



# The Hawthorne Sun

Mrs. Patty Puetz, Principal

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION**

### **TAX LEVY APPROVED**

Following a public hearing, the Board of Education approved the tax levy for 2015. School District 21 does not set the tax rate, but rather requests a levy (as a dollar amount) that is spread across all property owners in the District and is capped by state law. When a tax levy is created, a variety of factors are unknown, like the value of any new property that has been constructed within the district over the previous year. It is anticipated that the tax extension will be 1.4% higher than last year, which in part is a result of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 0.8%. An increase is used to pay for budgeted expenses, like contractual obligations with staff members and outside vendors.

### **PARCC UPDATE**

Statewide, district, school and individual student PARCC assessment data was released in December. This past spring was the first year PARCC was used. Therefore, as the Illinois State Board of Education and PARCC have both stated, results from this assessment can't be compared to any other standardized assessment, nor other districts this year as some completed PARCC on paper rather than online. CCSD21 continues to rely on a variety of measures that have been proven more reliable, like classroom assessment and teacher observations that capture powerful day-to-day evidence of student growth, rather than just one snapshot.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, January 21 – 7:30 PM

## **Hawthorne Contact Information**

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Dear Hawthorne Families,

New year, new faces!

Welcome back and happy new year! I hope you had a wonderful winter break. There have been changes to our Hawthorne office this year. Both Maria Castillo and Michelle Goldberg are no longer with us.

Alejandra Perez is our new building secretary. Prior to accepting the position at Hawthorne, she worked as a district-level floating secretary.

Diana Garcia is our new health assistant. Prior to accepting the position at Hawthorne, she worked as a teacher assistant with ECDEC for many years.

Please help me in welcoming Alejandra Perez and Diana Garcia to Hawthorne.

Winter Break Activity

We have started receiving the winter break activities sheets and are thrilled with the number of students that have participated. Students who have turned in their completed sheet will receive a book.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will begin in February. Registration packets, along with directions will be sent home with all Hawthorne students that will be starting kindergarten in the fall of 2016. Note that kindergarten registrations for current Hawthorne students will be handled through Hawthorne, not the home school.

Important Dates

### **January**

18: Martin Luther King Day – No School

21: Board of Education Meeting at Gill Center

25: Teacher Institute Day – No School

### **February**

12: No School

15: President's Day – No School

18: Board of Education Meeting at Gill Center