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# Cary District 26 eBulletin

## May

### **Orientations Planned for Students Transferring to New Schools**

The District has completed plans to provide orientations for students transferring to different buildings this next school year. The goal of the student orientations is to provide both students and parents a chance to tour their new building, meet their new principal, and visit their grade level classroom.

#### **Briargate, Three Oaks, and Deer Path**

All three elementary schools will be hosting orientations during the following dates and times:

Tuesday, May 25      4:00 p.m.  
Thursday, May 27      7:00 p.m.

We invite students and parents to attend one of the above orientations as each school welcomes new members into its school community. If you would like to visit your new school on either of these days, please RSVP to the below emails to reserve your time.

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| Briargate  | Lauri Cikowski   | <a href="mailto:lcikowsk@cary26.k12.il.us">lcikowsk@cary26.k12.il.us</a> or call 847-639-2348 |
| Three Oaks | Cindy Thomson    | <a href="mailto:cthomson@cary26.k12.il.us">cthomson@cary26.k12.il.us</a> or call 847-516-5533 |
| Deer Path  | Michelle Furbush | <a href="mailto:mfurbush@cary26.k12.il.us">mfurbush@cary26.k12.il.us</a> or call 847-516-6350 |

The traditional Back-to-School/Information Days will also be held by each school prior to the start of school in the fall. More information will follow this summer.

#### **Prairie Hill School**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students recently participated in a tour of their new school as a part of a field trip to see the sixth grade musical “Annie, Jr.” this past April. “Parent Only” information meetings to introduce parents to Prairie Hill School have been scheduled during the following dates and times: Both informational meetings will be held in the gymnasium.

Wednesday, May 12    6:30 p.m.      Maplewood and Three Oaks Parents  
Wednesday, May 19    6:30 p.m.      Deer Path and Briargate Parents

Prairie Hill’s traditional “Information Day” will also be scheduled the week prior to the start of school. More information about this event will be mailed to parents over the summer.

#### **Cary Junior High**

All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders will visit CJH on May 18<sup>th</sup> and be treated to a “Life at Cary Junior High” presentation. During this annual event, students learn about academic classes, behavior expectations, and extra-curricular activities. A tour of the school is provided to assist in the

transition from Prairie Hill. Parents will also receive similar information that same night in a “Parent Only” presentation.

Tuesday, May 18      7:00 p.m.      Cary Junior High Parent Informational Meeting

The traditional schedule pick-up and building tours will also be conducted the week prior to the start of school next year. More information will follow this summer.

## **Maplewood Celebration Planned – May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Once a Mustang, always a Mustang! Sixty years of educational excellence will be celebrated during a Maplewood School Open House on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Generations of Cary families have had the honor of being a part of the strong tradition found at Maplewood School. This event will celebrate all that Maplewood has been and is to the community as we say good-bye and thank you to this Cary landmark. We invite you to share in its history and share your memories with the Community of Cary.

## **Band Proposal Being Developed**

A dedicated group of stakeholders, many with music education backgrounds and experience, and members of the Parent Band Association, are currently developing the final components of a self-funded 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade band program for the 2010-2011 school year. The band proposal is an excellent example of how creative thinking and dedicated individuals can make a difference during challenging times! We are looking forward to sharing more details and information about the band opportunity for our students at the May Community Engagement Committee meeting, which will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at Deer Path School, just prior to the monthly Board of Education meeting. Questions regarding the band program can be sent to the Parent Band Association’s email at [cbpa26@gmail.com](mailto:cbpa26@gmail.com).

## **State Still Behind in Promised Funding for District 26**

The State’s delayed payments of promised funding continue to further compound the District’s financial hardship. This delay in funding payments continues to cause cash flow problems for the District. The money the District was counting on to have on hand to pay our payroll and services has not arrived. Tax Anticipation Warrants (TAW’s), which are short-term loans, allow districts to borrow the money until funding is received. Like any loan, fees are paid to the lender, which adds additional costs to the District. To date the State owes the District \$1.5 million in funding that we are still hoping to receive by the end of the fiscal year. Below is a summary of past due payments.

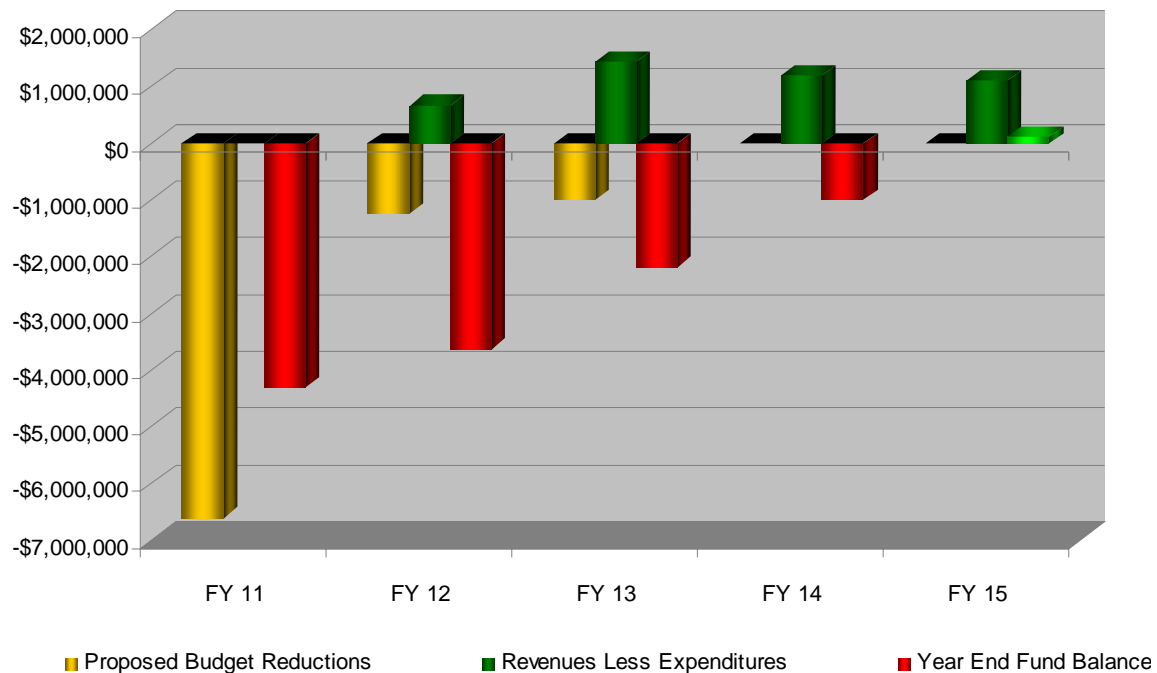
Delayed State Payments Total:      \$1,513,644

### **Past Due Summary:**

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| Over 90 Days Due:      | \$129,746 |
| 60-90 Days Due:        | \$668,836 |
| 30-60 Days Due:        | \$16,330  |
| Less than 30 Days Due: | \$698,732 |

## Finance Committee Reviews Preliminary FY 2011 Budget

District Administrators presented a first glance at the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget during the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board Finance Committee meeting. The FY 2011 Budget is the first part of a 5-Year Financial Plan to set the District on a course for financial recovery. The primary focus of the plan is to steer the District back to a positive fund balance by 2015. In addition to balancing next year's budget, the remaining budgets through FY 2015 will also need to be balanced. A total of \$6.6 million in budget reductions have occurred to balance next year's budget. An additional \$1.2 million in cuts for FY 2012 and \$1 million in cuts for FY 2013 are projected to be needed to move the District out of debt by 2015. The Board and the Administration will be discussing ways to potentially shorten the recovery period and limit reductions during upcoming strategic planning sessions in which short and long-term goals will be mapped out. Next year's balanced budget is the first step in the right direction for District 26. The bar graph below summarizes this plan.



## Board Approvals from April

This past month the D26 Board of Education took the following major actions at their April 26, 2010 Board Meeting. For a complete listing of past Board of Education actions and Minutes, go to [www.cary26.org](http://www.cary26.org) Minutes are posted after they have been approved by the Board.

- Approved the appointment of Board committee representatives
- Approved a resolution for the appointment of School Treasurer
- Approved a resolution authorizing participation in the McHenry County Regional Safe School Program
- Approved the 2010 Principal Assignments

- Approved staffing plan proposal for Occupational and Physical Therapy
- Approved monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$2,872,571

### **May School Calendar**

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| May 7  | Multiage Parent Informational Meetings:<br>10:00 a.m. – Three Oaks School<br>4:00 p.m. (Spanish) –Three Oaks School<br>6:00 p.m. – Three Oaks School |
| May 10 | Board Finance Committee – 6:00 p.m.<br>Special Board Meeting/Curriculum Hearing – 7:30 p.m.  |
| May 11 | Benchmarking District 26 Presentation – 7:00 p.m. CJH  |
| May 14 | Early Release – School a.m./School Improvement p.m.  |
| May 15 | Celebrating Maplewood - 2:00-6:00 p.m.   |
| May 17 | Board Policy Committee – 6:00 p.m.   |
| May 24 | Board Community Engagement Committee – 6:00 p.m.<br>Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  |
| May 31 | Memorial Day – No School   |
| June 4 | Last Day of School – Early Release   |