TOTALS			\$ 494,517.68	\$ 21,543.37	\$ 17,656.82	\$ 132,675.04	\$ 666,392.91			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026		PAYROLL 6/30/26	
	Education Fund			\$ 452,748.08	\$ 18,827.12	\$ 13,676.87	\$117,456.53	\$ 602,708.60			
	Building Fund			\$ 14,540.21	\$ 1,105.38	\$ 671.76	\$3,401.01	\$ 19,718.36			
	TOTALS			\$ 467,288.29	\$ 19,932.50	\$ 14,348.63	\$ 120,857.54	\$ 622,426.96			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026		PAYROLL 7/15/26	
	Education Fund			\$ 409,541.35	\$ 16,044.42	\$ 12,080.33	\$107,031.00	\$ 544,697.10			
	TOTALS			\$ 409,541.35	\$ 16,044.42	\$ 12,080.33	\$107,031.00	\$ 544,697.10			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026		PAYROLL 7/31/26	
	Education Fund			\$ 408,999.28	\$ 16,020.32	\$ 12,062.24	\$112,688.37	\$ 549,770.21			
	TOTALS			\$ 408,999.28	\$ 16,020.32	\$ 12,062.24	\$ 112,688.37	\$ 549,770.21			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026		PAYROLL 8/15/26	
	Education Fund			\$ 377,705.36	\$ 15,129.09	\$ 11,432.47	\$126,451.97	\$ 530,718.89			
	TOTALS			\$ 377,705.36	\$ 15,129.09	\$ 11,432.47	\$ 126,451.97	\$ 530,718.89			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026		PAYROLL 8/31/26	
	Education Fund			\$ 357,695.77	\$ 14,607.52	\$ 10,981.69	\$128,864.15	\$ 512,149.13			
	TOTALS			\$ 357,695.77	\$ 14,607.52	\$ 10,981.69	\$128,864.15	\$ 512,149.13			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026		PAYROLL 6/15/26	
	Education Fund			\$2,413.00	\$183.00	\$134.00	\$610.29	\$3,340.29			
	TOTALS			\$2,413.00	\$183.00	\$134.40	\$610.29	\$3,340.69			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026	6/15/2026		PAYROLL 6/15/26	
	Education Fund			\$2,413.00	\$183.00	\$134.00	\$610.29	\$3,340.29			
	TOTALS			\$2,413.00	\$183.00	\$134.40	\$610.29	\$3,340.69			
				GROSS	FICA	RETIREMENT	BENEFITS	TOTAL			
				6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026	6/30/2026		PAYROLL 6/30/26	
	Education Fund			\$21,122.54	\$941.29	\$726.88	0.00	\$22,790.71			
				\$1,356.66	\$103.80	\$75.57	0.00	\$1,536.03			
	TOTALS			\$22,479.20	\$1,045.09	\$802.45	0.00	\$24,326.74			

PAYROLL AGENDA JULY 2026							
		GROSS 07/31/2026	FICA 07/31/2026	RETIREMENT 07/31/2026	BENEFITS 07/31/2026	TOTAL 07/31/2026	PAYROLL 7/31/2026
Education Fund		\$51,220.18	\$3,118.29	\$3,869.88	\$11,227.65	\$69,436.00	
Building Fund		\$18,927.91	\$1,438.44	\$1,054.28	\$4,783.45	\$26,204.08	
TOTALS		\$70,148.09	\$4,556.73	\$4,924.16	\$16,011.10	\$95,640.08	
		GROSS 07/15/2026	FICA 07/15/2026	RETIREMENT 07/15/2026	BENEFITS 07/15/2026	TOTAL 07/15/2026	PAYROLL 7/15/2026
Education Fund		\$52,630.71	\$3,226.09	\$3,948.44	\$10,753.74	\$70,558.98	
Building Fund		\$18,794.80	\$1,428.34	\$1,046.87	\$4,558.47	\$25,828.48	
TOTALS		\$71,425.51	\$4,654.43	\$4,995.31	\$15,312.21	\$96,387.46	
		GROSS 07/15/2026	FICA 07/15/2026	RETIREMENT 07/15/2026	BENEFITS 07/15/2026	TOTAL 07/15/2026	PAYROLL 7/15/2026
Education Fund		\$235,227.96	\$10,373.48	\$7,752.16	\$0.00	\$253,353.60	
TOTALS		\$235,227.96	\$10,373.48	\$7,752.16	\$0.00	\$253,353.60	
		GROSS 07/15/2026	FICA 07/15/2026	RETIREMENT 07/15/2026	BENEFITS 07/15/2026	TOTAL 07/15/2026	PAYROLL 7/15/2026
Education Fund		\$2,415.70	\$35.03	\$30.20	\$0.00	\$2,480.93	
TOTALS		\$2,415.70	\$35.03	\$30.20	\$0.00	\$2,480.93	
		GROSS 07/15/2026	FICA 07/15/2026	RETIREMENT 07/15/2026	BENEFITS 07/15/2026	TOTAL 07/15/2026	PAYROLL 7/15/2026
Education Fund		\$614.10	\$46.97	\$34.21	\$0.00	\$695.28	
TOTALS		\$614.10	\$46.97	\$34.21	\$0.00	\$695.28	
		GROSS 07/15/2026	FICA 07/15/2026	RETIREMENT 07/15/2026	BENEFITS 07/15/2026	TOTAL 07/15/2026	PAYROLL 7/15/2026
Education Fund		\$2,403.00	\$183.82	\$133.84	\$0.00	\$2,720.66	
TOTALS		\$2,403.00	\$183.82	\$133.84	\$0.00	\$2,720.66	
GRAND TOTALS		\$382,234.36	\$19,850.46	\$17,869.88	\$31,323.31	\$451,278.01	

ACTION ITEM – PERSONNEL REPORT
August 2026

A. Employment

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Tiffany Jenkins | School Psychologist |
| Effective Date: | August 14, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$90,000 |
| Location: | Hillside D93 |
| 2. Kelly Tristan | Occupational Therapist |
| Effective Date: | August 1, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$56,875 |
| Location: | Jefferson D87 |
| 3. Grace Jirsa | 1:1 Program Assistant |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$23,009 |
| Location: | PAEC Center Autism-D87 |
| 4. Kiara Brown-Kendley | Behavior Interventionist |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$25,168 (base) |
| Location: | Proviso East |
| 5. Christine Kenning | Social Worker |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$68,103 |
| Location: | PMSA |
| 6. Danielle Seider | 1:1 Program Assistant |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$23,009 |
| Location: | PAEC Center CCA (D209) |
| 7. Charlize Brown | Program Assistant |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$23,531 |
| Location: | PAEC Center CCF |
| 8. Erica Boyd | Program Assistant |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$23,531 |
| Location: | PAEC High School |
| 9. LaTonya Bullocks | 1:1 Program Assistant |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$28,527 |
| Location: | PAEC Academy (D88) |
| 10. Edelmira Sanchez-Reverol | 1:1 Program Assistant |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$28,527 |

Location:	PAEC Center Autism (D93)
11. Temika Peace	Social Worker
Effective Date:	August 13, 2026
Compensation:	\$68,103
Location:	Proviso East
12. Nicole Fleming	Social Worker
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$68,103
Location:	PAEC High School
13. Valerie Villegas	1:1 Program Assistant
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$23,531
Location:	Whittier
14. Courtney Herbert	Program Assistant
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$24,064
Location:	PAEC High School
15. Taraj Thompson	1:1 Program Assistant
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$23,531
Location:	PAEC Center CCF

B. Resignations

1. Lexis Matos	Behavior Interventionist
Resignation Date:	June 24, 2026
2. Kelley Belknap	Physical Therapist
Resignation Date:	July 21, 2026
3. Alexis Almodovar	1:1 Program Assistant (D87)
Resignation Date:	July 30, 2026
4. Ivy Weingardt	Teacher
Resignation Date:	August 7, 2026
5. Rosemary Mason	Behavior Interventionist
Resignation Date:	August 7, 2026
6. Jurlin Smith	Food Service Assistant
Resignation Date:	May 27, 2026
7. Cathy Kennedy	Day to Day Substitute Teacher
Resignation Date:	August 12, 2025

C. Transfers

D. Terminations

There are no terminations at this time.

ACTION ITEM – CONTRACTUAL REPORT
August 2026

A. The Speech Gym

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| 1. Nina Jaimes | Speech Language Pathologist |
| Effective Date: | 2026-2027 |
| Compensation: | \$86 per hour |
| Location: | PEHS & PMSA D209 |

B. Jelani Educational Services LLC

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| 1. Damien Antwine | Psychologist (Renewal 2026-2027) |
| Bill Rate: | (1) \$1,000.00 per case for cognitive & academic assessments with an additional \$200 for bilingual services
(2) \$175.00 per case for completion of social-emotional evaluation & completion of Behavior Rating Scales
(3) \$100.00 per team meeting \$200.00 per Domain & Eligibility Meetings
(4) \$575 per case for comprehensive executive functioning Assessment
(5) \$800 per case to complete ADOS |
| Location: | TBD |
| 2. Tremell Goins | Psychologist (Renewal 2026-2027) |
| Bill Rate: | (1) \$1,000.00 per case for cognitive & academic assessments with an additional \$200 for bilingual services
(2) \$175.00 per case for completion of social-emotional evaluation & completion of Behavior Rating Scales
(3) \$100.00 per team meeting \$200.00 per Domain & Eligibility Meetings
(4) \$575 per case for comprehensive executive functioning Assessment
(5) \$800 per case to complete ADOS |
| Location: | TBD |
| 3. Lilani Mendoza | Psychologist (Renewal 2026-2027) |
| Bill Rate: | (1) \$1,000.00 per case for cognitive & academic assessments with an additional \$200 for bilingual services
(2) \$175.00 per case for completion of social-emotional evaluation & completion of Behavior Rating Scales
(3) \$100.00 per team meeting \$200.00 per Domain & Eligibility Meetings
(4) \$575 per case for comprehensive executive functioning Assessment
(5) \$800 per case to complete ADOS |
| Location: | TBD |

C. Amergis

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| 1. Ava Morgan | Speech Language Pathologist (Renewal 2026-2027)_ |
| Effective Date: | August 21, 2026 |
| Compensation: | \$88 per hour |

Location:	McKinley Elementary School
2. Shemika Minniefield	1:1 CNA Nurse (Renewal 2026-2027)_
Effective Date:	August 21, 2026
Compensation:	\$48 per hour
Location:	PAEC Center
3. Vanessa Burns	1:1 Program Assistant (Renewal 2026-2027)
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$45 per hour
Location:	PAEC Center Autism (D87)
4. Tramel Thompson	1:1 Program Assistant (Renewal 2026-2027)
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$45 per hour
Location:	PAEC Center Autism (D209)
5. Tiana Solid	1:1 Program Assistant (Renewal 2026-2027)
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$45 per hour
Location:	PAEC Academy (D87)
6. Delize Newsome	1:1 Program Assistant (Renewal 2026-2027)
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$45 per hour
Location:	PAEC Center Autism (D92)
7. India Lackland	Program Assistant (Renewal 2026-2027)
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$40 per hour
Location:	PAEC Center CCF
8. Maria Hernandez	1:1 Program Assistant (Renewal 2026-2027)
Effective Date:	August 17, 2026
Compensation:	\$45 per hour
Location:	Jefferson (D87)

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1. Susie Donohue	Physical Therapist
Effective Date:	2026-2027
Compensation:	\$87 per hour
Location:	PAEC Center & D88

E. Sunbelt

1. Margaret Muglia	Speech Language Pathologist
Effective Date:	2026-2027
Compensation:	\$90 per hour
Location:	PAEC Center
2. Dr. Paul Stack King	Business Contultant
Effective Date:	2026-2027
Compensation:	\$

Location:

PAEC A-Pod

F. Resignations

There are no resignations at this time.

G. Transfers

There are no transfers at this time.

H. Terminations

There are no terminations at this time.

PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES

AUGUST 2026

PAEC Academy

PAEC Academy is excited to begin the 2026–2027 school year in our new home at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School! Our team officially moved in on August 10, and everything is quickly falling into place. As we settle in, we are collaborating closely with the Thurgood Marshall and the Bellwood 88 team to ensure a smooth transition, continuity in planning, and a safe and welcoming start to the school year. We are grateful to everyone who has worked so hard to make this move possible and are excited to welcome our staff and students to their new space. To help families become familiar with our new location, we will host a Supply Drop-Off Event on August 20th, giving students and families an opportunity to see our new layout before the first day of school. While we share a building with Thurgood Marshall, PAEC Academy remains an independent program within PAEC 803, and we are excited for this new chapter!

PAEC Early Childhood

The Early Childhood program has all but 2 students registered at PAEC.

We continue to have many students going to ABA programs from the Early Intervention program but slowly they do return for one year of preschool. However, we are very proud to say that the main reason we have such small numbers is that we were able to transition many of our older students back to their home schools for their last year of preschool. We also had three students go to their home schools for their kindergarten year. Two of our students transitioned to PAEC Academy and the remaining nine students went to PAEC Center.

We have 18 students returning to the program and two students that will be joining us in September after they are tested and have received their IEP. The Early Intervention list shows that we have an additional 8 potential students to be tested between September and October for potential placement in the program. These numbers do not include the potential move-in students from our member districts.

PAEC Therapeutic Day Elementary School

PAEC Elementary is thrilled to welcome our students, families and staff back for another exciting school year! Our school has been under construction and the halls have been silent. We've ordered new furniture and had some renovations! Most importantly, we've missed the laughter, energy and curiosity that makes our school community so special. This year, PAEC Elementary is committed to building on the strong foundation by supporting every student academically, socially and emotionally so they can reach their full potential.

Whether your child is walking through our doors for the first time or returning as a familiar face, know that our entire team is here to partner with you in making this a year of growth, connection and success. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

PAEC Therapeutic Day High School

Academics

As we begin the new school year, I am excited to welcome back our students, families, and staff back to school. Our focus remains on providing a safe, supportive, and structured environment where every student can grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

We have diligently been working as partners with District 209 to make sure all students are registered and ready to start school the first day of school. Currently, we have sixty-six students confirmed that they are registered to start school on the first day. There are seven students that were attending last year that have not completed District 209 Registration yet.

I look forward to another successful year of growth, progress, and opportunity for our students and appreciate the continued support throughout the school year.

Happenings

PAEC will have their first Back to School Parade on September 3, 2026.

Transitioning Students

The student behavior levels, attendance, and grades are monitored weekly to ensure that they can maintain the mainstream criteria set up for the PAEC Program.

PAEC HS currently has four students from Proviso West and one student from Proviso East that will be transitioned at the start of the 26/27 school year.

Physical Management	0
Police Calls	0
Ambulance	0
Restorative Meeting	0

26/27 Summer School Current Enrollment

66 Students

26/27 Projected Enrollment

73 Students

Vocational Program Update

No updates.

PAEC Center School

We are preparing the way for the 2026-27 school year!

Training for CPI, paraprofessional support, Embrace and TeacherEase is taking place in the week of August 17 to prepare staff for the students' arrival on August 21, 2026!

Curriculum has been ordered and will be available to students when they arrive! We look forward to welcoming our students!

PAEC Behavior Intervention (BI) Team

The PAEC Behavior Team is looking forward to continued growth and expansion for the 2026–2027 school year. This year, we anticipate implementing the RethinkEd Behavioral Platform to strengthen behavioral data collection, progress monitoring, and data-informed intervention practices across the program. We are also currently hiring Behavior Coaches to expand behavioral support at the elementary level. As we move into the new school year, our focus remains on strengthening our behavioral services and expanding support across PAEC and our member districts.

PAEC OT/PT Department

Staff adjustments: New Staff for this school year: OT: Laura Duarte PT: Susie Donohue. OT has a 0.35 FTE vacancy, but at this time, OT staff are covering the need. Will monitor caseload assignments at the start of the year before deciding to hire new staff for this OT vacancy.

Activities of the department:

1. The OT/PT staff will be getting equipment supplies to students for in-person learning.
2. The AT team is working on helping therapists, teachers, students, and families use their communication devices at home and school.
3. The OT/PT staff will be making sure Sensory Rooms and Exploratory Areas at PAEC Center, PAEC Elementary, and PAEC Academy are available to be up and running as soon as the moves into the buildings take place. For districts that have Sensory Rooms, the OTs and PTs assigned to those schools will make sure those Sensory Rooms are up and running.
4. The Assistive Technology team is working together with the Speech Department on getting AAC devices/software for those in the districts and PAEC programs. The team is working closely with D209 to ensure that new incoming freshmen have devices, including our district's outplaced students.
5. The OT/PT department will conduct their monthly meeting in-person on 8-18-26 from 11:30 to 3:00 PM.
6. On 8-12-26, the Lead OT/PT/AT plans to meet with the new OT & PT for orientation.
7. The OT/PT Department is attending district training appropriate to their school assignments.

PAEC Psychology Department

The School Psychology Department is excited for the start of the 2026-2027 school year! We are welcoming aboard two new, full-time direct-hire psychologists! Dr. Tiffany Jenkins will be assigned to Hillside Elementary and PAEC Alternative Elementary School. Ms. Annette Munoz who was previously our intern for the 2025-2026 school year is also coming aboard full-time and will be assigned to Jefferson Primary and Whittier Primary Schools. We are also fortunate to continue our partnerships with several university training programs for psych interns and practicum students. Ms. Ellie Margason from Loyola University Chicago will be completing her full-time internship with Dr. Cermak. Mr. Jackson Sheridan, from National Louis University, and Ms. Arleth Martin, from Loyola, will be completing their second year practicum experience with Dr. Cermak. Ms. Shabeeh Syed, from The Chicago School, will be completing her advanced

practicum with Dr. Cermak. Additionally, Ms. Mallory Dalally, from The Chicago School, will be completing her second year practicum with Ms. Dayle Ashley-Harding. All of our practicum students and interns will be active throughout the co-operative so that they continue to get the excellent and well-rounded experience PAEC and the member districts can offer working with a diverse population of students. Finally, Dr. Cermak will be attending and speaking at the Annual Intern-Intern Supervisor Workshop Conference on September 4th at Illinois State University in Bloomington.

PAEC Social Work Department

1. The PAEC School Social Work Department New Hires:
 - Ms. Nicole Fleming at PAEC High School Therapeutic Day School
 - Ms. Christine Kenning, Proviso Math & Science Academy
 - Mr. Ted Thompson, PAEC Center School
 - Ms. Temika Peace at Proviso East High School
 - Ms. Monica Jimenez-Jaimez (Social Work Intern) at PAEC EC/PAEC High School Therapeutic Day School/Hillside School, 93
2. The PAEC School Social Work Department Committees for the 2026-27 School Year:
 - a. In-Service Committee (Co-Chair: Ms. Monette Carlos, LCSW) – This committee plans and coordinates, with the Lead School Social Worker (Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW), social work related workshops, training, and in-services for the 2026-27 school year.
 - b. Sunshine Committee (Co-Chair: Ms. Donna Kuchera, MSW)-This Committee plans and coordinates the PAEC School Social Work Department's sending of gifts, floral arrangements, cards, etc., on behalf of the department, for the births, marriages, illnesses, etc., of other PAEC Employees or various agency personnel in the Proviso Township Area.
 - c. Crisis Committee (Co-Chair: Mr. Patrick Rossi) – This is a response team that provides crisis intervention services to groups/individuals in need due to a traumatic event which may have occurred within a PAEC operated school program (i.e., PAEC Center, PAEC Elementary School, etc.), at neighboring school districts, or out in the Proviso Township community. The PAEC School Social Work Department Crisis Team works collaboratively with and assists the PAEC Administration in identifying all individuals/groups that may be at risk in the time of a traumatic event. The Crisis Committee members work collaboratively with the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission's Network of Care Coordinators in planning after crisis care services/resources.
 - d. School Social Work Internship Committee (Co-Chair: Kenya Dockens)-This committee includes school social work interns and their assigned field instructors, who are responsible for being the intern's supervisor at the placement sites and assume responsibility for the intern's learning and practice experience. The field instructors provide ongoing feedback, supervise, teach, and assess the intern's acquisition of knowledge, skills, and values in the field of school social work.
 - e. (After Hours) Transitional Therapy Program – This group provides PAEC Students and their families with various additional mental health services that go beyond what may be provided by the school social workers. The community mental health need that is being addressed in the Transitional Therapist Program is to meet counseling, emergency crisis management, family relationship concerns, alcohol/substance/physical

abuse needs, child neglect, bereavement needs, and any other social, emotional, and behavioral needs of high risk youth and their families who receive services through the PAEC Cooperative (SEJA# 803) and member school districts who have a joint agreement with PAEC. These services are provided in the evening, by appointment after 5:30PM.

***The PAEC School Social Work Committees will be submitting quarterly updates to the PAEC Lead School Social Worker (Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW).

PAEC School Social Work Department Meeting:

Date: Friday, September 18, 2026
Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm
Topic: PAEC School Social Work Department Meeting
Presenter: Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW

PAEC Social Work Department's next in-service training will be:

Date: Friday, September 18, 2026
Time: 10:00am-1:30pm
Topic: "Working with Homeless Youth"
Presenter: Mr. Marion Hardiman of Youth Outreach Services

PAEC Speech/Language Department

The Speech/Language department is excited to start a new school year and welcome the new SLPs to our team! We are pleased to be assisting Districts 87, 88, 92, 93, 209, and 803 with providing monolingual and bilingual SLPs. Below is a list of the new SLPs and the schools that they are servicing. All of the other SLP roles have the same SLPs returning from last school year.

- Anthony Lin- D88 Lincoln Elementary
- Nina Jaimes - D209 Proviso East
- Maggie Muglia- PAEC Center
- SLPs will begin work in their districts on the dates that district leaders requested their attendance. attended orientation at PAEC Center on Aug. 12th and are now working in their districts.
- The first department meeting for the school year will be on Wednesday, September 2nd at 11:30 in the PAEC Center board room.
- The Lead SLP will be setting required training for the school year, using the Engage program, through Infinitec.
- The Lead SLP is working on scheduling professional development opportunities for the SLPs for the school year.

PAEC Special Olympics

No updates.