

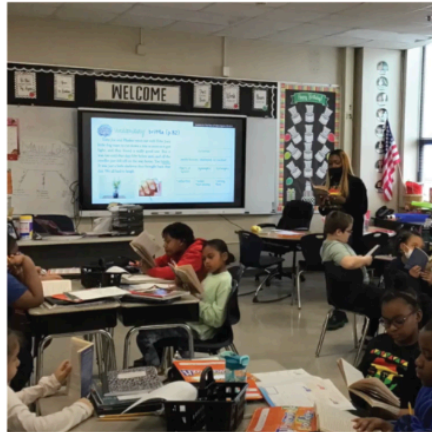


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A Message from the School Board President Shyrl Griffin



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On behalf of the Lindop Board of Education, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Lindop Parents and community for their commitment to working with educators and staff to increase the educational gap created by the pandemic and other extenuating circumstances. We truly believe that it takes a village to get our students to their full potential and to accomplish their dreams. Our student's education and safety are the Board's number one priority. Failure is not an option.

The Board has enabled Lindop to maintain the current fund balance levels while supporting the community. This is a significant accomplishment. Many districts are struggling to attain and/or maintain an A+ financial rating.

The Board would also like to thank the Lindop Administration, Faculty, and Staff for your unwavering commitment to the students, parents, and Lindop Community. We are **LINDOP STRONG!**

Respectfully,

Shyrl Griffin
Lindop District 92 School Board President

Superintendent's Message



The first half of the 2022-2023 school year seems like we were living in a whirlwind. However, we made it in one piece, together. January also entered with a Tiger's roar. There are so many things that we have been able to accomplish and celebrate including: Annual Black History Bowl, Motown Black History Program, Lindop Host of the West Cook Spelling Bee (Lindop is the only minority district to ever host the event in West Cook 40 schools with 18 schools participating), Daddy Daughter Dance (first since 2020), and the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Championship, retired

Music/Band teacher Mr. Boggs was nominated for a Grammy for best children's album, Kid Millionaire (creating foundational and generational wealth mindsets), the initiation of Lindop School Men of Distinction, and Male Mentoring (developing goals and action steps to realization), just to name a few.

I would like to personally thank each and every parent that took the time to partner with Dr. Betz and I to review MAP data and prepare for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. These were not easy conversations, but necessary. Your willingness to work alongside us to elevate academics was priceless. We could not have done this without you.

Education is not limited to the classroom. It takes place in the kitchen, on the corner, as you ride or walk to any destination, when you listen or speak to others in the silence of your bedroom. Education springs forth from books, songs, children, elders, women, men. It rises from victory, tragedy, joy and suffering. Education does not take place when you learn something you did not know before. Education is your ability to use what you have learned to be better today than you were yesterday. No matter how much you know how much you know or how you learn it, the ultimate goal of education is to give "you" greater insight to "yourself." You are educating the world about you. Education is your passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. - Malcolm X



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Have You Completed the 5 Essentials Survey?

Would you like to improve our school? You are capable of doing it! Ensure your voice is heard by completing the 5 Essentials Survey is a good first step. Kindly spend some time today filling out our 5 Essentials Survey prior to



March 31, 2023.



Parents, please access the 5 Essentials Survey at this website:

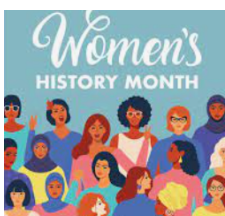
<http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

Lindop Celebrates Black Excellence!

Our students commemorated African Americans' significant contributions to society throughout the entire month of February. On February 28, 2023, we conducted our final event. On this particular day, Broadview's best spot was at Lindop School! The students gave a presentation on significant historical events and also played some of Motown's most popular songs. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the marvelous event!



National Women History Month



It is March when we celebrate National Women's History Month. We use this period of time in the classroom to conduct specialized classes that emphasize the very significant—and frequently undervalued—contributions women have made to the development of our society and the global community.

Black Men United Donations for Lindop School Families Praised

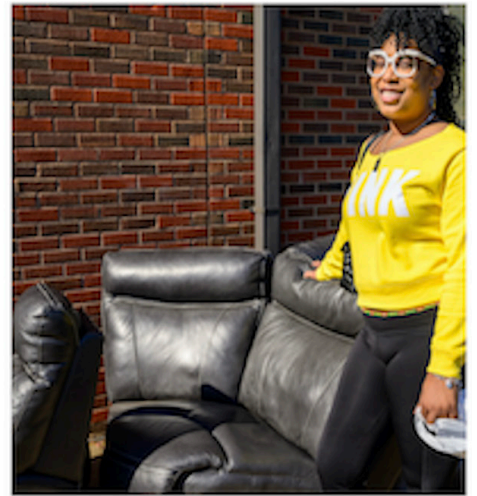
Top officials from Lindop School District 92 in western Cook County are offering praise to Black Men United for a community give away event last weekend that donated free toiletries, household appliances, furniture, and other items to the district's students and families.

Black Men United, a national community service organization that focuses on the restoration and rebuilding of Black communities across America, organized the event in suburban Broadview on Saturday, October 22, and drew more than 100 families who received the free household and personal items, including Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

"Lindop District 92 deeply appreciates the commitment by the Black Men United organization and their local supporters to help the lighten the financial burden of some of the students of and families of Broadview," said Superintendent Dr. Janiece Jackson. "We would especially like to thank Black Men United's local leader, Pastor John Harrell, who organized the giveaway and helped secure the donations."

A "blessing" for families, says top elected official.

"Many of the hard working parents of our students are struggling under the financial strain of high gas prices, increased food costs, and escalating housing expenses," said Lindop Board of Education President Shyrl Griffin. "So the generous donations arranged for our families by Black Men United is a true blessing."



Lindop 92 Board Votes to Return \$510,658 to Broadview Property Taxpayers

\$1.3 Million Returned Since 2021

Lindop School District 92's last Board of Education meeting of 2022, December 19, the Board voted to provide a Christmas 'gift' to Village of Broadview property taxpayers: a \$510,658 tax abatement.

A feature of a new State of Illinois law to help assure a reliable, monthly cash flow to school districts requires that, in exchange for the state's monthly check, districts abate or "return" a portion of their property tax revenue to local taxpayers.

"Illinois law provides school districts with an opportunity to lower the property taxes of local paid by local taxpayers with the state replacing a portion of lost tax revenue with state money," said Board of Education President Sheryl Griffin. "As vigilant custodians of taxpayer money, whenever the board can provide property tax relief to residents and the families of students, we will provide that relief."

In exchange for the \$510,658 property tax abatement to Broadview property taxpayers, Lindop 92 will receive \$411,000 in 12 monthly payments, a guaranteed disbursement that bolsters the district's finances, according to district Superintendent Dr. Janiece Jackson. "The money from the state is distributed every month to the district, like clockwork, to ensure a stable, reliable cash flow throughout the year, which is critical for paying our bills, including our teachers," said Chief School Business Official Scott Beranek. "The other advantage is that the district, which has a property tax collection rate at 97%, would receive less money to which we are legally entitled or receive the money late, which undermines our budget." Since fiscal year 2021, the Lindop 92 Board of Education has voted to return to taxpayers \$1.3 million, including \$324,726 in both fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

Lindop District 92 Swears in New Board Member: Jeannie Alexander



The Lindop Elementary School District 92 in western Cook County officially added a new board of education member to its ranks, swearing in Broadview resident Jeannie Alexander.

At the board's regular month meeting on Tuesday, November 15, Board of Education President Sheryl Griffin administered the oath office to Alexander who was appointed to the seven-member panel on October 21, 2022.

"I am deeply honored by the appointment to the Lindop Board of Education," said Alexander, a Vice President of Rail Operations at the Chicago Transit Authority. "My agenda as a board member is supporting the continued improvement in the quality of education that Broadview elementary students receive."

Alexander, a 10-year resident of Broadview, earned her B.A. in English Language and Literature at Southern Illinois University and a Master's in Adult Education at DePaul University.

"Investing in my own education fueled my professional growth, helping to earn me the position of Vice President of Rail Operations at the CTA," said Alexander. "That's why I want to invest my time with Lindop District 92, working with Superintendent Dr. Janiece Jackson and other top administrators, seeking to improve the education of our children here in Broadview to help promote their long-term professional growth, too."

"With the addition of Jeannie Alexander to the Board of Education, Lindop 92's commitment to a quality education for children will only deepen further," said Board President Griffin. "Jeannie's participation is a win for the district and the students."

"I look forward to working with Jeannie as a member of the board," said Dr. Jackson. "She brings passion, determination and a commitment to children, and that's what the district needs in leaders."

\$6.5M Bond OK'd: Lindop 92 to Get New Student Library, Roof, and More



Overwhelming approval by west suburban Broadview voters – 63-37% – in the June 2022 primary of a \$6.5 million bond debt extension for Lindop School District 92 has enabled district leaders to launch implementation of their critical, bold life-safety plan, such as replacing most of the school's roof, mechanical fixes, electric system upgrades, masonry repair, and a transformed student library.

“We are deeply grateful to Broadview voters of Lindop School District 92 for their generous support giving the district the means to provide students a safer and richer learning environment,” said Lindop 92 Superintendent Dr. Janiece Jackson. “Additionally, the extension the district bond debt authority will cause no increase in property taxes. Zero. That’s a win for taxpayers.”

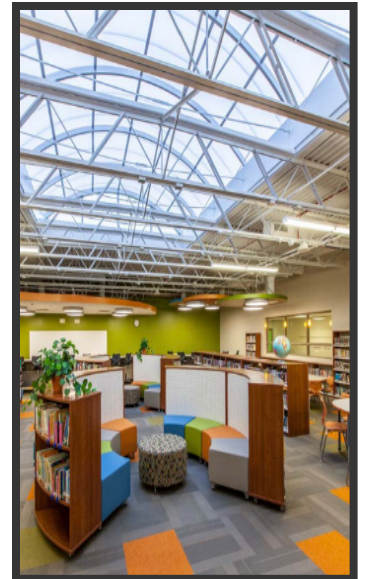
The district's Life Safety Report identified a total of \$10.9 million worth of building repair needs, but the administration and the Board of Education prioritize the most critical items to minimize impact on taxpayers, according to Dr. Jackson.

“The Board and the administration diligently examined the Life Safety Report recommendations over many months,” said Dr. Jackson. “And after reviewing critically all options with the district's financial consultants, we decided on the \$6.5 million debt extension financing option to reduce any potential burden to tax payers.”

The top life-safety projects include:

- Replacing 70% of Lindop School's roof: \$1,575,000
- Repairing electrical systems: \$820,000.00
- Repairing mechanical system: \$477,000
- Restoring exterior wall masonry: \$252,400
- Upgrading other life-safety features: \$1,000,000

In addition to the life-safety projects, the district will invest \$1.2 million to transform the 4,000 square foot student library. “Lindop's current library will be modernized for the 21st Century and will become the centerpiece of the school,” said Dr. Jackson. “This library transformation will create a dynamic, attractive, and technologically sophisticated learning environment for the district's 360 students, which will have a direct impact on the quality of their education and academic success.”



PICTURES FROM WINTER CONCERT 2022



Apple Co-Founder's Education Group Adds Lindop 92 to its "Elite" School District Network

Woz ED "Pathway" Designation Places Lindop among Only 42

Top officials from Lindop School District 92 in western Cook County are celebrating their elementary school's inclusion among "elite" school districts nationwide by the national education foundation, Woz ED, created by Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak.

Lindop 92's top administrator, Superintendent Dr. Janiece Jackson, learned last week during Woz ED's national conference in Arizona that the west suburban district of 360 students had officially secured a "Woz Pathway District Status."



"Woz Pathway Districts are an elite group of Districts that exemplify teaching and learning designed for students to explore their future in the tech economy," wrote Wozniak to district officials, granting the distinction. "Woz Pathway Districts are changemakers in education, and I am proud to induct Lindop School District 92 as part of an exclusive global community, recognized and celebrated for educational transformation that includes collaboration, problem solving, and critical thinking."

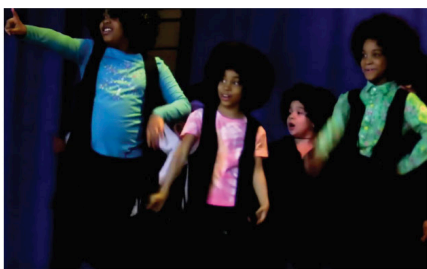
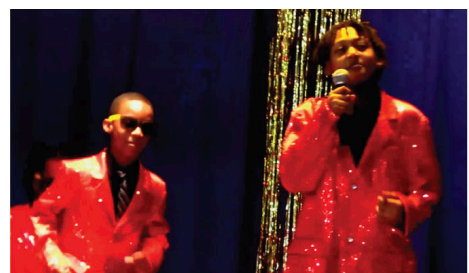
Lindop is among only 42 districts in the U.S. to be selected.

"Lindop has been recognized as the second cohort of only 42 inductee districts in the nation to receive the Woz Pathway District Status Recognition," said Dr. Jackson, who attended the conference in Scottsdale and met Wozniak. "Lindop 92 is deeply grateful to Steve Wozniak and Woz ED for granting our district this distinction, and we are equally proud of our teachers and students who earned the Pathway status."

Beyond the honor of Pathway status, Lindop 92 will benefit from Woz ED's enhanced training and support; in person community outreach event support, including facilitation of hands-on experiences for parents; visitation priority (once implementation requirements are met); scholarships for the annual Pathway school induction; and more.

"Like Woz ED, Lindop 92 is committed to preparing our students for today and tomorrow's workplace and a career path that emphasizes problem solving, collaboration and technology," said Lindop 92 Board of Education President Shryl Griffin. "This collaboration with Woz ED may just produce the next Steve Wozniak from among the Lindop student body."

PICTURES FROM MOTOWN 2023



Broadview Freedom School To Be Held in June and July

“A history of the Freedom Schools and the young students who attended them is a testament to the courage and conviction needed to join the front lines of the civil rights movement” (Hale, 2016). As we continue to face inequities now and as those inequities were magnified by the Covid-19 pandemic, E. F. Lindop School District 92, in partnership with the Village of Broadview, the Broadview Park District, The Village Free Press, The Answer, Inc., and Brondihouse has been awarded the Philip Jackson Freedom Schools Grant, created by Public Act 101-654.

The Phillip Jackson Freedom Schools grant releases funds to grant awardees to implement a 6-week summer Freedom School program grounded in literacy, civil activism, and social justice. During the 2023 summer the 6-week Broadview Freedom School program will serve 40 students in grades 5-8. Students who participate in the program will receive books for their home library, build connections with local community mentors and organizations, and have the opportunity to advocate for social change that directly impacts Broadview.

Residency Requirement:

Only Residents of Lindop School District #92 May Attend Lindop

Lindop School District 92 has such a good reputation for educating and caring for students that parents who live outside of our school district each year try to register and send their children to Lindop School – but that is illegal.

The Lindop residency requirement policy is clear: “Only students who are residents of the District may attend the District school except as provided below or in State law. A student’s residence is the same as the person who has legal custody of the student.”

A person asserting legal custody over a student, who is not the child’s natural or adoptive parent, shall complete a signed statement, stating:

- he or she has assumed and exercises legal responsibility for the child,
- the reason the child lives with him or her, other than to receive an education in the District, and
- he or she exercises full control over the child regarding daily educational and medical decisions in case of emergency.

Registration of a student who is not a resident in Cook County School District 92 is a crime.

Any student found to have been fraudulently registered will be disenrolled immediately. Parents or guardians making a fraudulent registration will be charged tuition of \$19,100 per year. If residency documents are forged or altered, a parent will be reported to the Broadview Police and charged with a Class 3 Felony.

For parents that are using affidavits for registration, in-person appointments will be required. Please contact 708-786-6464 to request an appointment.

Lindop School District 92 Preschool Screening

Lindop School District 92 is currently conducting preschool screenings for children ages 2.5 years to 5 years old. The preschool program at Lindop services children ages 3-5 years old with placement priorities given to District 92 residents. Lindop offers half-day programs for 3 year olds and half or full day for children who are eligible for kindergarten in fall of 2024. Class sizes are limited and a wait list will be formed once classes are full.

The purpose of the screening is to:

- Identify children that might need additional evaluation
- Answer the concerns parents may have about their child’s development
- Evaluate if your child is eligible for Lindop’s Prekindergarten Program



Screening information can be accessed by calling Diane Schoenheider at (708)232-3210 or via email at dschoenheider@lindop92.net

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