



PRAIRIE GROVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

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Dear Prairie Grove families,

New Board Member Appointed

In January, Mr. Barclay Butler resigned his seat on the school board. Mr. Butler served as a school board member for almost 8 years. **THANK YOU** Mr. Butler for your service. Earlier this month, the Board of Education appointed Mr. Ryan Noonan to this vacant seat. Mr. Noonan will serve until the April 4, 2023 election.

School Registration Fees

At the February 14th school board meeting, the board took action to reduce student fees. For the 2023-2024 school year, registration fees for all K-8 students were reduced to \$0.00 (Figure 1).

Figure 1: 2023-24 Registration Fees

	Last 8 School Years	2023-2024
Grades K-4 Registration Fee	\$105.00	\$0.00
Grades K-4 Technology Fee	\$15.50	\$0.00
Grades 5-8 Registration Fee	\$125.00	\$0.00
Grades 5-8 Technology Fee	\$26.00	\$0.00
Extracurricular Fee (Per student, per extracurricular activity - family cost cap at \$150.00)	\$50.00	\$50.00

2023 Illinois Parent Survey

The annual 5Essentials Survey of Learning Conditions: Organizing Schools for Improvement is now open for parent input. This survey generates valuable data that districts can use to guide their ongoing efforts to improve schools and to offer students an excellent education. The survey is another improvement tool that allows districts and the state to share data as a means to inform parents and community members about the school's learning environment. The Illinois 5Essentials Survey is administered online by Chicago Impact at the University of Chicago on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education. Data and indicators are a result from this anonymous survey instrument.

The parent survey is now open (through March 31st) and is [linked here](#). Research derived from the Five Essentials for School Success has proven that schools strong on at least three of the 5Essentials are 10 times more likely to improve student outcomes.





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Summer 2023 Building Work

This summer, the district will continue down the path of renovating our buildings to ensure we maintain functionality in a safe and efficient manner. When school ends in May, we will start renovating various aspects of the elementary school. Renovations and repairs include, but are not limited to:

- Exterior gymnasium brick replacements and tuck pointing
- Selected exterior door and window replacements
- Improving the corridor fire resistance ratings
- Asbestos flooring removal
- Stormwater retention management
- Two sets of student restroom upgrades and creation of one new set of student restrooms
- Elementary building lobby and entrance upgrade

The board budgeted \$3.8M for this summer's site renovations and improvements. Funding for this project was obtained when the board authorized alternate revenue bonds in 2021. The alternate revenue for the repayment of the 2021 bonds is the Evidence Based Funding (EBF) dollars that is distributed to school districts from the legislature and not a component of your property taxes.

All the best,

John M. Bute, Ed.D.
Superintendent

