



INTO FOCUS

WITH DISTRICT 303

TOGETHER
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EXCELLENCE



A Message from Superintendent Gordon

This time of year has brought a flurry of activity to District 303. Combined with enhanced learning across our schools, there is no shortage of student activities to take in, academic and athletic achievements to celebrate, and outstanding employees to recognize.

This period of time is also one of transition for many of our families and staff, following the Board's approval in February of boundary maps that will begin next school year. These were extremely difficult decisions that the Board spent a great deal of time deliberating. This edition of Into Focus reviews the boundary changes, how they will support components of our Strategic Plan, and includes important reminders for families.

Throughout this transitional period, we remain committed to improving student outcomes and enhancing support resources, and we look forward to your continued engagement.

2024-2025 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

The Board's approval of boundary maps in February completes a process that began last fall to reduce school overcrowding and helps to ensure equitable learning experiences across District 303. Concept maps were developed by demographer RSP & Associates based on the Board's guiding principles and community feedback.

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year in August, new boundaries go into effect at the elementary and middle school levels. There were no changes to high school boundaries. The District's website provides more information on the boundary process, and as a service to families includes interactive maps reflective of these changes. School principals will be engaging with their 2024-2025 boundary families this spring.



District 303 School Board*

Top, L-R: Becky McCabe, Matthew Kuschert, Kate Bell, Thomas Lentz.

Bottom, L-R: Joe Lackner (Secretary), Heidi Fairgrieve (President), Ed McNally (Vice President)

*Board and Committee meetings have tentatively moved to the Thompson Middle School LRC (705 West Main Street).

Expanding Child Care Services

With changes to next year's school start and end times, including a later start to the elementary day, child care services will be available at additional locations.

Based on the new school start time, the St. Charles Park District will expand morning child care services to District 303 elementary schools within its jurisdiction. These services will be offered at each of its service schools. Consolidation will be considered based on enrollment minimums and other program needs.

The South Elgin Parks and Recreation Department, which currently provides after school care at Corron Elementary, will add before school services. The West Chicago Park District will continue its before and after school care for Norton Creek families.

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Dr. Christine Igoe, Chief Academic Officer, meeting with PLC leaders

THE VALUE OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

The implementation of District 303's Strategic Plan has brought a heightened focus on teacher collaboration to elevate student success. Through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), educators continually monitor student progress and adjust their instruction to ensure each student is learning and growing within grade-level standards.

"That plan has brought structure to our instruction and planning that we just have not had," said Tim Loversky, Principal at Wredling Middle School. "We've begun to see this big shift that will forever change this district."

Priority standards prioritize the most essential skills and knowledge within each grade to ensure each student masters the most critical concepts.

"Those foundational pieces follow throughout," said Erica Kile, Reading Specialist at Ferson Creek Elementary. "We know what those priority standards are in kindergarten and how that builds and relates all the way up to third, fourth, and fifth grade."

In District 303, there are PLC leaders across all grade levels and courses. Through robust implementation of PLCs, District 303 teachers are empowered to take collective responsibility for the success of each student.

Returning Student Registration opens April 22 online. Learn about the registration process and important dates.

