



AGENDA

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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September 7, 2021

LOCATION: East Junior High Cafeteria
311 Lincoln Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Actionable Items
 - A. Parent Representative – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII)
- V. Updates
 - A. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)
 - B. Behavior and Mental Wellness Grant
- VI. Consent Agenda Items
- VII. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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BACKGROUND

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The District Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) has three parent representatives who serve three year rotating terms. At the end of last school year, the committee had one parent representative resign his seat due to his relocation to another city. Therefore, there is one parent opening to complete the last year of this vacant term. There were four parents who requested and returned completed applications.

Ms. Roxanne Filtz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, will bring forward the candidate's name, Christopher Inda, who the administration has chosen to serve as the CII parent representative for the 2021-2022 school year, thus filling the remaining year of the vacated 3-year term.

The administration recommends approval of the candidate chosen as the parent representative, Christopher Inda, to serve out the remaining year in the vacant parent representative position on the District Council for Instructional Improvement. This appointment is for the 2021-2022 school year.

V. Updates

A. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires states to hold schools accountable for student achievement. In addition, ESSA requires every state to measure performance in reading, math, and science. ESSA includes entitlement grants that come from the federal government through the states. Included in the grant are Titles I, II, III and IV. Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools will receive \$1,060,274.18 in Title I, \$180,473.68 for Title II, \$16,812.00 for Title III and \$59,623.25 for Title IV. These amounts do not include any carryover dollars on hand from unspent Title dollars from 2020-2021. Carryover amounts are being determined.

There is a total of \$1,317,183.11 in ESSA grant funds designated for 2021-2022. This is an increase of \$90,721.11 from the 2020-2021 school year.

The District currently has four Title buildings: Grove, Howe, Mead and River Cities High School.

Title I funds are allocated for improving basic programs by bringing new resources and requirements to provide personnel, instruction and interventions to close achievement gaps districtwide. Title I supports some reading and math interventionists and programs at Title schools, assists our homeless programming with personnel and transportation costs, provides professional development for staff members, funds parent involvement activities in Title buildings, and allows the District to employ behavior support paraprofessionals at Title buildings.

Title II funds are used for preparing, training and recruiting high quality teachers, principals and other school personnel. Funds are used to support the New Colleague/Mentor Program, to offset the salaries of one instructional coach and one achievement gap reduction teacher, as well as support the instructor stipends paid for professional development opportunities.

Title III funds are allocated specifically for language instruction and support for English Learners and Immigrant students. Title III funds support one bilingual instructional aide, professional development and supplies that related to the bilingual program as well as any transportation needs that may arise for the program.

Title IV funds are used to ensure that WRPS students have access to a well-rounded education, promote safe and healthy schools, and provide an effective use of technology throughout the district. Title IV is used to offset the cost of conferences, instructional coach training, supporting grade level leaders, providing supplies for parent outreach, and supporting professional development around our learning management systems.

B. Behavior and Mental Wellness Grant

Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools once again received a Behavior and Mental Wellness Grant in the amount of \$75,000. One hundred and sixty-one applications were received, scored, and reviewed. The state legislature increased the appropriation for this grant program, allowing the grant coordinators to award \$10 million to 153 applicants representing all parts of the state, with enrollments ranging from 119 students to 74,000 students.

Mr. Steven Hepp, Director of Pupil Services will be present to provide information about how the District plans to use these funds.

VI. Consent Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to decide which items should be placed on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

VII. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by the Committee Chair after consultation with appropriate administration depending upon other agenda items, presentation information, and agenda availability.

Future agenda items/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- ACP Update (October)
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results: 2020-2021
- New Course/Curriculum Modification Proposals – Discussion (November)
- ECCP/SCN (November)
- New Course/Curriculum Proposals – Decision (December)