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"QUALITY EDUCATION WITH CARE FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT".

PAEC CENTER BOARDROOM - 9:00 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **CLOSED SESSION**
3. **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**
4. **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES**
5. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**
 - B. **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**
 - C. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**
6. **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPORT**
 - B. **BOARD MEETING DATES**
 - C. **CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR GEOTHERMAL PROJECT**
 - D. **PUBLIC HEARING AMENDED FY2026 BUDGET**

The Amended FY2026 Budget Public Hearing will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM, before the PAEC Governing Board Meeting. At that time, PAEC will seek approval from the Board.
 - E. **AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH FY2027 BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The FY 2027 Public Budget Hearing will be scheduled prior to the August Governing Board Meeting once the meeting dates have been established and approved for the 2026-2027 year.
 - F. **PRESS PLUS 121 (2ND READING)**

Description: Section 2 — Governing Board

2:140-E Exhibit — Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use

2:200 Types of Board Meetings

2:220 Board Meeting Procedures

2:250 Access to Cooperative Public Records

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

Section 4 — Operational Services

4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors

Section 5 — General Personnel

5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria

5:50 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition

5:30 Leaves of Absence

5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves

Section 6 — Instruction

6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development

6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program

Section 7 — Students

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

7:50 School Admission/Eligibility for Services

7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

7:220 Bus Conduct

7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities

7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities

7:260 Exemption from Physical Education

7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

G. AGENCY RENEWAL CONTRACTS 26-27

a. **CREATIVE EXCHANGE MUSIC THERAPY**

b. **PROCARE THERAPY**

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT

A. CURRENT DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2025-2026

The information is attached.

B. CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM STAFFING PATTERNS 2025-2026

The information is attached.

C. PROJECTED ESY DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2026 - 2027

D. TRANSITION REPORTS

The information is attached.

E. INITIAL REFERRALS

The information is attached.

F. POLICE REPORTS

One Police Report:

PAEC Elementary — a student had left the premises and returned shortly after leaving. Police were called out of caution.

G. PAEC ACTIVITY FUND

The information is attached.

H. DR. CERMAK ISPA PRESIDENT.

AS OF JULY 1ST, DR. CERMAK WILL BEGIN HIS TENURE AS ISPA PRESIDENT.

I. TOWN HALL MEETING - BELLWOOD

J. GRADUATIONS

K. CONGRESSMAN DANNY K. DAVIS VISIT

L. GEOTHERMAL GROUND BREAK AND RIBBON CUTTING

M. PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES

The information is attached.

N. PAEC EVENTS

The information is attached.

a. RECRUITMENT FAIR

O. PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The information is attached.

P. DISTRICT GOALS

The information is attached.

9. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD

10. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You, Card — Family of Ms. Peg O'Connell

11. MEETING RECAP

1) The Executive Board recommends to the Governing Board to approve the payment for the ongoing geothermal project.

2) On May 28th, PAEC had a Ground Breaking ceremony for the Geothermal construction project. This project is targeted to be completed by August 12th, 2026 before the return of staff and students in the fall.

3) The Amended FY2026 Budget Public Hearing will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2025, at 6:00 PM, before the PAEC Governing Board Meeting.

4) The FY 2027 Public Budget Hearing will be scheduled prior to the August Governing Board Meeting once the meeting dates have been established and approved for the 2026-2027 year.

5) The Executive Board completed the 2nd reading of Press Plus #121.

6) PAEC had their inaugural Recruitment Fair on June 6th, 2026 which was a resounding success!

7) Congratulations to Dr. Cermak as he begins his tenure as ISPA President!

8) As a part of expanding PAEC presence in the community, Mr. James, Ms. Cohen, Board President Mrs. Smith, and Board Secretary Mrs. Mason have met with community leaders including Congressman Danny K. Davis, State Representative LaShawn Ford, Maywood Mayor Nathaniel Booker, and Bellwood Andre Harvey. Last month, we were honored to meet with Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next PAEC Executive Board meeting will be on _____. District #___ will be facilitating the meeting. _____ will be the Executive Board Representative for the Governing Board's _____ meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

**PAYROLL AGENDA
MAY 2026**

| | <u>GROSS</u> 5/15/2026 | <u>FICA</u> 5/15/2026 | <u>RETIREMENT</u> 5/15/2026 | <u>BENEFITS</u> 5/15/2026 | <u>TOTAL</u> 5/15/2026 | |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Education Fund | \$ 514,966.76 | \$ 21,981.04 | \$ 17,794.19 | \$121,926.96 | \$ 676,668.95 | PAYROLL 05/15/2026 |
| Building Fund | \$ 20,396.58 | \$ 1,552.28 | \$ 1,136.11 | \$4,100.58 | \$ 27,185.55 | |
| TOTALS | \$ 535,363.34 | \$ 23,533.32 | \$ 18,930.30 | \$ 126,027.54 | \$ 703,854.50 | |

| | <u>GROSS</u> 5/29/2026 | <u>FICA</u> 5/29/2026 | <u>RETIREMENT</u> 5/29/2026 | <u>BENEFITS</u> 5/29/2026 | <u>TOTAL</u> 5/29/2026 | |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Education Fund | \$ 523,090.04 | \$ 22,400.79 | \$ 18,072.08 | \$129,955.48 | \$ 693,518.39 | PAYROLL 05/29/2026 |
| Building Fund | \$ 17,176.69 | \$ 1,305.90 | \$ 956.76 | \$4,350.23 | \$ 23,789.58 | |
| TOTALS | \$ 540,266.73 | \$ 23,706.69 | \$ 19,028.84 | \$ 134,305.71 | \$ 717,307.97 | |

ACTION ITEM – PERSONNEL REPORT
June 2026

A. ESY Employment

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|----|--------------------|---|
| 1. | Jatonne Martin | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 |
| | Effective Date: | June 8, 2026-June 27, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | ESY Rate \$26.70 |
| | Location: | PAEC Early Childhood |
| 2. | Adrea Thomas-Davis | 1:1 Program Assistant (Conversion to Direct Hire) |
| | Effective Date: | June 8, 2026-June 27, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | ESY Rate \$26.70- (\$24,064 for 2026-2027) |
| | Location: | Sunnyside ESY |
| 3. | Shavontae Brooks | Program Assistant (Conversion to Direct Hire) |
| | Effective Date: | June 8, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | ESY Rate \$26.70- (\$25,168 for 2026-2027) |
| | Location: | PAEC Center |
| 1. | Nancy Costello | Physical Therapist (Conversion to Direct Hire) |
| | Effective Date: | June 8, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$72,681 |
| | Location: | TBD |

B. Employment

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| 2. | Madeline Murman | Permanent Substitute Teacher |
| | Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$59,480 |
| | Location: | PAEC Center-Autism |
| 3. | Elizabeth Margason | School Psychology Intern |
| | Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$15,775 (stipend) |
| | Location: | District 87 |
| 4. | Laura Duarte | Occupational Therapist |
| | Effective Date: | August 1, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$56,875 and \$5,000 stipend |
| | Location: | TBD |
| 5. | Mani Bloomingberg | Program Assistant |
| | Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$23,009 |
| | Location: | PAEC Elementary |
| 6. | Alexandra Adkins | Teacher |
| | Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$53,334 |
| | Location: | PAEC Center-CCA |

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| 7. | Chere Loury | 1:1 Program Assistant-(D87) |
| | Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$25,734 |
| | Location: | PAEC Elementary |
| 8. | Kelly Belknap | Physical Therapist |
| | Effective Date: | August 1, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$64,465 |
| | Location: | TBD |
| 9. | Robert Jenkins | 1:1 Program Assistant -(D93) |
| | Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$23,009 |
| | Location: | PAEC Center-Autism |
| 10. | Shevawn Brekan | Speech Language Pathologist |
| | Effective Date: | August 7, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$73,355 |
| | Location: | Proviso West |
| 11. | Nancy Costello | Physical Therapist |
| | Effective Date: | August 7, 2026 |
| | Bill Rate: | \$73,355 |
| | Location: | Proviso West |

C. Resignations

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| 1. | Charlize Brown | 1:1 Program Assistant |
| | Termination Date: | May 26, 2026 |
| 2. | Melissa Manzo | Program Assistant |
| | Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 3. | Jonathan Slowik | Teacher |
| | Termination Date: | June 13, 2026 |
| 4. | Melinda Kelly | Program Assistant (Retired) |
| | Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 5. | Aubrey Glasper | Program Assistant (Retired) |
| | Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |

D. Transfers

There are no transfers at this time..

E. Terminations

There are no terminations at this time

ACTION ITEM – CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS
June 2026

A. AnthroMed

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Nicole Pena | Social Worker (2026-2027 Renewal) |
| Effective Date: | August 17, 2026 |
| Bill Rate: | \$96.72 per hour |
| Location: | PAEC Elementary |

B. Contractual Transfers

There are no contractual transfers at this time.

C. Contractual Terminations

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| 1. Nancy Costello | Physical Therapist |
| Termination Date: | May 28, 2026 |
| 2. Ruby Beltran | Occupational Therapist |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 3. Shevawn Brekan | Speech Language Pathologist -(Conversion to Direct Hire) |
| Termination Date: | May 29, 2026 |
| 4. Osmara Moriera | 1:1 Program Assistant -D88 (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May15, 2026 |
| 5. Jeanette Burnett | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 6. Kevin Wesley | 1:1 Program Assistant -D93 (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 7. Tiana Solid | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 8. Naisha Smith | Program Assistant (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 9. Anasha Holliday | 1:1 Program Assistant -D88 (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 10. Rakia Hill | 1:1 Program Assistant -D92 (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 11. JaVaughn Brantley | Program Assistant (Agency Contract Ended) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 12. Shavontae Brooks | Program Assistant -(Conversion to Direct Hire) |
| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 13. James Barnes | 1:1 Program Assistant -D93 (Agency Contract Ended) |

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| Termination Date: | May 27, 2026 |
| 14. Tiarra Taylor Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 15. Tremelle Thompson Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D209 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 16. Samuel Dreessen Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D209 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 17. Delize Newson Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D92 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 18. Karla Thompson Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D209 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 19. Kendall Hudson Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D209 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 20. Kamery Bonds Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 21. Vanessa Burns Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D93 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 22. India Lackland Termination Date: | Program Assistant -(Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 23. Stephan Morton Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D209 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 24. Romano Lopez Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D209 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 25. Maria Hernandez Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 26. Isidiro Villegas Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 27. Denise Moore Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 28. Damiana Diaz Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D88 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 29. Jamari Scott Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D92 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |
| 30. Rahkeda Gamble Termination Date: | 1:1 Program Assistant -D88 (Agency Contract Ended) May 27, 2026 |

31. Sidra Ali
Termination Date: 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended)
May 27, 2026
32. Andrea Thomas-Davis
Termination Date: 1:1 Program Assistant -D93 (Conversion to Direct Hire)
May 27, 2026
33. Marques Smith
Termination Date: 1:1 Program Assistant -D87 (Agency Contract Ended)
May 27, 2026
34. Tanee Jackson
Termination Date: Classroom Aide -D209 (Agency Contract Ended)
May 27, 2026

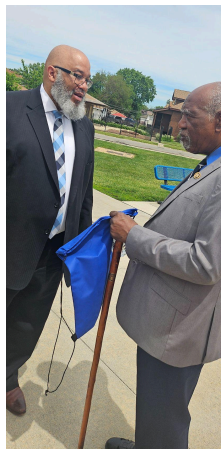
TOWN HALL MEETING - BELLWOOD



GRADUATIONS MAY 2026



Congressman Danny K. Davis visit to PAEC Programs



Ground Break and Ribbon Cutting for Geothermal



PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES FROM JUNE 2026

PAEC Academy at Divine Infant

- 1) **Academics** – Academy students have officially wrapped up their FastBridge benchmarking for Spring 2026! We are so proud of the hard work, growth, and perseverance our students have shown throughout the school year. As the weather warmed up, students also enjoyed bringing learning outdoors by incorporating fun, engaging academic activities into the fresh air and sunshine. It has been wonderful to see our students continue learning while making lasting memories together.
- 2) **Festivities** – Academy students had an exciting and memorable spring filled with learning, celebration, and community experiences! Our entire building was fortunate to attend a whole group field trip to see *The Three Little Pigs* at Morton College, and it was a tremendous success for all of our students.

We also celebrated our graduating 8th graders with a special trip to Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament as they prepared for their transition to high school. In addition, Academy students enjoyed participating in PLCCA's Field Day, as well as our own Academy Field Day celebration. These events gave students the opportunity to connect with friends and peers from main campus, build relationships, and create lasting memories while enjoying a fun-filled day together.

Graduation was the ultimate culminating event for our Academy students. During the week of the 22nd, students worked hard practicing their speeches, perfecting their formation, and preparing for a successful and memorable ceremony. Their dedication, confidence, and growth were on full display as they celebrated this important milestone together. We are incredibly proud of our graduates and all they have accomplished this year, and we look forward to watching them continue to succeed in their next chapter.

3) **Interesting Information**

June 8th - First Day of ESY
 June 19th - Juneteenth
 June 29th - Last Day of ESY

4) **Program Information**

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| a. Student Count | 71 |
| b. Transitions | Same 2 current students in partial transition between Academy and district |
| c. Time Outs | 0 |
| d. Restraints | 1 |
| e. Hospitalizations | 0 |
| f. Police Involvement | 0 |
| g. Restorative Meetings | 0 |

5) Project 26-27 Program Information

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| <p>h. Project Student Count</p> | <p>District 87 - 13 District 88 - 32 District 89 - 1 District 92 - 10 District 93 - 8 Total - 64 Tours and placement recommendations are still under way and pending.</p> |
| <p>i. Projected Transitions</p> | <p>2 current students in partial transition between Academy and district Academy is in discussions to potentially partially transition 2 Bellwood 88 students in the Fall in some capacity and 1 Lindop 92 student</p> |
| <p>j. ESY Numbers</p> | <p>District 87 - 7 District 88 - 24 District 89 - 0 District 92 - 4 District 93 - 13 Total - 48</p> |

PAEC Early Childhood

May finished in a blink of an eye and the ending was bittersweet.

ACADEMIC UPDATE

The themes for May were nature (e.g. flowers, insects), Mother's Day, and we ended the month with things to do during summer.

ACADEMIC TARGETS

COLORS: Brown, White, and reviewed 11 colors the last week

SHAPES: Oval, Star, Heart, and reviewed 8 shapes last week

LETTERS: Alphabet count down and a letter per day was reviewed

NUMBERS: 13, 14, and reviewed 1-14 in the last week.

FESTIVITIES: We started the month of May celebrating the teachers from 5/4-5/8. The parents were encouraged to send notes or treats to the parents to show them how much they are appreciated. Many of the parents in all the classrooms sent cards, treats, and gifts but the parents in Ms. Williamson's class went all out and provided a Taco Tuesday feast on Cinco de Mayo for all the staff. (See pictures below).

On May 8th the PLCCA organization set up a wonderful field day in the morning for the older students but the EC program was able to take advantage of the food and bouncy houses in the afternoon. They had snow cones and popcorn. The weather was perfect so they were able to jump to their heart's content without overheating.

Finally, on May 26 the EC teachers planned a wonderful end of the year celebration for the students and invited all the parents.

We spotlighted our students that were transitioning to kindergarten but our returning students were also able to enjoy the playground, snacks, bubbles, and a bouncy house. We invited the parents to join us either at 10:30 am or 1:00 pm. Patrina Williamson and Claudia Carranza decorated for the celebration (see pictures below). We were happy to see that many of the parents did come to say goodbye to the staff and express their gratitude for all their hard work. We will miss our 5 year olds!

PROGRAM UPDATE

The EC program will be welcoming a new teacher to the program. Julie Zay comes to us with years of experience working with early childhood students and has all her required certifications to work in an early childhood special education program. The icing on the cake is that she can play the guitar and will use it during circle time instruction and music time.

We are sad to see our wonderful permanent sub teacher, Tomeka Gray, return to PAEC Academy. She was a great addition to our program this last year. She loved the students and the students loved her.

STUDENT COUNT: The EC program ended the school with 28 students. There are 22 students in the two half day EC classrooms and 6 students in the full day EC Autism classroom that are counted under the PAEC Center numbers.

We have 16 students leaving for kindergarten. We will be starting the school year with 19 students but have many home visits and evaluations already scheduled for August and September.

TRANSITIONS- There were no student transitions this month.

PAEC Therapeutic Day Elementary School Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo!



Brookfield Zoo was well attended by students, staff and parents. Together, with several other school districts, our students navigated safely in small groups.

Our school attended the exhibit Dolphin Discovery. Throughout the course of the day, students displayed appropriate social emotional behaviors. We ate lunch outdoors, enjoyed the fresh air and learned how to view life outside of school with age appropriate peers.



Experience the Wonder of Bottlenose Dolphins



Experience the excitement of our newly reimagined Dolphin Discovery, a dolphin show that brings you closer than ever to these intelligent marine mammals. During these presentations, you'll learn about each dolphin's unique personality, natural behaviors, and remarkable abilities in an unforgettable experience.

PAEC Elementary is pleased to share that we recently celebrated a wonderful milestone — the graduation of our 8th grade class.

While small in number, our six graduates made the occasion anything but small in spirit. The ceremony was intimate and candid, exactly the kind of moment that reminds us why this



work matters. Every single student participated, and the pride in that room was something truly special to witness.

These six young people have completed an important chapter and are ready to step forward into the next. We are grateful for your continued support, which makes moments like these possible.

-Upcoming events
Extended School Year

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| Transitions | 3 |
| Hospitalizations | 1 |
| Police/Ambulance Calls | 1 |
| Restraints | 4 |
| Isolation Room | 3 |
| Restorative Meeting | 2 |

PAEC Therapeutic Day High School
Academic Operations & Assessments

- Twenty-five Seniors graduated on May 14.
- Twelve students made the second-semester honor roll.
- Summer School will begin June 8, 2026, at 8 am in PAEC Center C-Pod.
- **School Culture & Student Engagement**
- Our Senior Students had their first Prom at PAEC, which will be held on May 1 from 6-9 pm.
- PLCCA hosted “End of the Year Bash” on May 8 for the entire district.
- The senior trip to Dave and Buster's was on May 13.
- Graduation was on May 14 in the PAEC HS Gym.

Student Transitions

- Home School Returns: Six students successfully transitioned back to their home schools during the first semester.
- Full-Time Re-entry: One student returned to PMSA on a full-time basis effective January 5, 2026. A student returned to Proviso West on a full-time basis effective March 9, 2026.
- Upcoming Transitions: Two more students are being transitioned to Proviso West for the start of the 26/27 school year.

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| Physical Management | 0 |
| Police Calls | 0 |
| Ambulance | 0 |
| Restorative Meeting | 7 |

25-26 Current Enrollment: 84 Students
Summer School Projection: 50 Students

Vocational Program Update

This semester has been a productive and successful one for the High School Vocational Department as we continued to support students in developing career readiness skills, postsecondary plans, and employment opportunities. Our department remains committed to preparing students for meaningful futures through hands-on experiences, community partnerships, and individualized transition planning.

We recently completed another successful round of the Level Up program with three participating students. Due to their dedication and progress throughout the program, all three students have been invited to continue participating over the summer months. In order to help remove barriers to employment and increase student independence, participants were provided with bus passes for transportation support as well as funding assistance for professional interviewing attire. These supports have helped students build confidence while preparing for employment opportunities and interviews.

In addition, we successfully wrapped up both our student work programs and volunteer experiences for the school year. Students demonstrated strong growth in workplace readiness skills. Community-based work and volunteer placements continue to provide valuable real-world experiences that help students transition more successfully into adulthood and competitive employment settings.

This year also marks an important transition within our department as we recognize the retirement of our job coach, Mr. Glasper. Over the years, Mr. Glasper has made a tremendous impact on our students through his dedication, mentorship, and unwavering support. His contributions to the vocational department and the success of countless students will be greatly appreciated and remembered. We wish him all the best in his retirement.

Our department also provided direct support to students in preparing for employment after high school. Four students were successfully assisted in developing and completing professional resumes. Students worked on highlighting their skills, experiences, strengths, and accomplishments while learning how to present themselves professionally to potential employers. Resume development continues to be an important part of preparing students for both employment and postsecondary opportunities.

We also concluded another successful semester of the RR Trade School program. Students participating in the program gained valuable exposure to trade-based careers and hands-on learning experiences that align with workforce needs and career interests. The partnership continues to provide students with meaningful opportunities to explore skilled trades and career pathways that may lead directly to employment or additional training opportunities after graduation.

A major focus throughout the semester was supporting our graduating seniors with solidifying their postsecondary transition plans. Staff worked closely with students and families to ensure that each student had a clear pathway for after graduation. Several students have committed to continuing their education at College of DuPage and Triton College. Other students have enrolled in services through the Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services and have already been assigned job coaches to assist with employment goals and independent living supports. Additionally, several graduating students are actively pursuing full-time competitive employment opportunities within the community.

Finally, the vocational department celebrated an important milestone this semester with the successful issuance of our first official Work Permit for the State of Illinois. Mr. Tafoya was recently appointed by the state as an official Issuing Officer, allowing our school to formally process work permits for 14 and 15-year-old students. This advancement creates additional opportunities for younger students to begin gaining legal employment experience while receiving school support and guidance throughout the process.

Overall, this has been a very successful semester for the vocational department. We are proud of the

accomplishments of our students and staff and remain committed to expanding opportunities that promote independence, career readiness, and successful postsecondary outcomes for all students.

PAEC Center School

The month of May started and ended in a blink!

The curriculum for the students in the elementary school is Unique Learning Systems (ULS). Using ready-made, standards-aligned lessons, automated differentiation and built-in assessment tools, ULS helps teachers save time and ensures that every learner gets the support they need.

The High School students use the Education Associates Job Ready curriculum. This series adapts the curriculum provided in the Career Exploration series to meet the needs of students with the most significant challenges. With multiple modes of instruction, no student is left behind. The following list the different titles within the series:

- Cleaning Maintenance
- Filing
- Greenhouse Work
- Grocery Clerking
- Hair Care & Styling
- Mail Handling
- Table Service
- Child Care
- Animal Care
- Autobody Repair
- Caregiver
- Carpentry
- Food Service
- Health & Nutrition
- Retailing
- Skin & Nail Care
- Small Engine Repair

PAEC Center also uses subscriptions to Scholastic magazines as supplemental instructional materials.

This month the theme was around the end of the school year, picnics, graduations, etc! Planning and executing special events seemed the norm!

SANDI and FAST testing was completed in May. All IEPs were completed.

Extended school year planning is in full force and we look forward to welcoming the students for the three weeks in June!

PAEC Behavior Intervention (BI) Team

The PAEC Behavior Intervention Team continues to provide behavioral support and interventions to reduce undesired behaviors within the Proviso Township school districts.

The Elementary Behavior Coaches are required to implement the 8-Week Step Interventions & Support Curriculum developed based on evidenced-based data and documenting.

The Behavior Intervention Team wrapped up the school year with an engaging team-building experience at the Great Big Game Show...where teamwork, communication, and quick thinking took center stage. Filled with laughter and friendly competition, the celebration reflected the strong collaboration and positive culture that continue to drive our support for students and staff throughout the year!





Total number of PAEC Behavior Intervention Team: 13

Active: 13

Projected total number for 2026/2027 Academic Year is (14)

The elementary level position has been posted.

Proviso East: 3

Proviso West: 3

District 87: 2 (currently 1)

Floating Coaches (District 88, District 93, District 92, District 87): 6

There were a total of 1 individual student referrals in May.

There were a total of 0 classroom referrals submitted in May.

As of May 27, 2026, all Elementary Interventionists will conclude their classroom and student assignments.

District 87 -Jefferson Primary | Sunnyside Intermediate | Whittier Primary | Riley Intermediate | Northlake Middle School | MacArthur Middle School

Sunnyside Elementary:

3rd Grade Student Referral: A referral was submitted due to a student's inability to attend to tasks in class, negative physical and verbal interactions with peers, and the struggle to navigate the school building independently due to behavior concerns. The Coordinator has conducted initial observations, and the team is currently awaiting guardian consent to support the student and teacher. *Update: Parental consent was not received for this student.*

Whittier Primary:

Jefferson Primary:

Early Childhood Referral submitted for a student due to highly aggressive behavior; physically and verbally. The Principal requested that in preparation for his transition to Kindergarten next year, they are exploring the possibility of assigning a Behavior Interventionist to help him successfully navigate the year. Observations were conducted to start the process.

District 92 - Lindop School

District 88 - Lincoln Primary | Grant Primary | Grant Elementary | Lincoln Elementary | McKinley Elementary | Thurgood Marshall Elementary | Roosevelt Middle School

McKinley Elementary:

Kindergarten Referral: A student transfer from Lincoln Elementary has been referred due to physical aggression and refusal/non-compliance. The Coordinator has observed the student and will be assigning an Interventionist during the first week of May. *Update: Parental consent was not received for this student.*

Lincoln Elementary:

Grant Primary:

District 93 - Hillside Elementary

District 209 - Proviso East High School | Proviso West High School | Proviso Mathematics and Science Academy

There are currently a total of 6 Behavior Interventionists assigned to 209; 3 are assigned to East and 3 are assigned to West.

Interventionists are now assigned to Grade Level Principals. The 209 district is in the process of implementing a new MTSS Framework within the Panorama system to ensure equitable and responsive circles of support for students. All BI's will follow this framework under the leadership of Deans and their assigned GLP's.

PAEC OT/PT Department

Staff adjustments: Currently, working on FTE projections and assignments for next school year. Working on paperwork for staff who are converting from contract staff to PAEC direct hire next school year.

Adjustments to the website: None at this time.

Activities of the department:

1. The week of 5-04-26 to 5-08-26, the Lead OT/PT/AT participated in Staff Appreciation week with the Lead SLP, PAEC Center Principal, and Assistant Principal by giving staff a week of fun activities along with lunchtime treats.
2. The AT Department conducted its monthly meeting in person on 5-06-26 from 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.
3. The Lead OT/PT/AT and PAEC Center Social Worker attended a virtual meeting on 5-7-26 from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM with Sertoma Star Services Staff to begin a conversation with the Broadview Park District to work on logistics & set up for working on gardening activities with our students during summer school.
4. An Individual Wheelchair Clinic occurred this month for students who needed end of the year adjustments to their wheelchairs.
5. The OT/PT/AT Lead and SLP Lead met with a Spotter representative on 05-11-26 to discuss new ideas for contracted therapists and what Spotter has to offer for ESY and the next school year.
6. The OT/PT department conducted their monthly meeting in person and on Google Meet on 5-12-26 from 11:30 AM to 3:00 PM.
7. The OT/PT/AT Lead attended the Leadership Meeting on 5-13-26 at PAEC Center from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.
8. The OT/PT department participated with their assigned classrooms for the PAEC Center Elementary Field Day/Picnic on 5-15-26.
9. The OT/PT/AT Lead attended meetings on 5-21-26 about the move of PAEC Academy to Thurgood Marshall in D88 next school year. PAEC staff met with D88 staff to discuss questions about the

move and housing of PAEC Academy. PAEC staff were shown rooms and locations where PAEC Academy would be housed in Thurgood Marshall.

10. The OT/PT and AT Departments are working hard to complete their end-of-year tasks, including logging sessions, finishing IEPs, Medicaid billing, equipment returns, and more.
11. The Lead OT/PT/AT is working on determining needs, assignments, and caseloads for ESY.
12. The Lead OT/PT/AT conducted interviews for direct hire candidates for the next school year this month.
13. Some equipment that came in during May that was ordered was the following:



Vibration Pillows



Transfer Disc



Handheld Vibration Device



Button Activities



Touch & Feel Letters



Stressless Fidgets Balls



Fidget Key Chain Balls



Grab It Balls

PAEC Psychology Department

Ms. Dayle Ashley Harding will be attending TPBA training in the fall, hopefully by then the TPBA 3 will be released so Ms. Ashley Harding will be able to share updated information regarding changes with the whole psych department. However the release has been delayed in publication several times.

Ms. Annamaria Iarrapino has continued to lead MTSS and problem solving team discussions at Riley and Northlake. She is looking forward to continuing to take on more of a role in that next year as well.

Dr. Michael Cermak will formally begin his tenure as ISPA President effective July 1st for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. As ISPA President, Dr. Cermak will be able to meet with leaders in education and legislature to continue to advocate for student needs. His presidential theme is: Leading with Care: Developing People, Strengthening Practice with an emphasis on student and practitioner mental health.

Dr. Cermak has become a member of the MacArthur and Sunnyside "Huddle" teams where he meets with administrators and SEL team members to discuss high priority student needs. He is also assisting District 88 with summer evaluations in June.

PAEC Social Work Department

1. Ms. Monica Jiminez-Jaimes, Dominican University School of Social Work, will be completing her school social work internship at PAEC Therapeutic High School and Hillside School during the 2026-27 school year, with her first day being August 17, 2026.
2. Ms. Kenya Dockens, LCSW (PAEC School Social Worker-Hillside School) continues to be involved in facilitating various MTSS Groups at Hillside School and assisting Mr. Elijah Arons (PAEC School Social Work Intern) with termination of social work services of various students who were on Mr. Aaron's caseload, as his internship at Hillside School comes to an end.
3. Ms. Temika Peace, MSW and Ms. Cecilia Feliciano (PAEC School Social Worker-Proviso East High School) continue to provide social work services to the students on their caseload and have been working with the students on the following: Consistent Attendance; Types of Boundaries/Setting Boundaries, How to Communicate Boundaries to Others; Good Stress vs. Bad Stress; Self-Care; Identifying Personal Strengths; Self-Advocacy and Coping Skills. Additionally both social workers have been completing the final Domain meetings, SDS Reports, FBA & BIP paperwork for students whose IEP meetings have been scheduled during the last 2-3 weeks of the school year.
4. Ms. Nicole Peña, MSW (PAEC School Social Worker-PAEC Academy) continues to facilitate individual and small/whole classroom group social work sessions to the students on her caseload. Ms. Peña provides daily check-ins/check-outs with students, leads and has collaborated with other therapists (i.e., SLP, OT, etc.) for groups. Topics covered with students include: Mother's Day, Anger/Coping Strategies Bingo, and Bullying. Ms. Peña interviewed teachers, students, and parents to complete re-evaluations which were scheduled during the month of May. Additionally, as Ms. Peña prepares to transfer to PAEC Elementary School, in her sessions, she has been working with students on termination of social work services.
5. Ms. Elivette Agosto, MSW and Ms. Haviland Byrd, MSW (PAEC School Social Workers-Proviso West High School) continues to provide social work services to the students on their caseloads and have been working with the students on the following: Healthy Coping Strategies, Good Communication Skills, Problem Solving Skills and Relationship Concerns. Additionally both social workers have been completing the final Domain meetings, SDS Reports, FBA & BIP paperwork for students whose IEP meetings have been scheduled during the last 2-3 weeks of the school year.
6. Ms. Anna Landmeier, LCSW, Ms. Tanajah Fields, MSW, and Ms. Jill Collins, MSW (PAEC School Social Workers-PAEC Center School) continue to provide social work services to the students/families on their caseload, covering such topics as Handwashing, Practicing Social Skills on Field Trips (i.e., Brookfield Zoo, Shedd Aquarium, etc.), Mindfulness, Advocacy,

Self-Awareness/Social Awareness, Practicing Social Greetings (i.e., door knocking, maintaining personal space, appropriate greetings for time of day, etc.), Sensory Regulation, identifying emotions, Kind vs. Unkind Behaviors, ABC's of Coping and Self-Management Skills. Additionally, Ms. Landmeier, Ms. Fields, and Ms. Collins assisted with Prom, Graduation Festivities, End of the Year Picnics, as well as providing outside resources for parental consideration (i.e., day programs, guardianship application process, vocational support, therapy support, summer camps, etc.).

7. Ms. Monette Carlos-Barnes, LCSW (PAEC School Social Worker-PAEC Early Childhood Program) continues to provide social work services to the early childhood students and their parents. In the classroom EC social skills groups, Ms. Carlos-Barnes covered the following topics: Friendship skills, taking turns, following directions and identifying emotions. Additionally, on May 13, 2026, Ms. Carlos-Barnes set up tours for families whose children will be transitioning to PAEC Center School and on May 15, 2026, gave the Proviso Public Partnership representatives, who will be providing student Erin's Law presentations to the various PAEC programs, a tour of the Early Childhood Program.
8. Mr. Patrick Rossi, LCSW and Ms. Niane Serrano, MSW (PAEC School Social Worker-PAEC Elementary School Program) continues to provide social work services to the students on their caseload individually and facilitate social skills groups. Topics covered include: Coping Strategies, Cooperative Play, Emotional Regulation; Cognitive Distortions and Social Learning Skills. Additionally, they have helped plan and coordinate the 8th Grade Graduation ceremony; assisted in planning and attended 8th grade transition meetings.
9. Ms. Donna Kuchera, MSW; Ms. Alexandra Kagan, MSW; Ms. Tanaijah Fields, MSW; and Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW (PAEC School Social Workers-PAEC Therapeutic High School) and Mr. Elijah Arons (Social Work Intern) continue to provide social work services to the students on their caseload and have been working with the students on the following: Crisis Intervention and De-escalation Strategies; Setting/Communicating Boundaries; Anger Management Skills; Personal/Academic/Career Goals beyond high school graduation; Effective Ways to Communicate with Others when Upset; and Problem Solving/Decision Making Skills. Ms. Kagan and Ms. Fields helped plan and coordinate the PAEC Senior Prom and Graduation ceremony; Additionally, the PAEC High School Social Workers assisted in planning and attending high school transition meetings and completing the final Domain meetings, SDS Reports, FBA & BIP paperwork for students whose IEP meetings have been scheduled during the last 2-3 weeks of the school year.
10. PAEC School Social Workers Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW, Ms. Kenya Dockens, LCSW, Mr. Patrick Rossi, LCSW and Ms. Donna Kuchera, MSW provided Grief Counseling Services to School District 88 following the passing of a beloved retired staff member. Social Worker were on site at Lincoln Primary School and Grant Primary School
11. Ms. Lisa Pirrello, LCSW (PAEC Lead School Social Worker) has coordinated the tentative schedule of the K9 Therapy/Comfort Dog visits for the PAEC Therapeutic High School, PAEC Elementary School & PAEC Early Childhood Programs for the 2026-27 School Year on the following dates: October 16, 2026, November 12, 2026, March 18 2027, and April 15, 2027. Ms. Pirrello planned and coordinated the PAEC High School Student Quarterly Presentations with the Proviso Public Partnership. Topics to be covered during these student presentations include: October 14, 2026 – Dating, Sex and STD's; December 2, 2026 – Social Media: Inappropriate Texts, Cyberbullying, and Mental Health; February 3, 2027 – Substance Abuse, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Your Health; April 14, 2027 – Peer Pressure, Boundaries and Various Types of Harassment. Additionally, on May 15, 2026, Ms. Pirrello coordinated and facilitated a tour of the PAEC Programs (PAEC High School, PAEC Center School, PAEC Elementary School, PAEC Early Childhood Program and PAEC Academy School) for the Proviso Public Partnership representatives (Mr. Phil Schneeberger and Ms. Alexa Martino) and the Proviso Township Mental Health Commission's, Executive Director, Mr. Joseph Vasilevski, in preparation for their Erin's Law Presentations which are set to occur on October 19, 2026 (PAEC Elementary & PAEC High

School), October 20, 2026 (PAEC E.C. & PAEC Center School) and October 21, 2026 (PAEC Academy School). Ms. Pirrello and Ms. Carlos-Barns have solidified all speakers for the PAEC Social Work Department In-Services for the 2026-27 school year. On May 21, 2026, Ms. Pirrello attended the PAEC Academy transition meeting and new building site tour at Thurgood Marshall.

12. PAEC School Social Workers who have agreed to work the extended school year are as follows:

*Ms. Niane Serrano, MSW – PAEC Elementary/E.C.

*Ms. Haviland Byrd, MSW – PAEC Center School

*Ms. Temika Peace, MSW – PAEC Therapeutic High School

*Ms. Nicole Pena, LCSW – PAEC Academy School

13. PAEC SW Dept.'s schedule for next year's (2026-27) Professional Developments:

***Sept. 18, 2026 – Training Topic:** “Working with Homeless Youth”

Speaker: Mr. Marion Hardiman of Youth Outreach Services-10:00am-1:00pm

PAEC SW Dept. Meeting – 2:00pm-3:00pm

***October 9, 2026 – Training Topic:** “Artificial Intelligence in Behavioral/Mental Health: Top Ethics & Risk Management”

Speaker: Dr. Frederic G. Reamer, Ph.D. of Rhode Island College of School Social Work – 10:00am-1:00pm

***November 13, 2026 – Training Topic:** “Trauma Behaviors in School: Navigating Student & Staff Needs”

Speaker: Ms. Melinda Gronen, LCSW of M. Gronen Counseling – 10:00am-1:00pm

***January 15, 2027 – Training Topic:** “Food for Thought: Food Themed Trauma & Specific Interventions”

Speaker: Mr. Brian Bethel, LPCC-S, RPT-S, LCDCIII of Interplay Counseling & Consultations, LCC -10:00am-1:00pm

PAEC SW Dept. Meeting – 2:00pm-3:00pm

***February 26, 2027 - Training Topic:** “Tools School Social Workers Can Utilize to Support Students”

Speaker: Ms. Becky Of Play Training Resources – 10:00am-1:00pm

***April 23, 2027 – Training Topic:** “Social Work/Counseling Services for Students with Autism/On the Spectrum: Pre-K through High School”

Speaker: Ms. Jennifer Hein & Ms. Linda Cerveka of Soaring Eagle Academy-10:00am-1:00pm

PAEC SW Dept. Meeting – 2:00pm-3:00pm

PAEC Speech/Language Department

- The SLPs attended our final department meeting on Monday, May 18th in the PAEC Center board room. A partial group of SLPs is pictured below from the PAEC Facebook account.



- The Lead SLP is working with the SLPs to collect caseload/workload information to use in making assignments for the upcoming school year.
- The Lead SLP is working on gathering information on student enrollment to make assignments for ESY.
- The following SLPs will not be returning for the next school year: Brandi Lane, D209/Proviso East and PMSA and Julie Randa, D88 Lincoln Elementary. The Lead SLP will be working to interview candidates to fill these vacancies.

PAEC Special Olympics

No information was received.

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