

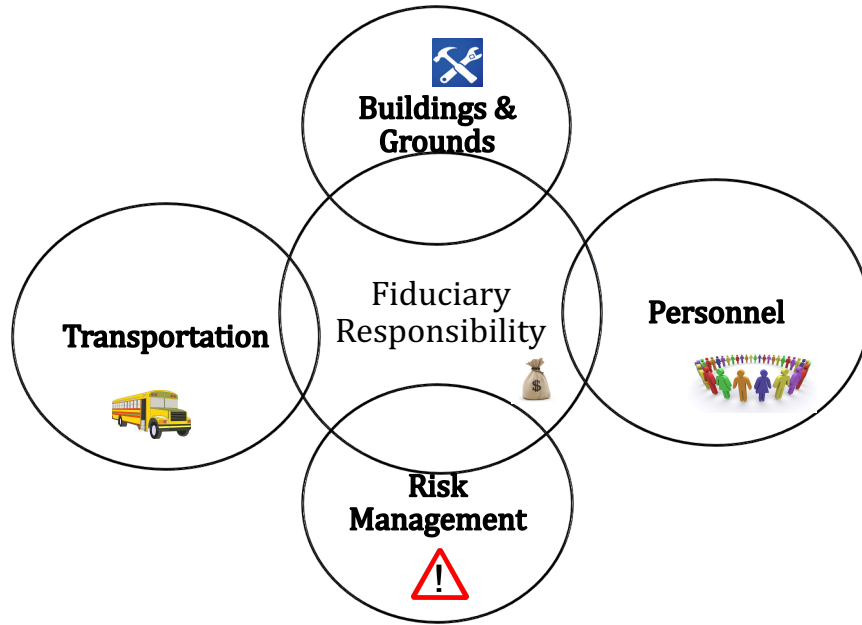
Superintendent's Report 10.10.19

1. I had the opportunity to attend the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) conference last week in Springfield. Items of interest shared in Dr. Clark's State of the Association Address and by others were:
 - a. Pritzker's Illinois legacy as he prepares for a potential 2024 or 2028 Presidential run.
 - b. Governor Pritzker wants to claim he fixed the fiscal problems of a large Midwestern state after just two years in office. With a majority in both houses, he will likely move his agenda forward as no other governor has.
 - c. Graduated Income Tax passage is the priority for Spring of 2020 with potential leverage companion bills. These carrot bills, and probably others, could be implemented contingent upon voter passage of the Graduated Income Tax.
 - d. Property Tax Relief. Proposed language says freeze on the "Rate of Extension" (**not the current Tax Rate PTELL model**). Implication: Local extension is frozen. As EAV goes up, taxes go down. Referendum required for local funding increase. Could be implemented on January 1, 2021.
 - e. Cost Shift of New Pension Costs. Districts could be responsible for pension costs related to salary increases starting in 2022. Each district's contribution would be calculated for 2021. That figure will be the base-line State TRS funding amount. Example: District A has a TRS obligation of \$1M in 2021. In 2022, District A will receive 1M in TRS funding from the State into its local funds. At the end of the year, District A will have a bill from TRS which will be the baseline 1M plus any increase due to higher salaries. This measure will effectively freeze the State's Normal Cost at a fixed rate.
 - f. Talk of a Constitutional Amendment to change the Pension Clause could get louder. A Republican Supreme Court could undermine the Contracts Argument for existing Tier I members. Filing Deadline is May 3, 2020 for the November 2020 ballot.
 - g. Revising the Pension Ramp is being discussed again, but not getting much traction. At best, it's a fallback measure.
 - h. Expect District Consolidation bills to resurface.
 - i. Expect Shared Superintendent bills to resurface.
 - j. Expect PE prescribed minute bill to resurface.
 - k. Expect discussions concerning dual credit courses for teachers with a Masters and Competency, instead of Content Masters. The state wants more low cost dual credit.
 - l. 55% of the State's counties have a supplemental sales tax. A Statewide uniform sales tax for facilities could be coming, similar to Iowa's. However, this topic was greatly rejected at last year's IASB Resolutions Committee hearing.
 - m. Expect additional measures to address the Teacher Shortage.

I'm sure you will be hearing more about these topics in the months ahead, especially those of you heading to the Triple I conference in November.

2. At last month's meeting, there were two items on the agenda that warranted follow-up; a question about health insurance benefits and a question about a club request at GHS. I shared some information with you that hopefully will aide you in making an informed decision when it comes time to vote on each topic this month.
3. There are two special presentations this month, the first on the SAMs initiative and the second on the current state of our athletic programs for grades 6-12. Hopefully the SAMs presentation demonstrates the intentionality our administrators are showing to be the instructional leaders of their buildings and how the SAMs initiative supports their efforts. The presentation on athletics will give you a historical perspective of how some of our programs have grown and how we are providing opportunities for as many students to participate in a sport, or multiple sports, as possible. Research shows that students who participate in athletics are more likely to come to school, stay out of trouble, and stay academically eligible.
4. Initial Illinois School Report Cards have been released to schools and I have reviewed ours, but they are still under embargo until October 15.
5. The first quarter ends tomorrow (October 11, 2019), with Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for the evenings of October 15 and 17 from 4:00 - 8:00.

**CSBO Update
October 2019**



County Sales Tax Revenues Historical and FYTD:

Sales Tax Revenue

	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20
July	\$75,669	\$72,660	\$82,824	\$71,936	\$74,987	\$85,808
August	\$78,339	\$78,312	\$76,691	\$78,778	\$99,687	\$91,379
September	\$87,977	\$83,634	\$82,544	\$85,508	\$81,368	
October	\$85,377	\$83,718	\$83,451	\$85,204	\$91,463	
November	\$79,133	\$80,163	\$80,143	\$81,876	\$86,915	
December	\$81,146	\$78,882	\$80,001	\$81,758	\$85,746	
January	\$80,888	\$82,089	\$79,251	\$81,544	\$85,746	
February	\$82,888	\$81,088	\$77,618	\$83,919	\$89,788	
March	\$80,552	\$79,131	\$78,646	\$85,957	\$84,543	
April	\$84,144	\$86,295	\$89,126	\$94,502	\$89,297	
May	\$66,904	\$64,765	\$67,456	\$73,367	\$67,423	
June	\$68,349	\$63,908	\$63,360	\$82,165	\$81,720	
Total	\$951,366	\$934,645	\$941,111	\$986,514	\$1,018,683	



Transportation. Bus Referrals.

August-September	# of Referrals
Current School Year	27
2018-19	15
2017-18	24
2016-17	31
2015-16	14
2014-15	38

 **ROE Walkthrough Safety Inspection.**

The annual ROE Safety Inspection took place September 23rd & 25th. The District is still waiting for the report from the ROE.

 **Active Intruder Drills.**

All schools have completed their mandated active intruder drills with law enforcement present. All schools are required to perform at least 1 drill per school year, we recommend each building do a drill in the fall and spring. The District as a whole continues to refine, teach, and create awareness to our students and staff on A.L.I.C.E protocols through the active intruder drills.

 **Boiler Replacement Project Summer 2020**

- 11/26/2019 Bid Specs Available
- 12/3/2019 Pre-Bid Meeting
- 12/17/2019 Bids Due
- 1/9/2020 Board Considers/Approves Bids
- April 2020 Financing—Debt Certificates issued

Upcoming:

Tentative Tax Levy Approval (November Board Meeting).
Annual Financial Report (AFR) (November Board Meeting).