



BOARD BUSINESS

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Inspiration and Leadership Prove to be Valuable Assets for Local School Boards

Dr. Scarsella recognized the Palos 118 Board of Education members and thanked them for their dedicated service. [A short video was presented.](#)

Each year, November 15 marks the official state-wide observance of School Board Members Day in Illinois. The day is an opportunity to show support for your board of education and the individual school board members who are committed to providing a local voice for your educational decisions.

School Board Members Day is an occasion to recognize board members who serve as unpaid volunteers for the benefit of the students and community residents, while also acting as front-line education advocates providing a local voice and vision for the district. Never has school board leadership been more important than the past two years.

For boards of education, the recent challenges and difficult choices go beyond the routine educational decisions. While continuing to ensure students have quality learning opportunities, board members must also consider their decisions in terms of the health and safety of students, teachers, and community members.

School board members continue to work to ensure that the opportunities offered by the district are equitable for all and that everybody has the resources to achieve their dreams. They will continue to advocate for their local districts, the students, the staff, and all residents that benefit from having thoughtful and dedicated public servants making public education decisions.

As a community we meet challenges head-on and rise in the face of adversity. We come together when faced with difficulties, and we succeed by working together with a focus on our primary goal: providing a quality education to each and every student of the district.

We acknowledge the leadership that is provided by our board of education during this time. We support the perseverance of our local school districts as we confront these challenges together.

The men and women serving Palos School District 118 are:

- Nadine Scodro
- Pamela Paris
- Michael Pizur
- Dr. Timothy Baker
- Jennifer Jensen
- Mark Kelly
- Susan Szafranski

PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE ANNOUNCEMENT- DISTRICT 118 STRATEGIC PLANNING

Dr. Scarsella, Superintendent of Schools announced that Palos School District 118 is embarking on an exciting new journey to learn about the school community's aspirations for its Palos South Graduates.

The school board is committed to engaging the entire school community in discussions that will ultimately lead to identifying the attributes and skills all Palos South graduates need to be successful in high school and beyond. These attributes and skills will become our ***Portrait of a Graduate***.

All of our stakeholders will have the opportunity to participate in developing our *Portrait of a Graduate* either through participation in individual interviews, focus groups, or community forums.

We hope you can join us for one of our community forms. The dates and times are below:

January 10

- **Virtual:** 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Login info will be posted online in January)
- **In-Person:** 7-9 p.m. at Palos South, 13100 S. 82nd Ave., Palos Park, IL.

January 11

- **In-Person:** 9-10:30 a.m. at Palos 118 Central Office, 8800 W. 119th St., Palos Park, IL
- **Virtual:** 12-1:30 p.m. (Login info will be posted online in January)

You can also submit your feedback online by taking a short Portrait of a Graduate [online survey](#)

For more information, visit the [Portrait of a Graduate page on our website](#) or send an email to palosportrait@palos118.org

This important work will get underway in early 2022 as our *Portrait of a Graduate* begins to come into focus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STUDENT OUTCOMES AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Dr. Baker reported that at the recent Student Outcomes and Accountability meeting, Dr. Scarsella and members of the administration reviewed the district's student demographic and social emotional outcome data from various student surveys.

Palos South Assistant Principal Meagan Doornbos demonstrated the Rhythm App which gauges student social and emotional well-being on a daily basis.

MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Member Pam Paris reported the MPA has been very busy preparing for the Veteran's assembly and upcoming winter concerts.

Performance Dates and Times

For friends and family members not able to attend, the concert will also be streamed live on the Palos #118 Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Palos118FullPotential>

Wednesday, December 15th @ 6:00pm - **5th Grade Band + Percussion Ensemble**

Wednesday, December 15th @ 7:00pm - **6th Grade Band + Percussion Ensemble**

Thursday, December 16th @ 6:00pm - **7th Grade Band + Percussion Ensemble**

Thursday, December 16th @ 7:00pm - **8th Grade Band + Percussion Ensemble**

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Member Pam Paris gave the Foundation report on behalf of Sheila Pacholski, Foundation Chairperson.

We would like to wish our Palos 118 educational community a very happy

Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all of your hard work and dedication to our school district.

As you begin your holiday shopping, we'd like to remind you of using Amazon Smile and choosing the Palos 118 Educational Foundation as your charity. It is a great way for you to support our foundation.

Thank you too for your donations in the past.

We have decided to take a pause on Trivia Night previously scheduled for February 2022. We are working toward an in-person event for next year.

We hope to see you in February 2023.

Once again, Happy Thanksgiving!

- **PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION**

Member Pam Paris read the PFA report on behalf of Christy Wright, PFA President. First, we would like to thank the school staff and families for supporting the PFA Read-a-thon! Since we started a new platform and had a slow start, we have extended the date until Monday, November 29th, so as you visit family over break, you can log your reading minutes in, and your students can get some special reading time with their favorite friends and family! Currently, we have raised about \$7,000 of our \$30,000 goal! If you need any information about the readathon, you can find it on the PFA website at Palos118PFA.com! Once you are registered, you can edit your child's Read-a-thon fundraising page, fill out their reading logs, mark their spirit day participation and find a variety of resources!

- The Spirit Wear should be ready for sorting and distribution the week after Thanksgiving. Look at our email for sorting sign-ups.
- Come out and wave to us in the Palos Heights Santa Parade on Saturday, December 4th at noon.
- Last but not least, the majority of the board is completing their terms this June. This means to continue offering the PFA events, programming, and school support we offer, we need volunteers to step up! If you are interested in being a part of the conversation of what the PFA looks like moving forward, please plan to come to our January 5th meeting at Central. Also, at that meeting, Dr. Nolting, District 230 superintendent, will join us to discuss some 8th-grade transition topics and answer any questions! See you there!

NEW BUSINESS

2021 TAX LEVY HEARING

The Board of Education conducted a Public Hearing Concerning the 2021 Tax Levy. No comments were received.

ADOPTION OF 2021 TAX LEVY

The Board of Education adopted the "Resolution Providing for the Tax Levy for the Year 2021" and the "Certificate of Tax Levy" totaling \$24,453,000.

ADOPTION OF 2018 TAX LEVY OF INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

The Board of Education adopted the "Resolution Allocating Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the District" and "Applying a Loss Cost Factor."