



# PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

"QUALITY EDUCATION WITH CARE FOR THE HUMAN SPIRIT".

PAEC CENTER BOARDROOM - 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

## AGENDA

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **SELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO-TEM**
3. **REORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**
  - A. **SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**
  - B. **SELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**
  - C. **SELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**
  - D. **SELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY**
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9. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

B. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

C. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

b. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPORT**

c. **BOARD MEETING DATES**

d. **FY26 AMENDED BUDGET**

e. **CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR GEOTHERMAL PROJECT**

f. **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.

g. **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.

h. **AGENCY RENEWAL CONTRACTS 26-27**

a. **CREATIVE EXCHANGE MUSIC THERAPY**

b. **PROCARE THERAPY**

10. **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

The Executive Board meeting was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Those present included: Dr. Nicole Spatafore from District 87, Ms. Rosalind Banks from District #88, and Dr. Antonia Hill from District # 93.

Ms. Roshune Pechacek from District #92 arrived at 9:12am.

Mr. Michael James, Ms. April Cohen, Ms. LaShonda McDaniel, and Mrs. Cecy Mendoza-Jurek from PAEC Administration was also present.

The Executive Board reviewed and recommended approval of all action items on the agenda, with the stipulation to include Faiths Law in the presented agreements.

District # 87 will be the Executive Board Representative for the Governing Board Meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

11. **DUPAGE/WEST COOK REPORT**

Information is attached.

12. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance Committee did not meet in June 2026.

**13. 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**

The information is attached.

**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**

**M. PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES**

**N. PAEC EVENTS**

**a. RECRUITMENT FAIR**

**O. PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

The information is attached.

**P. DISTRICT GOALS**

The information is attached.

**Q. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Discuss date for June Special Board Meeting.

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

**15. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank You Card - Family of Ms. Peg O'Connell

Thank You Email - Mrs. Dorothy Clark-Smith & Family

**16. 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.

## 17. **ADJOURNMENT**

**PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING  
PAEC CENTER – 6:00 PM  
MAY 20, 2026  
MINUTES**

**1. ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Governing Board President Dorothy Clark-Smith.

District 87	Ms. Rose Mason	Present
District 88	Ms. Dorothy Clark Smith	Present
District 92	Mr. Brian Dawson	Present
District 93	Ms. Stisha Lexen	Absent
District 209	Ms. Sandra Hixson	Absent

Present: 3, Absent: 2

Dr. Victoria Stockton from District 88, Mr. Michael James (Executive Director), Ms. April Cohen (Assistant Executive Director), Ms. LaShonda McDaniel (Business Manager), and Mrs. Cecy Mendoza-Jurek (PAEC Recording Secretary).

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

***Recommended Motion(s):***

I move to convene into Closed Session at 6:13PM, under Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee (s), specific individual(s) who serve as an independent contractor(s), specific volunteer(s) of the Board, section 2(c)(2) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, Section 2(c)(5) purchase of lease of real property or legal counsel for the Board as presented.

***The motion was made by Sandra Hixson and seconded by Rose Mason.***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**3. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

***Recommended Motion(s):***

I move to reconvene into Open Session at 7:58PM as presented.

***The motion was made by Rose Mason and seconded by Dorothy Clark-Smith.***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent  
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**4. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

- None

**5. APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES**

***Recommended Motions(s):***

I move that the Governing Board approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 2026 as presented.

*The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**6. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.A A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR VILLAGE OF MAYWOOD TO PROVIDE ICE MELT TO PROVISO AREA FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (PAEC).**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Resolution Authorizing the Approval and Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Village of Maywood to provide ice melt to Proviso Area for Exceptional Children (PAEC.)

*The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason.*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Consent Agenda which encompasses agenda items regarding Payroll, Bills, and New Business as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**7.A APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

I move that the Governing Board approve the payroll as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**7.B. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

## **7.C NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.C.a APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Personnel Report as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

### **7.C.b APPROVAL OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REPORT**

I move that the Governing Board approve the March Contractual Agreement Report as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

- Mr. James stated that Faith's Law was not included in some agency contracts and he proposed to approve and get an addendum from those agencies.

### **7.C.c. DISTRICT # 91 STUDENT PLACEMENT**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Forest Park School District 91 request for 2025-2026 student attendance at PAEC as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

### **7.C.d. CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR GEOTHERMAL PROJECT**

I move that the Governing Board approve the certification for payment for the geothermal project as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

### **7.C.e. EyeMed as PAEC'S VISION BENEFITS CARRIER**

I move that the Governing Board approve EyeMed as the PAEC Vision Benefit Carrier as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**7.C.f. BAKER TILLY ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Baker Tilly Audit Engagement Letter fee of \$50,400.00 for performing the PAEC Audit as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**7.C.g. SERTOMA STAR SERVICES SUMMER CAMP**

I move that the Governing Board approve the rental to Sertoma Star Summer Camp as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

- Mr. James stated that Sertoma Summer Camp will be using our facility at no cost and is open to the community; Sertoma utilizes one classroom with access to the gym and playground. Their staff takes care of the cleaning.

**7.C.h. ELMHURTS UNIVERSITY - AFFILIATION AGREEMENT**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Elmhurst University Affiliation Agreement as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**7.C.i ProCare THERAPY AGREEMENT**

I move that the Governing Board approve ProCare Therapy Agreement as presented.

*This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason*

**Roll Call Vote:**

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

**7.C.j. AGENCY RENEWAL CONTRACTS 2026 - 2027**

**7.C.j.a. DELTA T 26-27**

I move that the Governing Board Approve the 2026-2027 rates for Delta T as presented.

***This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

**Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2      Motion carried**

**7.C.j.b. RoHealth**

I move that the Governing Board approve the 2026-2027 rates for RoHealth as presented.

***This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

**Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2      Motion carried**

**7.C.j.c. EDU HEALTH AGREEMENT**

I move that the Governing Board approve the EDU Health Agreement as presented.

***This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

**Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2      Motion carried**

**7.C.j.d. ADVANCE THERAPY GROUP 26-27**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Advance Therapy Group Agreement as presented.

***This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

**Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2      Motion carried**

**7.C.k. LEASE AT THURGOOD MARSHALL IN BELLWOOD SD88.**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (Lease) at Thurgood Marshall in Bellwood SD88 as presented.

***This motion, made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Rose Mason***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

- There was a discussion regarding the Academy program in Bellwood's school, Thurgood Marshall. This transition will be slow as the students integrate into the student population. Mr. Dawson stated a concern about the importance of preparing staff and students regarding unfamiliar behaviors and to ensure that there are protocols in place to prevent untrained interventions. Dr. Stockton stated that herself and Mr. James Bellwood met May 21, 2026 to align logistics, data, and an FAQ to reduce staff anxiety. Mr. James stated that letters to parents from both programs are planned. Mr. James stated that conversations are continuous with Dr. Stockton which includes transportation logistics, including potential use of Bellwood buses.

Mr. James stated that calendar alignment is likely for Academy staff and students with Bellwood 88 (Bellwood 8:45–3:00 vs Academy 8:15–2:45) with minimal conflicts anticipated. The Bellwood facility lease is a one-year contract. The Bellwood board approved the lease at the May meeting.

- Mr. James stated that the Divine Infant contract (originally through 2029) ended due to a three-mile restriction and lack of a seventh classroom which will allow the program to expand from 72 students toward 78.

#### **7.D. SUMMER HOURS**

I move that the Governing Board approve the Summer Hours for District Office, Administrators & Buildings and Grounds from 7:30am to 3:00pm effective June 1, 2026.

#### ***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

#### **8. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

The Executive Board meeting was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Those present included: Dr. Dan Sullivan from District 87, Dr. Victoria Stockton from District #88, Ms. Roshune Pechacek from District #92, Dr. Antonia Hill from District # 93, and Mrs. Vanessa Schmitt from District #209

Mr. Michael James, Ms. April Cohen, Ms. LaShonda McDaniel, and Mrs. Cecy Mendoza-Jurek from PAEC Administration were also present.

The Executive Board reviewed and recommended approval of all action items on the agenda, with the stipulation to include Faiths Law in the presented agreements.

Dr. Victoria Stockton from District # 88 will be the Executive Board Representative for the Governing Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. .

#### **9. DUPAGE WEST COOK REPORTES**

The information is attached.

- Mr. James stated that the Minutes have not been posted and will provide them once available.

#### **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. The following items were discussed:

- **Treasurer's Report (April 2026)** - The committee reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Report for April, including an overview of revenues, expenditures, and fund balances.
- **Geothermal Project Pay Application** - PAEC received the first pay application for the geothermal project in the amount of \$791,820. A field report from Studio GC was provided confirming that the work associated with the pay application had been completed and recommending approval for payment of the invoice.
- **Construction Update** - Construction Solutions provided photographs documenting the interior work completed over the past several months. The Operations & Maintenance Coordinator reviewed the photographs and explained the work represented in each update.
- **FY2027 Geothermal Worksheet Update** - The FY2027 geothermal worksheet was updated to reflect an estimated \$100,000 in material **costs** needed during FY2026. This adjustment was offset within the FY2027 projections.
- **Fourth and Final Direct Bill** - The committee was informed that the fourth and final direct bill will be issued in early July. Timing is dependent on year-end reports that cannot be finalized until after the last day of school.

## **11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

### **11.A CURRENT DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2025-2026**

Information was attached to the board report.

### **11.B CURRENT ENROLLMENT AND CLASSROOM STAFFING PATTERNS 2025-2026**

Information was attached to the board report.

### **11.C PROJECTED ESY DISTRICT CHILD COUNT 2026-2027**

Information was attached to the board report.

### **11.D TRANSITION REPORTS**

Information was attached to the board report.

### **11.E INITIAL REFERRALS**

No report for the month of July

### **11.F POLICE REPORTS**

There were no reports during the month of May.

### **11.G PAEC ACTIVITY FUND**

Information was attached to the board report.

### **11.H PAEC PROGRAM UPDATES**

Information was attached to the board report.

### **11.I PAEC EVENTS**

Information was attached to the board report.

### **11.J MEETING WITH SPEAKER WELCH**

- Mr. James stated that Board President Mrs. Smith, Ms. Cohen and himself had met with Speaker Welch regarding potential collaboration

### **11.K PAEC ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Information was attached to the board report.

- Mr. James stated this month was a very significant loss with the passing of Ms. Peg O’Connell, who had been a strong advocate for students and had been part of the PAEC Board for over 32 years, having been the Board President at PAEC for over 27 years. One word to describe her was a “spitfire” and very animated. Mr. James and Board President Mrs. Dorothy Smith attended the service, sent flowers and felt honored to be able to share and listen to stories about Ms. Peg.
- Mr. James stated that there had been 4 graduations at PAEC that he has attended, and there will be a couple more this week. The Board was encouraged, if able to attend, to attend. Dr. Stockton stated that she had been at the high school graduation and was moved by the love she saw from the teachers and staff towards the students.

Mr. James stated that this was the first year that PAEC High School held their own Prom and was a success, with conversations from staff about having an alumni Prom in the future, similar to how PAEC Center does their annual one.

- Mr. James stated that Field Day had been a success, with the collaboration of PLCCA. PLCCA intends to continue to collaborate with PAEC again next year for an opening activity and Field Day.
- Mr. James stated that Ms. Cohen has celebrated the Spotlight Employees every quarter with a luncheon and staff enjoyed and appreciated it.
- Mr. James stated that the 3 Special Olympics Soccer Teams had advanced to the state tournament and the Blazers had won first place.
- Mr. James stated that after May 27th, building 2 will be marked as a construction site with access to only designated staff. Updates on the work progress will be provided.
- Mr. James stated that on May 28th, a groundbreaking ceremony will take place.
- Mr. James stated that Congressman Danny K. Davis will visit PAEC Programs for a tour.
- Mrs. Smith extended congratulations to Ms. Cohen, Cecy on their first anniversary at PAEC and Ms. McDaniel on her first anniversary as the Business Manager.

## **12. OTHER/ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD**

### **12.A. PRESS PLUS 121 (FIRST READING)**

#### **Description:**

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7:260 Exemption from Physical Education

7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

- Mr. James stated that the Committee will meet to review and make sure it's completed prior to the due date in July.
- Mr. James stated he has been in communication with the attorney and discussion is underway regarding recording devices (for example, MetaGlasses, Angel Sense tags) since the current policy prohibits recording. Updating PAEC policy is under review by attorneys and Press Plus.

## 13. MEETING RECAP

1. The Executive Board recommends that the Governing Board approve the resolution for the approval and execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Village of Maywood and PAEC to provide ice melt.
2. Press Plus 121 was introduced to the Executive Board.
3. The Executive Board recommends that the Governing Board approve ESY staff contracts.
4. The Executive Board recommends that the Governing Board approve Sertoma Star summer camp at PAEC in July 2026.
5. The Executive Board recommends that the Governing Board approve EyeMed as PAEC's vision benefits carrier.
6. The Executive Board recommends that the Governing Board approve Proposed Lease at SD88 - Thurgood Marshall.

## 14. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank You Card - Mrs. Pat Carter & Family
- Early Childhood - Parent Email

## —CLOSED SESSION

It was requested by Mr. James to enter into Closed Session a 2nd time at 7:43pm

This motion was made by Rose Mason and seconded by Brian Dawson

### ***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2                      Motion carried

## RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

### ***Recommended Motion(s):***

I move to reconvene into Open Session at 7:53PM as presented.

This motion was made by Rose Mason and seconded by Brian Dawson

### ***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson: Absent

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2                      Motion carried

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

I move to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM, for lack of further items to discuss.

***The motion was made by Brian Dawson and seconded by Sandra Hixson***

***Roll Call Vote:***

Rose Mason: Yea, Dorothy Clark-Smith: Yea, Brian Dawson: Yea, Stisha Lexen: Absent, Sandra Hixson:  
Yea

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2            Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Governing Board President

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Governing Board Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**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	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 535,363.34</b>	<b>\$ 23,533.32</b>	<b>\$ 18,930.30</b>	<b>\$ 126,027.54</b>	<b>\$ 703,854.50</b>	

	<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	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 540,266.73</b>	<b>\$ 23,706.69</b>	<b>\$ 19,028.84</b>	<b>\$ 134,305.71</b>	<b>\$ 717,307.97</b>	



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|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Bill Rate:          | \$53,334                     |
| Location:           | PAEC Center-CCA              |
| 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                 |
| 12. Patricia Carter | Part-Time Payroll Clerk      |
| Effective Date:     | September 1, 2026            |
| Bill Rate:          | \$500 per day for 599 hours  |
| Location:           | Business Department          |

**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                |
| 6. Patricia Carter | Payroll (Retired)           |
| Termination Date:  | June 30, 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                   |
| 2. Alexandra Kagan-Murphy | Social Worker (2026-2027 Renewal) |
| Effective Date:           | August 17, 2026                   |
| Bill Rate:                | \$95.77 per hour                  |
| Location:                 | PAEC High School                  |

**B. Cross Country**

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Theodore Thompson       | Social Worker                |
| Effective Date:            | August 17, 2026-June 1, 2027 |
| Bill Rate:                 | \$95.77 per hour             |
| Location:                  | PAEC Center                  |
| 2. Elivette Agosto Caceres | Social Worker - Renewal      |
| Effective Date:            | August 7, 2026-May 26, 2027  |
| Bill Rate:                 | \$85 per hour                |
| Location:                  | Proviso West                 |

**C. Spotter (ESY 2026)**

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|--------------------|--|
| 1. Liliana DeLeon  | Speech Language Pathologist (ESY 2026) |
| Effective Date:    | June 8, 2026-June 27, 2026             |
| Bill Rate:         | \$89 per hour                          |
| Location:          | TBD                                    |
| 2. Caitlin Carroll | Speech Language Pathologist (ESY 2026) |
| Effective Date:    | June 5, 2026-June 27, 2026             |
| Bill Rate:         | \$83 per hour                          |
| Location:          | TBD                                    |
| 3. Ciara McGlynn   | Speech Language Pathologist (ESY 2026) |
| Effective Date:    | June 1, 2026-June 30, 2026             |
| Bill Rate:         | \$87.50 per hour                       |
| Location:          | TBD                                    |

**D. PediaStaff (Ahs Staffing)**

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. Cecilia Feliciano | Social Worker (2026-2027 Renewal)               |
| Effective Date:      | August 11, 2026-May 26, 2027                    |
| Bill Rate:           | \$86 per hour                                   |
| Location:            | TBD   |
| 2. Eliana Uriza      | Speech Language Pathologist (2026-2027 Renewal) |
| Effective Date:      | August 12, 2026-May 28, 2027                    |

Bill Rate:	\$92 per hour
Location:	TBD
3. Chelsea Hands	Speech Language Pathologist (2026-2027 Renewal)
Effective Date:	August 12, 2026-May 28, 2027
Bill Rate:	\$87 per hour
Location:	TBD
4. Anthony Kuan-Hsiang Lin	Speech Language Pathologist
Effective Date:	August 11, 2026-May 27, 2027
Bill Rate:	\$91 per hour
Location:	TBD

**E. Contractual Transfers**

There are no contractual transfers at this time.

**F. Contractual Terminations**

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  
Termination Date: 1:1 Program Assistant -D93 (Agency Contract Ended)  
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

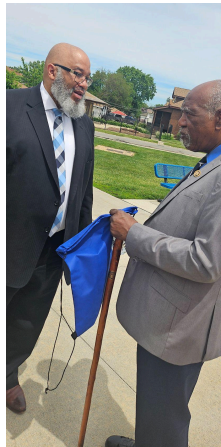
# TOWN HALL MEETING - BELLWOOD



# GRADUATIONS MAY 2026



# Congressman Danny K. Davis visit to PAEC Programs



## 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**

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**

<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

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.

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 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation ceremony; assisted in planning and attended 8<sup>th</sup> 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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