



West Northfield School District 31

Board Briefs

A Summary from the Board of Education Meeting— November 12, 2009

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Board of Education meetings are held on the second and/or fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Learning Center at Field School. The public is invited to attend.

Resolution for a District Line of Credit: The Board approved a resolution for a District Line of Credit to cover payroll, vendor payments and the December 1 bond payment. The District has not yet received any funds from local taxes and does not have sufficient reserves to cover these expenses.

H1N1 School Vaccination Site: The Board voted to have District 31 be a school-based H1N1 vaccination site for its students. Winkelman and Field students will be able to receive the H1N1 vaccination by a team of Cook County Department of Public Health vaccinators free of charge. Receiving the vaccination will be strictly voluntary and will require a parent/guardian completed and signed consent form. Vaccinations will be administered at Winkelman during the first week of December and at Field during the second week of December. We are awaiting news from the Cook County Department of Public Health regarding the exact dates.

Dr. Nicholson reported that during the week of November 15, a packet of information will be electronically sent to all parents/guardians of District 31 including a detailed cover letter, consent form, vaccination rejection form, Cook County Notice of Privacy Practices and information about the H1N1 live attenuated and the inactivated vaccines. Each student will be required to return a vaccination refusal form signed by his/her parent/guardian or a completed consent form signed by his/her parent/guardian. Teachers will be asked to collect these forms from each of their students and to be sure each student is correctly matched to his/her consent form just prior to receiving the vaccination. She also reported that the Cook County Department of Public Health will allow any staff member who falls into the "at risk" category to get an H1N1 vaccination the day his/her school is scheduled (at the end of the day after all students have been vaccinated).

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is planned for 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, in Field School Learning Center.