



# NORRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 80

# DISTRICT 80 SCHOOL BOARD NEWSLETTER

## PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY BUILD

Volunteers gathered on August 24th to help with the preschool playground build.

**Thank you to all that helped!**



## EMAIL

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## MEETINGS

**Date:** Third Tuesday of very month\*

**Location:** John V Leigh

**Time:** 7:00 pm

\*Unless otherwise noted on district [website](#).

## DISTRICT 80 FINANCES

District 80 continues to be committed to educational excellence while maintaining financial responsibility by closely reviewing all invoices, evaluating vendors and working to increase financial reserves. The minimum reserves standard set by the state is 25% but Board Policy holds us to a higher standard of a minimum reserve balance of 33%. The past few years we have met and exceeded that standard. This has been accomplished by:

- Applying for and receiving several grants
- ESSER Funding as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Alternative revenue sources including student fees and tuition
- Donations from the Norridge School Foundation (NSF) and the Norridge Parents & Teacher Association (PTA)

Additional funds have allowed for many important safety updates:

- Secure entrances
- Alarm Locks on all doors
- Increased communication radios with a dedicated FFC channel
- Additional locking security fences

Although we've made great strides in the past few years, our buildings continue to need updates and repairs. September is the final month for ESSER funds, which helped us fund social-emotional support, Summer School, after school programs and building projects. Additionally, starting in the 2027-2028 school year, every school district in Illinois will be required to offer tuition free full-day kindergarten, ending a significant revenue stream for District 80. We will continue to look for new funding opportunities and value any input our parents may have.

Want to learn more about district finances, attend the **School Board meeting on September 19.**

## Do you have suggestions for newsletter topics?

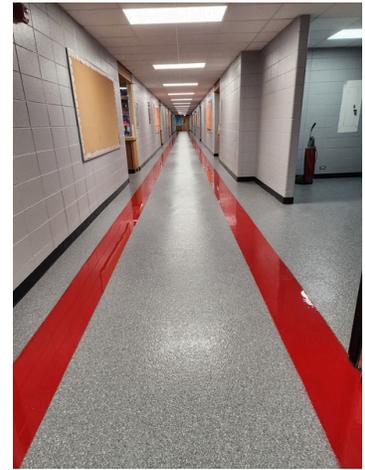
Feel free to share them by sending an email to boe@norridge80.net.

# NEW IN DISTRICT 80

## INSPIRING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

### Upgraded hallways

The Leigh East hallway had tile replaced with a new durable epoxy floor. A new welcome sign was also added at the preschool entrance creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.



### Classrooms Receive Summer Makeover

This summer, the first and second grade classrooms were updated with fresh paint, new furniture and improved lighting. Additional upgrades include new clocks and enhanced storage to create a more functional learning environment.