

WHAT'S NEW IN ELMWOOD PARK?

HERE ARE THE REAL FACTS

New Administrative Hires?

Contrary to what you may be reading on forums and in the paper or hearing “on the streets,” the new administrative positions created by the board of education REPLACE existing administrative positions once utilized only at the middle and high schools. The new director and supervisor positions will be district-wide and help create a smooth articulation for curricular needs from elementary, to middle, to high school as well as maintain compliance for fiscal maintenance and personnel employment. The curricular roles now have increased duties, but the administrator’s union (EPAA) agreed to keep salaries the same during the 2010-2011 school year. With the consolidation of these positions, the board has already saved approximately \$30,000 in salary to be put back into pupil expenditures.

Security Guards in Schools?

In order to ensure that halls are monitored appropriately and secure, School Security Officers (SSO) will be in place to assist the administration and teachers in student supervision, bus duties, school drop-off, etc. This is especially important when considering the elementary schools that house only 1 administrator. When the building principal is off site for a meeting or out of district workshop, the elementary schools are not monitored. This is a proactive step in ensuring student safety and building efficiency – not a reactive measure to a particular event.

More Secretaries in the Elementary Schools?

Each elementary school will welcome an additional secretary this fall to help with the everyday duties of the front office. Parents, looking to speak to someone at elementary sites, will no longer be greeted by busy nurses or answering machines during the school day. Also, the addition of an office secretary means that the main office area will be monitored throughout the entire day. These secretary positions were transferred from either the high school building or the board of education offices. In turn, the superintendent has placed more assistants to service the needs of each elementary school and parent population rather than the district offices. No additional monies were spent transferring these positions.

No SRO but 5 Security Officers?

There is absolutely no correlation between the School Resource Officer and the School Security Officers. If the SRO was to remain in district, each of the elementary sites would still be lacking supervision, especially when considering drop off and dismissal times. The police department has the ability to assign an officer to the district to act as SRO and student liaison.

**IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION PLEASE
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