

# D86 Link

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## Master Facilities Plan Update

Not so long ago, the classroom was pretty basic. A teacher at the blackboard, the students sitting at their desks, add in the books, some paper, pencils and pens and school was set. While the goal of education to empower students to realize their ideal future hasn't changed, today's learning environment has become more complex. In 2010, the District adopted a Master Facilities Plan to provide a roadmap for all future construction projects. The Board of Education has determined the next step is to break down that plan into buildable projects and prioritize them. Developments in technology have multiplied and the way we can deliver curriculum are changing.

To take the next step and ensure that our facilities offer students the best services and opportunities, the Board and Administration, along with parents, teachers and community members, are working together to update the Master Facilities Plan to make certain our facilities continue to support our educational mission. Functional Teams are currently working in project-specific areas and will report back to the Board of Education by summer with a list of prioritized recommendations. Meetings where recommendations are proposed and discussed will be posted and open to the community. Any approved recommendations will be announced at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings and on the District website.

### > ACADEMICS

## 10 Perfect Scores of 36 on the ACT

This past fall, District 86 received notification that 10 of its Class of 2015 students earned perfect scores of 36 on the ACT. The ACT test is a national college admissions examination that consists of tests in four subject areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. Only 1% of students nationally earn the maximum possible score of 36.

*"We applaud them for a job well done and the teachers for providing expert guidance and support to all students in their continued quest for learning in District 86 and beyond."*

– Assistant Superintendent for Academics Pam Bylsma

### Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Community Member,

Amazing. Fantastic. Extraordinary. Boundless. Spectacular. One word simply cannot describe the profound talent and skill that teems on all levels within District 86. Current school families have the benefit of regular communication with us and are routinely updated in a timely manner on all that occurs. As Superintendent, I want to take this opportunity to share the wonderful and important things happening within our schools with each member of our community and to let you see how your contribution to our schools makes a difference every day in the lives of our students. The cycle continues with our students giving back to our community and laying the groundwork for future generations of students to build on this foundation of excellence.

Simply put, your support—whether financial, volunteer time, know-how, or all three—enables us to connect all the pieces to ensure student success. This in turn creates a vibrant community for all ages and a place, I hear quite often, that people return to in order to raise their own families.

Please take a moment to peruse the contents, celebrating with us just some of the tremendous achievements over the past six months and catching up on important ongoing efforts. Thank you for giving us the resources to provide such a dynamic environment for our students. We take the responsibility entrusted to the District seriously and apply sound principles to guide it forward. As always, we pledge to uphold and continue our tradition of excellence.

Sincerely,

Dr. Bruce Law  
Superintendent of Schools

> **ATHLETICS**

## IHSA State Titles

The school year is not yet over and already it has been a record-breaker. Hinsdale Central has won seven state titles (so far), setting a new IHSA record for the number of state titles won in a single school year.

Boys Golf (3rd consecutive year)

Girls Golf

Girls Tennis (2nd consecutive year)

Boys Soccer

Boys Cross Country (2nd consecutive year)

Forensics (Speech & Debate)

Boys Swimming

### Other Top Finishes:

Central Girls Cross Country, 4th Place

South Boys Cross Country, 9th Place

Central Chess Team, 4th Place

## Individual Accomplishments

In addition to the team competitions, several individuals at both schools have won state and national recognition.

### Wrestling

**Josh King**, State Champion, 220-lb. weight class

**Matt Allen**, 2nd place, 285-lb. weight class

**Juwan Edmond**, 3rd place, 152-lb. weight class

### Gymnastics

**Maddie Nowak** earned three medals: 4th Place IHSA State All-Around, 5th Place on Bars and 4th Place on Vault

### Forensics

**David Petrak** and **Joe Kluge**, 2nd Place Dramatic Duet Acting

**Ashley Yong**, 9th Place Radio Speaking

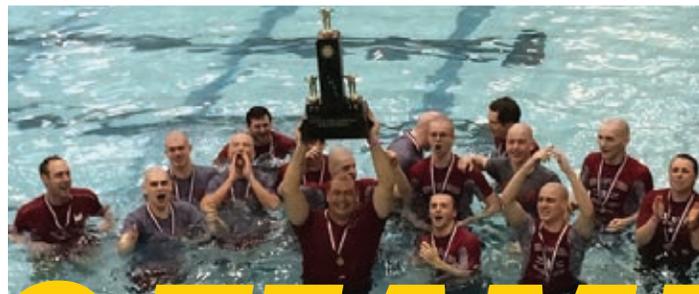
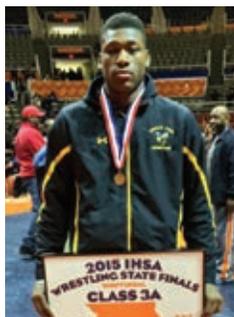
## Athletic Achievements Outside of IHSA

Hinsdale South's Danceline squad brought home its 6th consecutive state title from the Team Dance Illinois competition, winning 1st Place in Poms, 1st Place in Kick.

**Evan Floersch**, named All-American and a Player of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America



Photo courtesy of Jim Slonoff/The Hinsdalean

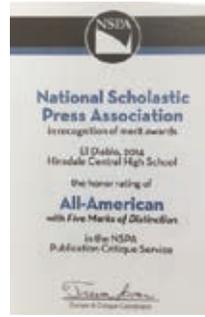


# GO TEAM!



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> **ACTIVITIES AND THE ARTS**



District 86 students are not just skilled athletes. Many students participated and excelled in award-winning activities and arts programs.

The yearbooks at both schools received All-American ratings from the National Scholastic Press Association. Only 1.2% of student publications nationally received this honor. Hinsdale South's "Vespa" also won a gold medal and Hinsdale Central's "El Diablo" won a silver medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Hinsdale South's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" was selected as one of 25 high schools to perform at the Illinois High School Theater Festival held in January at the University of Illinois.

The Red Devil Marching Band will perform at the London New Year's Day Parade 2016. Lord Mayor Duncan Sandys, the great-grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, traveled to Hinsdale Central to personally extend the invitation at a special ceremony.



The good news in publishing continued this year. The American Scholastic Press Association awarded Hinsdale South's literary magazine "Illusions" 1st place for its 2014 edition and the Illinois Journalism Education Association named Ashley Yong Illinois Journalist of the Year.

> **FINANCIALS**

The chart below shows the five-year financial summary for District 86 and calculates a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) to determine, on a percentage basis, the net growth of revenue and expenses on an annual, compounded basis. During the five-year timeframe beginning fiscal year 2009 through the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, the chart illustrates that total revenues collected have risen 2.7% while total expenditures have risen at a rate of 4.1%. In addition, capital spending dropped 11.2% over the same time period. If the current five-year trend remains intact, the District will have to make tough choices to fund the programs it offers and to maintain its assets.

View comprehensive financial information on the District's website at [www.hinsdale86.org/transparency](http://www.hinsdale86.org/transparency)

**Hinsdale Township District 86 High School Five-Year Financial Summary**

	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012 (b)	2012-2013 (b)	2013-2014	CAGR*
Total Revenue (a)(c)	\$ 80.4	\$ 80.6	\$ 82.5	\$ 84.7	\$ 86.5	2.7%
Total Expenditures (a)(c)	78.2	82.6	87.4	82.4	85.5	4.1%
Surplus / (Deficit) (a)(c)	\$ 2.2	\$ (2.0)	\$ (4.9)	\$ 2.3	\$ 1.0	
Capital Spending (a)	\$ 1.1	\$ 1.9	\$ 2.2	\$ 2.0	\$ 1.4	(11.2%)

All dollar figures in millions

(a) Source: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

(b) Excludes bonds of \$15.4 million in FYE '12 & associated spending in FYE '13 for major renovations

(c) Excludes "on behalf of" payments by the State of Illinois for Teacher Retirement System

\* Compounded Annual Growth Rate, base year '08/'09



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## Award-Winning Teachers and Coaches



**Dawn Oler** was named Teacher of the Year by the Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences



**Paul Hoel** was inducted into the IHSA Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame



The IHSA has nominated **John Naisbitt** to receive the National Federation of High Schools Boys' Tennis Coach of the Year



Assistant Boys Gymnastics Coach **CJ Johnson** has been awarded the 2015 Frank Cumiskey Service Award



**Jim Westphal** was named the 2014-15 Illinois Cross Country Association Coach of the Year



**Robin Kramer** is a finalist for the Illinois Tennis Coaches Association Coach of the Year

## Time to Vote!

Three of the seven seats on the District 86 Board of Education are up for election on April 7.

Also on the April 7 ballot are the two following advisory referendum questions that the Board voted to put before the community. For additional information on these referendum questions, please go to the District website at [www.hinsdale86.org](http://www.hinsdale86.org).

- > **1.** Shall the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District 86 petition the Illinois General Assembly for a change in State labor law to prohibit teachers and other professional employees of public school districts from striking or engaging in any form of work stoppage?
- > **2.** Shall the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District 86 include as criteria in the performance evaluations of its teachers and other professional employees mandatory components for assessment of those employees by the affected students and parents as well as the classroom attendance of the employees?