

## Regular Meeting

**Mission:** "Engaging All Learners to Achieve Success"

The Regular Meeting started at 5:30 P Mon Monday, March 17, 2025. The meeting was held at Kramer Education Center  
2410 16th Street, Suite A  
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present

Michael Jeffryes: Present

Doug Molczyk: Present

Theresa Seipel: Present

Douglas Willoughby: Present

Marv Zoucha: Present

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD
- III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

VI. MISSION STATEMENT

Mike Jeffryes read the Mission Statement.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

IX. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

The students and coach/sponsors were given their certificates and congratulated by the board and Dr. Chip Kay, Superintendent.

IX.A. CMS Art Students

IX.B. CHS Diamond Dancers Nationals Award

IX.C. CHS Bowling Team-State Champions

IX.D. CHS Boys Wrestling Team

IX.E. CHS Girls Wrestling Team

X. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

X.A. Kramer Preschool Presentation

Ashlie Stone, Kramer Preschool presented information on her building. Mrs. Stone shared the enrollment numbers: 174 Students, including special education students. There are 16 certified staff and 19 classified staff. She shared assessment data and TPOTS Observation data which gives teachers the information needed to coach students to improve assessment percentages. Mrs. Stone talked about what they are doing at the Kramer Preschool to facilitate engagement and connectivity with staff, students and families.

X.B. LMHP Presentation

The CPS LMHPs Jessy Hill, Sarah Papa, Amy Theis gave a presentation on how violence risk assessments and self harm risk assessments are being facilitated. They shared the criteria for who requires an assessment and who is involved in interviewing a student or staff member. They talked about the process being evidence based and the length of time it can take for the assessment to be completed. There was discussion about how CPS has become very proactive in protecting our students and staff.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the consent agenda Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XI.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

XI.B.Meeting Minutes

XI.C.Finance Reports

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Relations and Fiscal Support, reported on the cash balances and revenue funds. He said that there are two new reports this month to show revenue and payments for the QCPUF and Nutrition Fund accounts.

XI.D. Staffing Reports

Mr. Schapmann shared the reports for staffing. He gave a shout out to the principals for getting a lot of the hiring done. The new principal for Kramer Preschool was on the memo. Chip Kay, Superintendent spoke about the interview process. He said Erin Meyer was hired. Mrs. Meyer's experience in a pre-k really showed in her interview.

XI.E. Professional Travel

Mr. Schapmann said the professional travel report reflected teacher career fairs, virtual career fairs and special education conferences.

XII. FOUNDATION REPORT

The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Nicole Anderson, Foundation Director, spoke about items listed in the report, including payouts for CMS stem supplies from ADM grant. Showing paid outs for some classroom grants. The Grandparents' Day events are listed as well. Mrs. Anderson said the district has served 781 grand friends to date and there are more events to come.

The total for the month of February is \$26,059.51; Year 2025 is \$35,204.25.

XIII. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

XIII.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, updated on progress with Mr. Gillespie's wood manufacturing curriculum. She said CPS passed the Federal Programs Review. Mrs. Hausmann talked about the ESSA Grant reimbursements and thanked Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, for his assistance. Cognia, the company that CPS uses for accreditation, sent a notice that the three areas of improvement review is due. Mrs. Hausmann said that the department made 263 staff connections during the month of February.

XIII.B. Director of Special Education

Mr. Harris said he is focusing on hiring special education staff. He has made 28 contacts to invite people to come to CPS. Nine have been hired. Three people have transferred to special education from regular education. There were four people interviewed.

Mr. Harris shared that NDE requested a review on identifying OHI-white students. The review of files found nothing. Mr. Harris said there will be a finalized plan to come out at a later date.

XIII.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

XIII.D. Director of Human Resources

Mr. Schapmann gave some more in-depth information on the staff that are leaving the district.

13 retirements

16 resignations

7 for family reasons

3 entering grad school

1 for professional advancement

1 retiring for a second time

4 other

40 positions have been filled, 21 are new to the district. Twelve first year teachers, 5 are in years 2-5, 4 in years 6+.

XIII.E. Director of Operations

Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations, updated on the Kramer project. He said it is coming along on budget. He also shared some information on the alternate education project. He also discussed some other projects he is looking into including the lighting control system at CHS and plumbing fixtures. Dr. Kay added that more conversations will happen regarding what is replaced to keep things operational. Mr. Kwapnioski talked about bus driver's training and the emergency exit plans for students. They drill twice a year. Bus drivers are randomly drug-tested through Occupational Health.

XIII.F. Superintendent

Dr. Kay said that Mr. Kwapnioski is getting all the bids together for the alternative education building. He noted that they met with Clark Enersen and the project is under budget for the facility. There was discussion regarding entrance safety and security. Lighting will be added outside the building. Dr. Kay shared some insight with regard to our kindergarten enrollment for next year. It is very important to keep ratios at 20:1 in kindergarten classrooms, Dr. Kay is proposing opening another kindergarten classroom. The growth of our enrollment was discussed and solutions are being addressed by Dr. Kay. He shared a plan for a community meeting, and an online meeting to get feedback. The timeline will be to use April to get feedback and have the board vote on a resolution to move forward in May. There was discussion on the support services that will be needed to plan a bond and project. Dr. Kay talked about the challenges we face. This solution would free up space in 6 buildings instead of piecing things together. There are teachers and parents that are willing to speak to the community.

#### XIV. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

Motion to approve all three policies Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XIV.A. First Reading of Policy 204.07 Meeting Notice

XIV.B. First Reading of Policy 717.00 Disposal of Property Under Federal Grants

XIV.C. First Reading of Policy 502.12 Enrollment of Children in Preschool Programs

Dr. Kay presented information on Policy 502.12 Enrollment of Children in Preschool Programs. CPS did not have a policy and the grant requires a policy. He said we want to make sure it matches our procedures.

#### XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### XVI. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XVI.A. 2025-2026 Pre-K Calendar

The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the 2025-2026 Pre-K Calendar, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Dr. Kay said he heard concerns from teachers that it is confusing for families if the K-12 calendar has a non-contact day on a Friday. The preschool can't be out on both Friday and Wednesday. They will not have enough academic time. The new calendar reflects a very similar schedule as this year.

XVI.B. Fundraising Application to be Approved

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Fundraising Applications, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Doug Molczyk.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XVI.C. Surplus Property Approval

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the items to be declared surplus property, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XVI.D. GO Physical Therapy Agreement

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the GO Physical Therapy agreement, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,

Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, presented the GoPhysical Therapy contract. This is the OT/PT company CPS is currently using. This is the same provider the name was changed. Mr. Harris said we sign a 3 year contract because they offer a better rate. The rates are below the NDE suggested rates. This company is helping us find SLPs for next year.

XVI.E. Mitel Phone System Upgrade

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Mitel Phone Upgrade as submitted. Passed with a motion by Michael Jeffryes and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Mr. Kwapnioski shared the Mitel Phone System Upgrade. QCPUF funds will be used for communication throughout the district and district-wide paging. This was listed in the resolution as a need for safety and security.

XVI.F. Approval to Replace Fire Alarms at Emerson and North Park

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the bid to Replace the Fire Alarms at Emerson and North Park, a submitted. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Doug Molczyk.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Fire alarms at Emerson and North Park need to be replaced.

XVI.G. Approval of the Commonwealth Electric Bid to Upgrade District Cameras, Access Controls, Video Door Cameras and Kramer Intercom System

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Commonwealth Electric Bid to Upgrade District Cameras, Access Controls, Video Door Cameras and Kramer Intercom System. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

XVII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

XVIII. BOARD SHARING

The board shared that the CHS play was awesome. Those that have participated in Grand Friends Day are very appreciative, and think it is a great event. They all really enjoy the student recognitions at the board meetings.

XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XX. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Michael Jeffryes.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, March 17, 2025.

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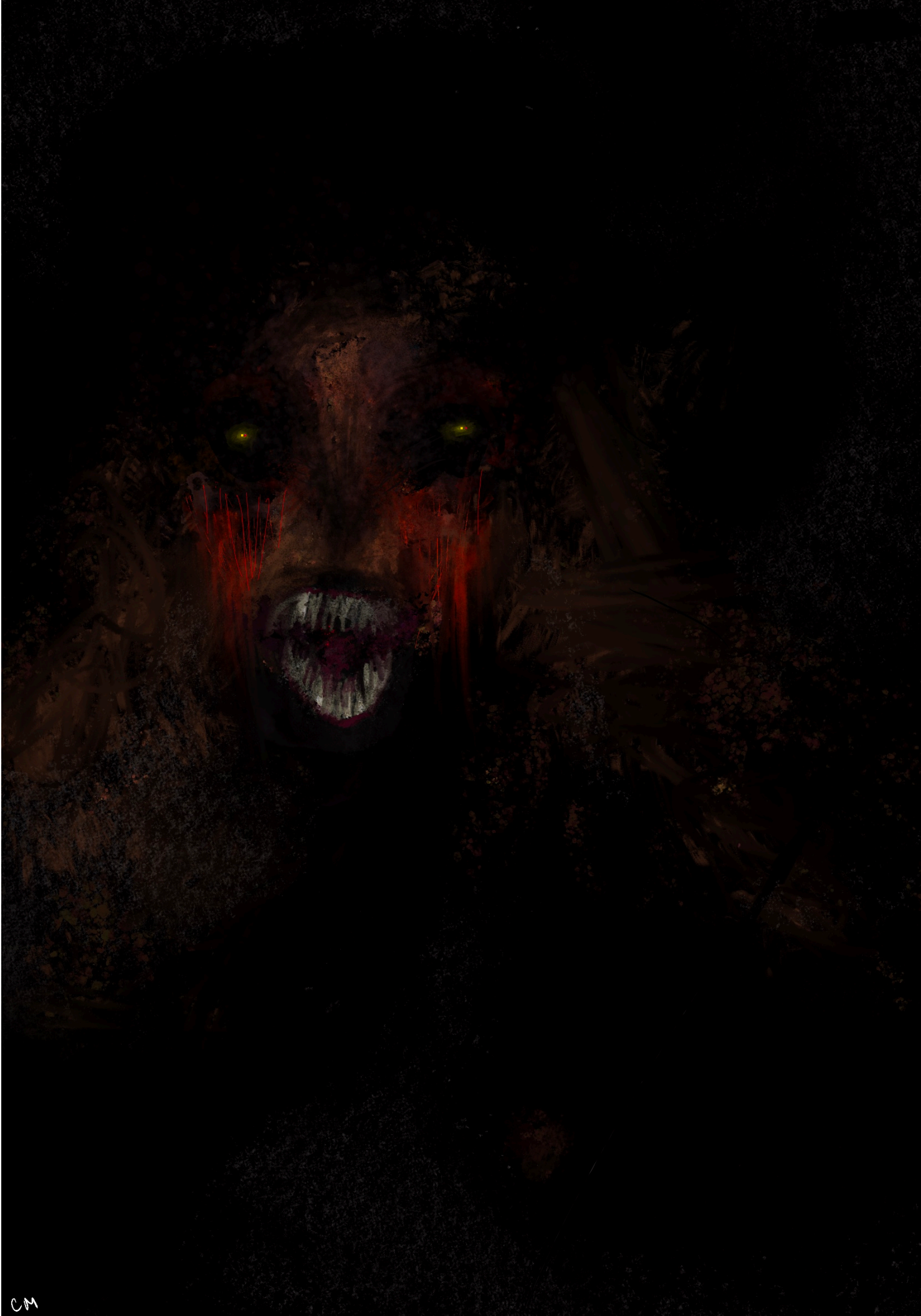
President

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Secretary











# Kramer Preschool

## Enrollment:

Special Education: 62 students

Free & Reduced: 22 students

Non-Teacher: 4

Free: 79 students

Certified Staff: 16

Classified Staff: 19



## Building Focus - GOLD Data

Pre-K (4-5 year old) students are below expectations based on nationally normed assessment (GOLD)

- ◆ Objective 1a: Manages Feelings
- ◆ Objective 1b: Follows limits and expectations
- ◆ Objective 2a: Forms relationship with adults

**Table 1: Social-Emotional**

Objectives / Dimensions	Age or Class/Grade	Not Yet	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1a. Manages feelings	Birth to 1 year		2 20%	8 80%					
	1 to 2 years			3 60%	2 40%				
	2 to 3 years			4 36.36%	5 45.45%	2 18.18%			
	Preschool 3 class/grade		1 2%	7 14%	15 30%	21 42%	6 12%		
	Pre-K 4 class/grade			3 2.78%	8 7.41%	30 27.78%	52 48.15%	15 13.89%	
1b. Follows limits and expectations	Birth to 1 year		5 50%	5 50%					
	1 to 2 years			2 40%	3 60%				
	2 to 3 years			3 27.27%	5 45.45%	3 27.27%			
	Preschool 3 class/grade		1 2%	7 14%	13 26%	13 26%	9 18%	7 14%	
	Pre-K 4 class/grade		1 0.93%	4 3.7%	4 3.7%	22 20.37%	34 31.48%	38 35.19%	5 4.63%



## **BUILDING GOALS**

Improve our Fall GOLD Data - 37.97% of our 4-5 year old students are unable to manage feelings.

Improve our Fall GOLD Data - 28.7% of our 4-5 year old students are unable to follow limits and expectations.

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Improve our Fall GOLD Data - 67.59% of our 4-5 year old students are unable to form relationships with adults.

Improve our Fall GOLD Data - 52.78% of our 4-5 year old students are unable to respond to emotional cues.

## Engagement & Connection

### Staff

#### Engagement:

- Weekly Staff Newsletters
- Monthly Staff Luncheons
- School Spirit Days & Activities
- "You've Been Struck" (Valentine's)
- Staff Christmas Kindness Ornaments
- Christmas Gift Card Exchange
- TPOT Observations/Coaching

### Student

#### Engagement:

- Monthly Projects
- Kramer Cone of Compliments
- Pyramid Model
- Graduation
- Kindergarten Move Up Day

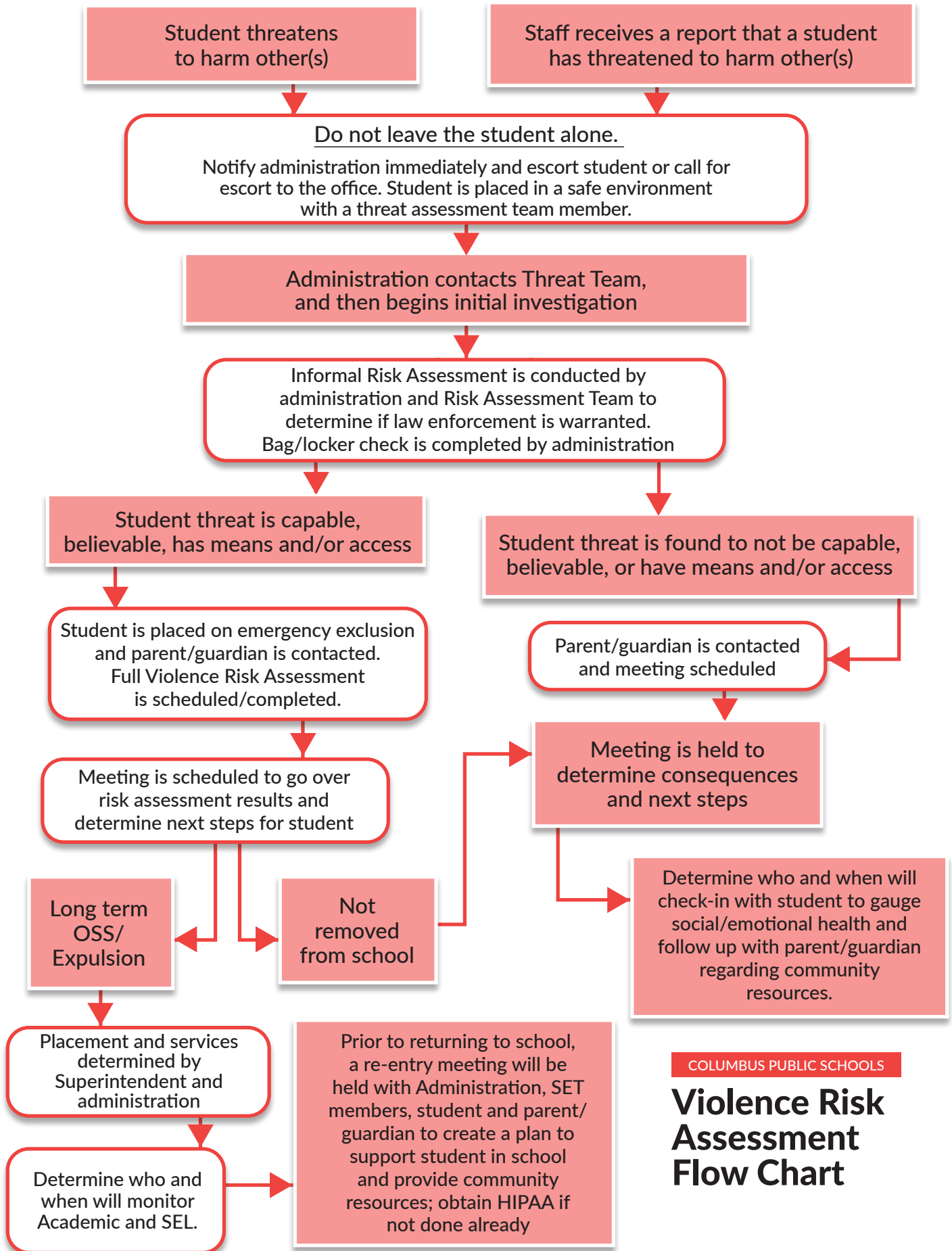


### Family

#### Engagement:

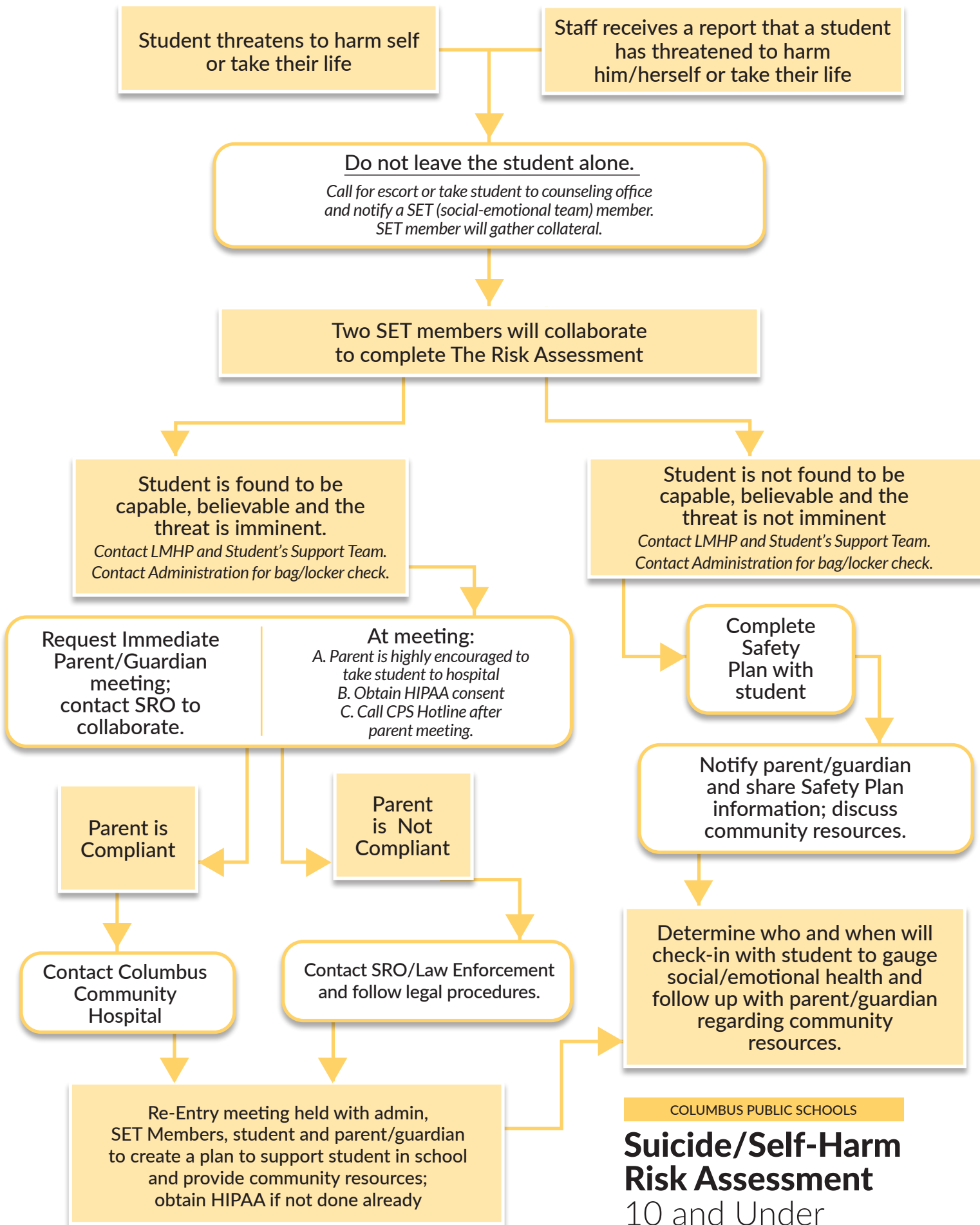
- Open House
- 2 Home Visits
- Fall Family Night
- Cookie Decorating Party
- Monthly Newsletters
- Kramer Cone of Compliments
- Graduation

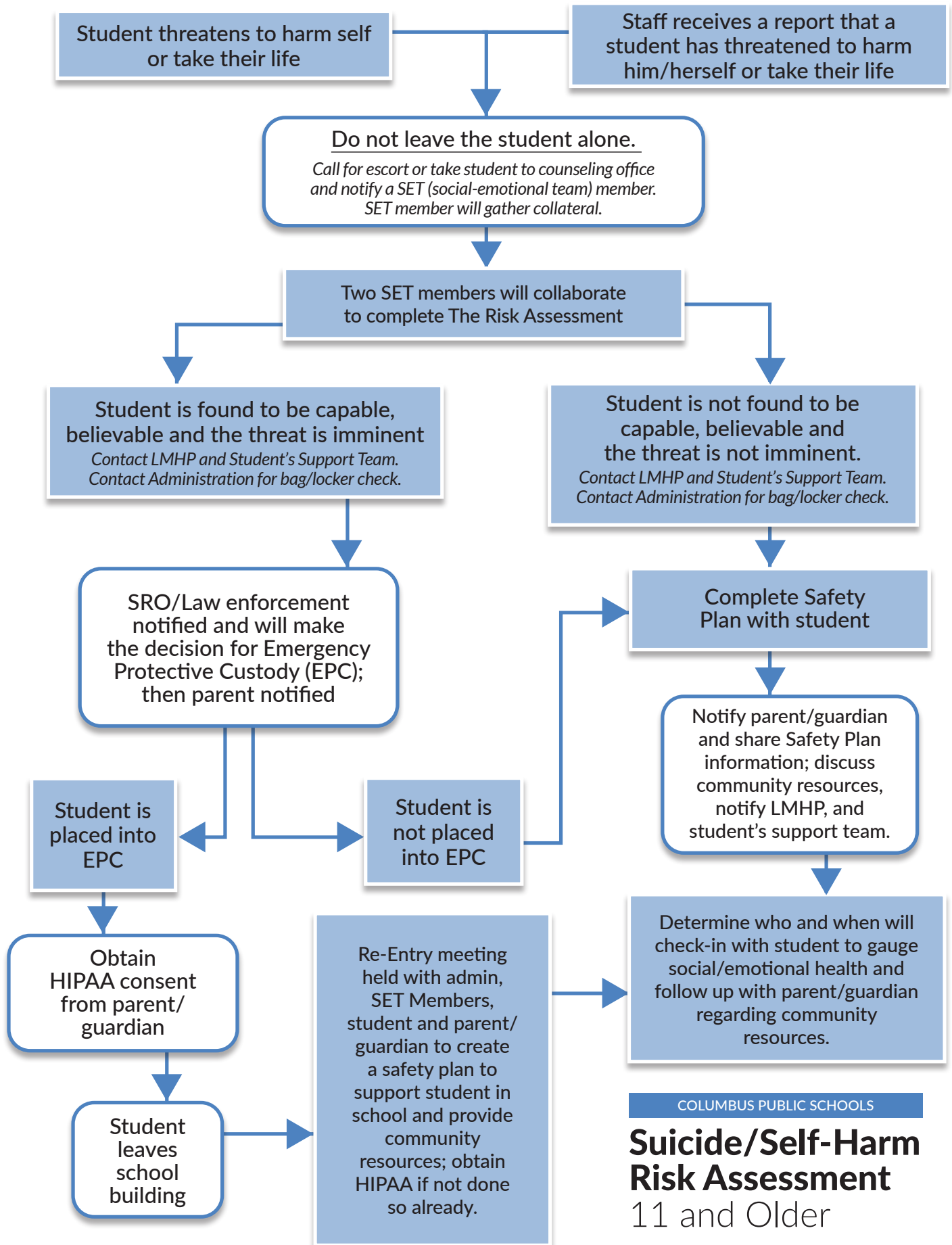
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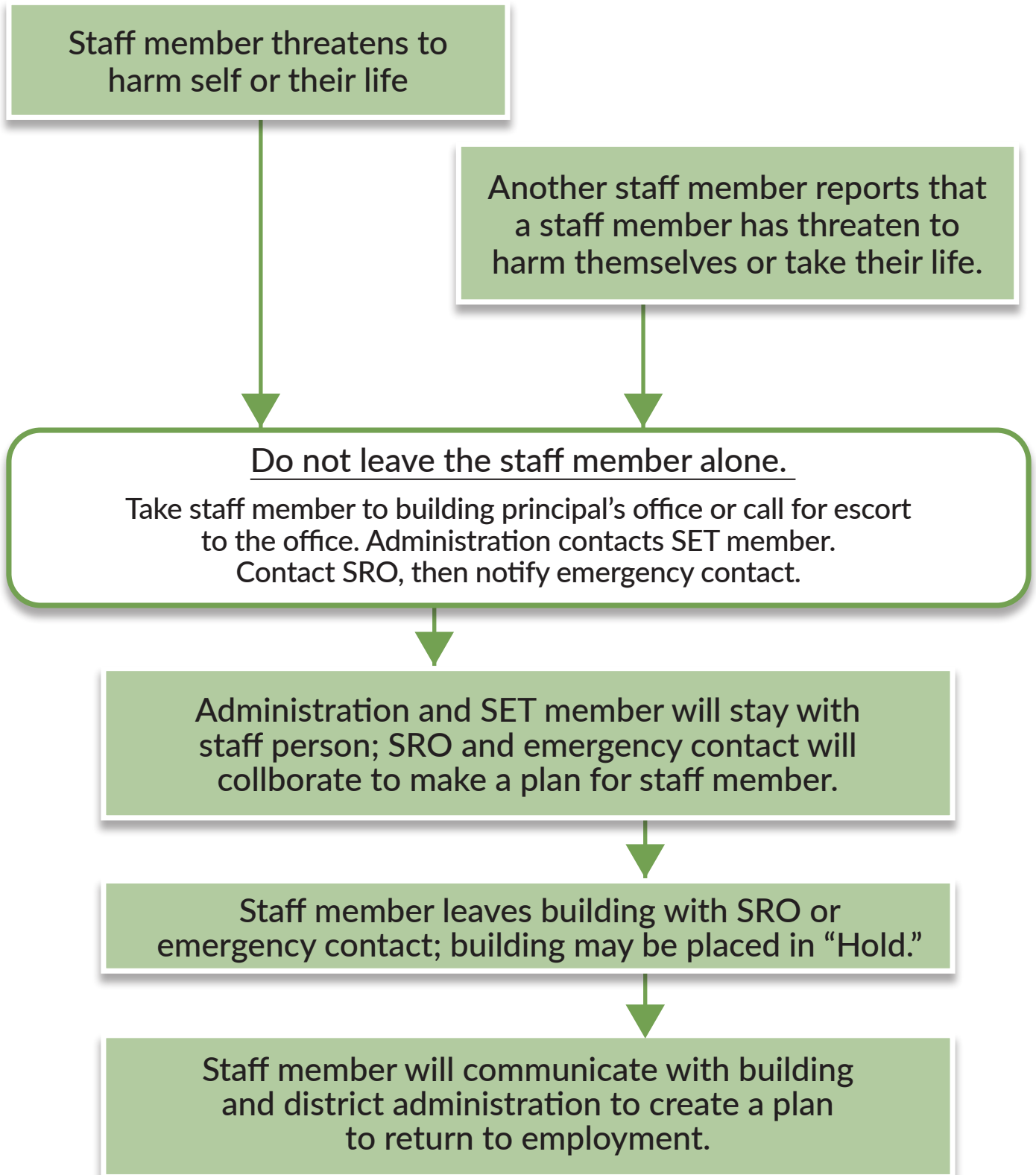


COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Violence Risk Assessment Flow Chart







Committee As A Whole  
Monday, February 10, 2025 5:30 PM Central

Kramer Education Center  
2410 16th Street, Suite A  
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Absent  
Michael Jeffries: Present  
Doug Molczyk: Present  
Theresa Seipel: Present  
Douglas Willoughby: Present  
Marv Zoucha: Present  
Present: 5, Absent: 1.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

#### III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

Motion to excuse Candy Becher Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Michael Jeffries.

Candace Becher: Absent, Michael Jeffries: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

#### VI. MISSION STATEMENT

Doug Molczyk read the Mission Statement.

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### VIII. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

#### IX. RECOGNITIONS BY BOARD

IX.A. FCCLA State Qualifiers  
Amanda Nielsen-Coach/Sponsor

Mya Davis  
Jazmine Hernandez  
Aliyah Alas  
Ashley De La Cruz-Martin

Amanda Nielsen-Advisor

#### X. BUILDING OR DISTRICT PRESENTATION

#### X.A. West Park Elementary Presentation

Paula Lawrence, West Park Elementary Principal, presented on student enrollment numbers, number of staff at West Park and gave the breakdown for EL, special education, and free and reduced students. Mrs. Lawrence talked about the AQuESTT classification West Park received "Good" including an addition of support in the special education students. A plan has been created with the curriculum staff. The math teachers have been working with Julie Kreikemeier, Instructional Coach, to develop and implement Math WIN time for all grade levels. Mrs. Lawrence said West Park is celebrating the ELPA data which shows great growth. She said there is ongoing staff development for using the CKLA Core Program including mClass and Boost Trainings. Mrs. Lawrence shared that they are focused on engagement of school and community for fostering connections and building relationships. They are creating monthly newsletters and increasing facebook posts. They are scheduling attendance meetings with families. She said the Family Literacy program has been very positive. Student assemblies are another event they use for engagement of students.

#### X.B. JAG Program Proposal for CMS

Amy Haynes, CMS Principal presented information on bringing the JAG Program into CMS. It would be an exploratory class. It would connect students with civic partners. There would be two classes each for 7th and 8th graders. That would be no more than 55 students total. It would align well with the JAG Program already offers at CHS. There would be criteria for students to be chosen for the program.

#### X.C. eSports Proposal for CHS

Dave Hiebner, CHS Principal and Adam Whitmore CHS Teacher presented information on eSports. They said there are 100 schools involved at this time. Discussion on games that would be allowed. Mr. Whitmore said there are 20-30 students interested in the program. The students interested are typically students not involved in other extracurricular activities. eSports has become very popular, and colleges are awarding scholarships for it, there is a high demand for people that are good at it. Discussion also included equipment that would be needed, sponsor pay, and types of games that would or would not be allowed.

### XI. CONSENT AGENDA

#### XI.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

#### XI.B. Meeting Minutes

#### XI.C. Finance Reports

Jason Schapmann shared updates on all the financial reports, including cash balances, revenue, and expenditures.

#### XI.D. Staffing Reports

Mr. Schapmann shared information on the staffing reports. There are 9 TERIP applications at this time. The deadline for turning them forms in is Friday, February 14, 2025. He said

everyone is working hard to fill open positions. Listed on the certified memo is the hire of Sarah Bird for the North Park Principal position.

#### XI.E. Professional Travel

The Travel Report shows travel to NPERS retirement seminars.

### XII. FOUNDATION REPORT

The new fiscal year started for the Foundation January 1st, 2025. The report has a total for the month as \$9144.74.

Nicole Anderson, Foundation/Communications Director, shared that Grandfriends events are happening now and into the next few months. There are 16 applications for dual credits, and the Foundation has received 47 applications for scholarships.

### XIII. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

#### XIII.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

Teresa Hausmann, Director of Teaching and Learning, said that two more curriculums were updated at the high school. There was a meeting to plan for summer. Mrs. Hausmann talked about the executive order to evaluate curriculum resources. There were 133 staff connections made last month.

#### XIII.B. Director of Special Education

Jason Harris, Director of Special Education, said he has been meeting with people that were hired at semester. Mr. Harris said he has started to fill open positions for next year and get contracts signed. There is a shortage of speech and language pathologist, CPS may need to back to more contracted services for students. Dr. Kay added that we may need to partner with the hospital to get some SLP help.

#### XIII.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

Sara Colford, Assistant Director of Student Services, shared a proposal for paying student teachers a stipend. The proposal included giving cooperative teachers a stipend. Mrs. Colford did have information on what other schools are offering. She also talked about the Threat Assessment Training that had been held recently.

#### XIII.D. Director of Human Resources

Mr. Schapmann presented that the certified staff wage/benefit increase for 25-26 will be 4.3% based on year two of the current negotiated agreement.

#### XIII.E. Director of Operations

Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations, shared the progress of the Kramer project. He said they have started painting today. They will start putting some HVAC equipment in place. Mr. Kwapnioski said the tiling around bathroom areas will being soon. The RFP for updated phone services, including a new service will be sent out soon. Thursday has been scheduled to receive elementary building vestibule bids.

### XIII.F. Superintendent

Chip Kay, Superintendent, shared information about the focus group. Questions were asked regarding what they would be supportive of to address our growing community. One concern was the traffic around our buildings. Dr. Kay said the next focus group would be some community members that don't usually agree with decisions made by CPS. The goal will be to answer their questions and find out what requests they would approve on a bond vote. Dr. Kay shared how a new 5-6 building would allow some relief to this problem along with staffing of a new building.

## XIV. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

### XIV.A. Review and Discussion of Policy 504.18 Student Fees Including 504.18R1

Dr. Kay said we will have the hearing next week. Summer school fees need to be added.

## XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### XV.A. CMS 2025-2026 Course Description Handbook

Amy Haynes, CMS Principal, shared updates to the course handbook descriptions.

### XV.B. Fundraising Applications

### XV.C. CHS Symphonic Band Trip/May 20-23, 2026

Dr. Kay said the board would be approving the trip May 20-23, 2026. Our policy states 1 year in advance for out-of state travel.

### XV.D. CMS Auditorium Sound System Bid

Mr. Kwapnioski shared information on the CMS Auditorium Sound System Bid. This system would be what is required for our students. Other groups using the facility would need to bring their own equipment that would be compatible with the system.

## XVI. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

### XVI.A. Approval of the Sale of the CASSETTE House

The Building and Grounds Committee recommends that the board approve the Sale of the CASSETTE House, for \$209,900. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Absent, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

## XVII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

## XVIII. BOARD SHARING

## XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board did not go into Executive Session.

## XX. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Michael Jeffryes.  
Candace Becher: Absent, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,  
Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus,  
Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board  
meeting of Monday, February 10, 2025.

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President

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Secretary

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Douglas Willoughby: Present  
Marv Zoucha: Present  
Present: 6.

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#### VI. MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Marv Zoucha.

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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#### XI. CONSENT AGENDA

##### XI.A. Items to be removed from the Consent Agenda

Motion to remove items from the Consent Agenda. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,  
Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

##### XI.B. Meeting Minutes

##### XI.C. Finance Reports

Jason Schapmann, Director of Human Resources and Fiscal Support, shared details of the M5 Financial Report. His report included payments made to UNL and the City of Columbus.

##### XI.D. Staffing Reports

Mr. Schapmann briefly updated the staffing reports with some additions to the Certified Staffing Report.

#### XI.E. Professional Travel

### XII. FOUNDATION REPORT

The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Foundation Report, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Marv Zoucha and a second by Doug Molczyk.  
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### XIII. DIRECTOR & SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS OR UPDATES

XIII.A. Director of Teaching and Learning

XIII.B. Director of Special Education

XIII.C. Assistant Director for Student Services

XIII.D. Director of Human Resources

XIII.E. Director of Operations

XIII.F. Superintendent

Chip Kay, Superintendent, shared information that is coming out regarding federal funding. Many of the programs CPS uses are being unfunded. Dr. Kay shared information on some of the legislative bills that are being discussed and how they will affect CPS. He said there are many concerns at this time.

### XIV. MONTHLY REVIEW OF POLICIES

### XV. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### XVI. ACTION ITEMS FOR THIS MEETING

XVI.A. JAG Program Proposal for CMS

Motion to remove the action item passed 6-0 with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

This proposal was taken off the table because funding has been taken away.

XVI.B. CMS 2025-2026 Course Description Handbook

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the CMS 2025-2026 Course Description Changes to the Handbook, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

XVI.C. Fundraising Applications

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Fundraising Applications, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Candace Becher and a second by Marv Zoucha.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### XVI.D. CHS Symphonic Band Trip/May 20-23, 2026

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the CHS Symphonic Band Trip/May 20-23, 2026. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Michael Jeffryes.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### XVI.E. CMS Auditorium Sound System Bid

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the CMS Auditorium Sound System Bid, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Leonard Kwapnioski, Director of Operations, received questions from the board on the bid for the sound system.

#### XVI.F. Second Reading of Policy 504.18 Student Fees Including 504.18R1

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the Second Reading of Policy 504.18 Student Fees Including 504.18R1, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Theresa Seipel.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### XVI.G. Elementary Building Vestibule Bid

The Superintendent recommends that the board approve the Bid for Elementary Vestibules, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Douglas Willoughby and a second by Doug Molczyk.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Mr. Kwapnioski gave information on the bids received. The company chosen is from Lincoln, they will be using many local vendors and subcontractors. He also reminded the board that some funding will come from safety and security money because the closed vestibules are being added for safety purposes. This will include cameras, that bid will be coming next week.

#### XVI.H. Discuss and Consider the TERIP Applications

The superintendent recommends that the board approve the TERIP Applications, as submitted. Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Candace Becher.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Mr. Schapmann presented the TERIP Applications. He said with the 12 retirees listed there are 300 years of service.

## XVII. BOARD REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

### XVIII. BOARD SHARING

The board thanked the maintenance staff for all the long hours and getting the snow moved at all the CPS buildings.

### XIX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session 6:29 Passed with a motion by Doug Molczyk and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The board did go into Executive Session.

### XX. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Douglas Willoughby.

Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea, Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, February 17, 2025.

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President

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Secretary

Special Hearing for Policy 504.18 School Fees  
Monday, February 17, 2025 5:30 PM Central

Kramer Education Center  
2410 16th Street, Suite A  
Columbus, NE 68601

Candace Becher: Present  
Michael Jeffryes: Present  
Doug Molczyk: Present  
Theresa Seipel: Present  
Douglas Willoughby: Present  
Marv Zoucha: Present  
Present: 6.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD

#### III. EXCUSE BOARD MEMBERS

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### V. NOTICE OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

V.A. President ensures all can hear proceedings

#### VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### VII.A. Discuss Policy 504.18 Student Fees

Student fees were discussed. Dr. Kay shared information on the policy and the regulation. He said the policy includes what fees qualify under the regulation.

#### VIII. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn Passed with a motion by Theresa Seipel and a second by Douglas Willoughby.  
Candace Becher: Yea, Michael Jeffryes: Yea, Doug Molczyk: Yea, Theresa Seipel: Yea,  
Douglas Willoughby: Yea, Marv Zoucha: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Secretary for the School District No. 1 of Columbus, Nebraska, certify that the preceding is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular School Board meeting of Monday, February 17, 2025.

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President

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Secretary

Columbus Public Schools  
 Summary of Cash Balances  
 February 28, 2025

M2	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	MONTH TO DATE RECEIPTS	MONTH TO DATE EXPENDITURES	END OF MONTH BALANCE	YTD BALANCE PRIOR YEAR
General Fund	Attachment M4a			\$ 245,384.30		
	Attachment M5 (prior Bd Mtg)			\$ 4,182,846.31		
	Innerfund Loan to reimburse Admin Activity					
	Transfer to GP ICS Savings			\$ 1,500,000.00		
	Transfer from GP ICS Savings		\$ 1,500,000.00			
	Receipts GP checking		\$ 3,284,327.87			
	<b>GENERAL FUND - GREAT PLAINS STATE BANK</b>	\$ 6,728,896.39	\$ 4,784,327.87	\$ 5,928,230.61	\$ 5,584,993.65	\$ 2,709,362.77
	Transfer to GP Checking			\$ 1,500,000.00		
	Transfer from GP Checking		\$ 1,500,000.00			
	Interest		\$ 326.68			
<b>GEN FUND - GP ICS SAVINGS</b>	\$ 67.85	\$ 1,500,326.68	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 394.53		
<b>General Fund - Cash Balance</b>					<b>\$ 5,585,388.18</b>	
Depr Fund						
	Receipts		\$ 980.00			
	Interest		\$ 2,872.13			
	<b>DEPRECIATION - GREAT PLAINS STATE BANK</b>	\$ 976,812.44	\$ 3,852.13	\$ -	\$ 980,664.57	\$ 412,095.72
Temporary Funds -GF						
	<b>PAYROLL - PINNACLE BANK</b>	\$ 336,444.53	\$ 4,005,355.62	\$ 3,980,114.54	\$ 361,685.61	\$ 332,406.07
	<b>HSA/FSA - PINNACLE BANK</b>	\$ 62,240.78	\$ 14,883.86	\$ 12,746.00	\$ 64,378.64	\$ 59,487.93
Activities						
	Administration	\$ 683,414.81	\$ 40,797.76	\$ 22,347.40	\$ 701,865.17	\$ 917,017.34
	Middle School	\$ 167,351.16	\$ 5,930.68	\$ 32,125.58	\$ 141,156.26	\$ 130,981.04
	High School	\$ 674,179.05	\$ 44,948.00	\$ 65,339.01	\$ 653,788.04	\$ 673,329.62
	<b>ACTIVITY FUNDS - COLUMBUS BANK</b>	\$ 1,524,945.02	\$ 91,676.44	\$ 119,811.99	\$ 1,496,809.47	\$ 1,721,328.00
Nutrition Fund						
	Attachment M6			\$ 327,238.90		
	Interest Income		\$ 687.69			
	State Reimbursement		\$ 209,606.02			
	Rct to Expenditures		\$ 7,163.07			
	Student/ Staff meals/ alacarte sales		\$ 73,654.16			
	<b>NUTRITION FUND - CORNERSTONE BANK</b>	\$ 295,682.19	\$ 291,110.94	\$ 327,238.90	\$ 259,554.23	\$ 243,481.18
Bond Fund						
	Platte County Treasurer		\$ 93,137.54			
	Butler County Treasurer		\$ 921.11			
	Polk County Treasurer		\$ 90.76			
	Investment Gain		\$ 6,561.40			
	<b>BOND FUND - FNB</b>	\$ 1,821,986.68	\$ 100,710.81	\$ -	\$ 1,922,697.49	\$ 1,683,093.86
Special Building Fund						
	Receipts		\$ 23,365.66			
	<b>BLDG FUND - BANK OF THE VALLEY</b>	\$ 299,687.30	\$ 23,365.66	\$ -	\$ 323,052.96	\$ 93,593.81

Account Number	Description	Budget	Month to Date	Year to Date	Balance	Percent
01.1.01100.000.000	Property Taxes	(\$26,625,735.00)	(\$515,016.32)	(\$11,244,765.85)	(\$15,380,969.15)	42.23%
01.1.01115.000.000	Carline Taxes	(\$8,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,847.33)	(\$6,152.67)	23.09%
01.1.01120.000.000	Public Power District Sales Ta	(\$850,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$850,000.00)	0.00%
01.1.01125.000.000	Motor Vehicle Taxes	(\$2,345,000.00)	(\$218,915.94)	(\$1,218,697.04)	(\$1,126,302.96)	51.97%
01.1.01125.733.001	Alternate Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.01140.000.000	Interest on Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.01312.000.000	Tuition, Summer School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.01323.000.000	Tuition, SpEd School Age	(\$3,250.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,250.00)	0.00%
01.1.01510.000.000	Interest	(\$15,000.00)	(\$17,223.23)	(\$78,975.22)	\$63,975.22	526.50%
01.1.01540.000.000	Income from Real Property	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.01801.000.000	CASP/Parent Fees	(\$35,000.00)	(\$5,925.00)	(\$43,230.00)	\$8,230.00	123.51%
01.1.01910.000.000	Rental Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.01911.000.000	Local License Fees	(\$25,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,735.00)	(\$21,265.00)	14.94%
01.1.01990.000.000	Miscellaneous Local Receipts	(\$20,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$20,000.00)	0.00%
01.1.02110.000.000	County Fines & License Fees	(\$150,000.00)	(\$18,007.78)	(\$96,696.99)	(\$53,303.01)	64.46%
01.1.02120.733.001	School Counselors	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.02230.000.000	Technology Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$477.80)	\$477.80	#DIV/0!
01.1.02790.580.001	School Field Trips	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.03110.000.000	State Aid	(\$16,417,109.00)	\$0.00	(\$8,226,682.00)	(\$8,190,427.00)	50.11%
01.1.03120.000.000	SpEd Receipts from the State	(\$5,508,698.00)	(\$853,996.00)	(\$2,466,744.00)	(\$3,041,954.00)	44.78%
01.1.03125.000.000	SpEd Transportation Receipts f	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.03130.000.000	Homestead Exemption	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$134.71)	\$134.71	#DIV/0!
01.1.03131.000.000	Property Tax Credit	\$0.00	(\$24,763.39)	(\$24,763.39)	\$24,763.39	#DIV/0!
01.1.03155.000.000	Textbook Loan Receipts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.03180.000.000	Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	(\$18,000.00)	(\$15,691.64)	(\$25,247.05)	\$7,247.05	140.26%
01.1.03300.000.000	In Lieu of Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$44,904.53)	\$44,904.53	#DIV/0!
01.1.03301.000.000	After School Program	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,396.73)	\$3,396.73	#DIV/0!
01.1.03400.000.000	State Apportionment	(\$500,000.00)	(\$1,581,893.90)	(\$1,581,893.90)	\$1,081,893.90	316.38%
01.1.03500.110.000	Elementary Attendance Monitor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.03535.000.000	High Ability Learners Allocati	(\$25,599.00)	\$0.00	(\$21,682.00)	(\$3,917.00)	84.70%
01.1.03540.000.000	State Early Childhood Grant	(\$150,000.00)	\$0.00	(\$136,942.00)	(\$13,058.00)	91.29%
01.1.03541.000.000	Early Childhood Endowment Gran	(\$164,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$57,607.00)	(\$106,893.00)	35.02%
01.1.03551.000.000	CTE Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.03590.000.000	Opportunity Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.03599.000.000	Education Quest College Access	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$17,275.17)	\$17,275.17	#DIV/0!
01.1.03599.000.001	Education Quest College Access	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.03995.000.000	Nebraska VR	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04421.000.000	IDEA (611) ARP B-21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04423.000.000	IDEA (PRO) ARP NonPub	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!

Account Number	Description	Budget	Month to Date	Year to Date	Balance	Percent
01.1.04505.000.000	ESSA Title I Receipts	(\$781,419.00)	\$0.00	(\$569,391.00)	(\$212,028.00)	72.87%
01.1.04509.000.000	ESSA Title II Receipts	(\$140,788.00)	\$0.00	(\$105,412.00)	(\$35,376.00)	74.87%
01.1.04510.000.000	ESSA Title IV SSAE Grant	(\$38,872.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$38,872.00)	0.00%
01.1.04516.000.000	IDEA Preschool Enrollment/Pove	(\$25,237.00)	\$0.00	(\$25,203.00)	(\$34.00)	99.87%
01.1.04518.000.000	IDEA Enrollment/Poverty Grant	(\$1,013,657.00)	\$0.00	(\$897,931.00)	(\$115,726.00)	88.58%
01.1.04521.000.000	IDEA Proportionate Share	(\$124,753.00)	\$0.00	(\$129,582.00)	\$4,829.00	103.87%
01.1.04524.000.000	ECF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04525.000.000	Carl Perkins Grants	(\$53,095.00)	\$0.00	(\$32,326.00)	(\$20,769.00)	60.88%
01.1.04526.000.000	Perkins Revision Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04527.000.000	ESSA Title III LEP Grant	(\$96,829.00)	\$0.00	(\$106,753.00)	\$9,924.00	110.25%
01.1.04528.000.000	Title III Immigrant	(\$25,169.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$25,169.00)	0.00%
01.1.04530.000.000	Federal Grant NC/FF/ECF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04531.000.000	ESSA Title IV Part B 21st Cent	(\$157,550.00)	\$0.00	(\$157,550.00)	\$0.00	100.00%
01.1.04708.000.000	Medicaid in Public Schools/DS	(\$45,988.00)	\$0.00	(\$41,115.60)	(\$4,872.40)	89.41%
01.1.04709.000.000	Medicaid in Public Schools/MAC	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$23,342.88)	\$23,342.88	#DIV/0!
01.1.04969.000.000	ESSA Title IV SSAE Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$51,529.00)	\$51,529.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04988.000.000	ESSER - ELO/ASP	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$274,017.00)	\$274,017.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04994.000.000	HYC Grant (6994)	(\$14,230.00)	\$0.00	(\$14,053.00)	(\$177.00)	98.76%
01.1.04995.000.000	FEMA/Federal Disaster Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04996.000.000	Carres Esser I	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04997.000.000	CRRSA Esser II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.04998.000.000	ARP Esser III	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.05200.000.000	Transfers from Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.05301.000.000	Insurance Claims	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$50,866.00)	\$50,866.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.05690.000.000	Other Non-Revenue Receipts (Rt	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.06200.610.000	ESSA Title I	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
01.1.06200.640.000	ESSA Title I	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
		(\$55,378,478.00)	(\$3,251,433.20)	(\$27,774,769.19)	(\$27,603,708.81)	50.15%
	Transfers		(\$1,500,000.00)			
	Reimbursements/ Refunds		(\$35,321.59)			
	Interest - Other accounts		\$2,426.92			
	<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>(\$4,784,327.87)</b>			

<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
19235	SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-PAYROLL	\$3,844,738.72
19236	ADVANCED FIRE & SAFETY	\$130.00
19237	AHRENS, KYLER	\$54.47
19238	AMERICAN ALLIANCE FOR INNOVATIVE SYSTEMS	\$9,870.00
19239	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$7,516.93
19240	BETHUNE, JENEE	\$1,320.00
19241	BLAZERWORKS, LLC	\$19,413.44
19242	BOSWELL, ETHAN	\$27.34
19243	CAHRA	\$50.00
19244	DAS STATE ACCTG-CENTRAL FINANCE OCIO	\$330.00
19245	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CENTER OF NE	\$6,483.12
19246	ESU #7 SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$67,841.91
19247	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$94.80
19248	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$93.81
19249	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$1,224.79
19250	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$154.62
19251	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$863.74
19252	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$3,241.38
19253	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$463.68
19254	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$150.00
19255	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$400.70
19256	GO PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC	\$44,469.65
19257	GODFATHERS -COLUMBUS	\$85.98
19258	HOWARD, AMY	\$14.54
19259	JACKSON SERVICES INC.	\$399.96
19260	LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR	\$3,744.90
19261	MADDEN THERAPY LLC	\$1,356.75
19262	MARQUEZ, KATIE	\$142.52
19263	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$40.92
19264	MAXIM HEALTHCARE SERVICES, INC.	\$2,860.00
19265	NASB (NE. ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS)	\$185.00
19266	NASB (NE. ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS)	\$8,172.00
19267	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS-COL	\$16.03
19268	OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES	\$75.00
19269	PINNACLE BANK OMAHA	\$165.00
19270	SCHOLASTIC INC.	\$623.60
19271	STEALTH BROADBAND	\$2,891.69
19272	WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC	\$29,325.25
19273	ZYWIEC, GARY	\$32.31
19274	ESU #7	\$8,878.34
19275	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$5,426.83
19276	BIG APPLE BAGELS	\$149.97
19277	BLAZERWORKS, LLC	\$29,041.12

Check Number	Vendor	Amount
19278	CENTRAL COMM COLLEGE-COL	\$150.00
19279	COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITY	\$337.78
19280	COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACTIVITY	\$240.76
19281	COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	\$260.85
19282	FAS-BREAK	\$510.00
19283	FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS' HOME	\$41,600.00
19284	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$607.43
19285	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$625.27
19286	GAVER, ALLY	\$126.72
19287	H2 EQUIPMENT LLC	\$78.38
19288	HOWARD, AMY	\$14.27
19289	MARQUEZ, KATIE	\$66.57
19290	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS-COL	\$21.69
19291	OMAHA WORLD HERALD	\$618.80
19292	ORTIZ, MARIA	\$33.60
19293	PITNEY BOWES - RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$1,000.00
19294	PLUNKETTS PEST CONTROL	\$744.12
19295	RIVERSIDE PORTABLES, LLC	\$120.00
19296	SOUNDTRAP US INC.	\$399.00
19297	U AND I SANITATION LLC	\$2,235.00
19298	WEMHOFF, ELIZABETH ALEXANDRIA	\$126.31
19299	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$8,218.11
19300	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$1,433.11
19301	CAPITAL ONE/WALMART	\$987.50
19302	HOBBY LOBBY	\$152.74
19303	HY-VEE FOOD STORES	\$335.19
19304	SUPER SAVER	\$1,014.21
19305	ACE HARDWARE-COLUMBUS	\$26.89
19306	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	\$22.42
19307	BLAZER MANUFACTURING CO.INC.	\$60.00
19308	BOMBERGER, KYLA	\$109.48
19309	BOMGAARS	\$476.09
19310	BOUNCYBAND LLC	\$69.19
19311	CAPITAL SANITARY SUPPLY	\$1,880.30
19312	COLUMBUS ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$125.18
19313	COLUMBUS MUSIC	\$961.99
19314	DAVIS, AMANDA	\$120.12
19315	DUSH, REGINA	\$119.70
19316	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$423.91
19317	EDGERTON EXPLORIT CENTER	\$612.00
19318	ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING & EQUIP	\$1,247.35
19319	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	\$2,039.46
19320	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC	\$23.00

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19321	GREAT PLAINS BUILDING SUPPLY CO.	\$133.80
19322	HAYS, ALISHA	\$44.80
19323	HD SUPPLY	\$357.94
19324	INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	\$130.80
19325	JENSEN, VALERIE	\$347.76
19326	JONSON, AMANDA	\$36.40
19327	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	\$148.35
19328	MARKING, LORI	\$23.80
19329	MCLEAN, MEGAN	\$307.84
19330	MECHANICAL SALES INC	\$1,351.88
19331	MENARDS-COL	\$1,014.71
19332	MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS	\$28.50
19333	REARDON LAWN & GARDEN EQUIP.	\$12.98
19334	ROSALES, MARIA	\$182.00
19335	RUTT'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC -	\$1,570.00
19336	SEIPEL, JORDAN	\$42.56
19337	SHERWIN-WILLIAMS	\$34.95
19338	SHEVLIN SUPPLY	\$1,262.52
19339	SHIRTS ARE US, LLC	\$484.00
19340	TEACHER DIRECT	\$107.86
19341	TIRE OUTLET INC	\$15.00
19342	VOSS LIGHTING	\$472.32
19343	WEMHOFF, ASHLEY	\$305.24
19344	LEGACY 23 APARTMENTS	\$1,495.00
<b>Total Fund Expenditures</b>		<b><u><u>\$4,182,846.31</u></u></b>

Columbus Public Schools  
Nutrition Fund Expenditures  
February 2025

<b>Check Number</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Amount</b>
3243	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$544.28
3244	JACKSON SERVICES INC.	\$59.58
3245	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$32.89
3246	MERCHANT SERVICES	\$3,689.09
3247	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$886.70
3248	BOMGAARS	\$51.95
3249	MENARDS-COL	\$77.70
3250	T-BONE TRUCK STOP	\$83.81
3251	SCHOOL DISTRICT #1-PAYROLL	\$158,645.66
3252	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$42.98
3253	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$836.79
3254	GOODWIN TUCKER GROUP	\$656.04
3255	JACKSON SERVICES INC.	\$59.57
3256	LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS, INC	\$145.60
3257	HY-VEE FOOD STORES	\$8,027.00
3258	LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS, INC	\$152,684.42
3259	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$538.46
3260	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$77.98
3261	KELLY SUPPLY CO.	\$39.51
3262	MENARDS-COL	\$58.89
	<b>Total Fund Expenditures</b>	<b><u><u>\$327,238.90</u></u></b>

Columbus Public Schools  
 Summary of Cash Balances - QCPUF  
 February 28, 2025

M9	DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING BALANCE	MONTH TO DATE RECEIPTS	MONTH TO DATE EXPENDITURES	END OF MONTH BALANCE	YTD BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	
QCPUF	BCDM Architects			\$ 3,277.98			
	Commonwealth Electric Midwest			\$ 75,802.50			
	Epco LTD., Inc.			\$ 16,111.00			
	Midlands Mechanical Inc.			\$ 29,875.68			
	Midwest Door & Hardware			\$ 11,409.00			
	Mueller & Schoepf Drywall Inc			\$ 110,250.00			
	Rutt's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc			\$ 32,130.00			
	Receipts		\$ -				
	Interest		\$ 9,350.03				
	<b>QCPUF OPERATING -- COLUMBUS BANK</b>	<b>\$ 2,959,245.73</b>	<b>\$ 9,350.03</b>	<b>\$ 278,856.16</b>	<b>\$ 2,689,739.60</b>		
	Receipts		\$ 13,358.33				
	Interest		\$ 175.51				
	<b>QCPUF BOND-- COLUMBUS BANK</b>	<b>\$44,619.57</b>	<b>\$ 13,533.84</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$58,153.41</b>		

Columbus Public Schools  
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Check Number	Vendort	Amount
19345	ACCENT FLORAL AND GALLERIA	\$55.00
19346	AGUILERA, ANTHONY	\$15.40
19347	ALLO COMMUNICATIONS	\$159.36
19348	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$4,222.69
19349	BLAZERWORKS, LLC	\$13,453.62
19350	CITY OF COLUMBUS WATER & SANITATION DEPA	\$5,542.93
19351	CITY OF COLUMBUS-TRANSFER STATION	\$168.18
19352	COLUMBUS SCHOOL LUNCH FUND-CHS	\$150.30
19353	COLUMBUS SCHOOL LUNCH FUND-CHS	\$865.80
19354	ENABLE MY CHILD LTD	\$20,400.00
19355	FRANKLIN COVEY CLIENT SALES, INC	\$28,064.33
19356	Glandt, Gregory L	\$91.99
19357	HOMETOWN LEASING	\$6,749.98
19358	JACKSON SERVICES INC.	\$299.28
19359	LOUP POWER DISTRICT	\$61,352.93
19360	LOUP POWER DISTRICT	\$209.90
19361	OMAHA MUSIC THERAPY LLC	\$3,281.90
19362	OMNIFY BENEFITS	\$1,805.00
19363	ONE SOURCE	\$564.10
19364	PERRY, GUTHERY, HAASE, & GESSFORD, P.C.	\$684.00
19365	PITNEY BOWES - RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$1,053.00
19366	SPEICHER, TINA	\$34.86
19367	ST. ANTHONY CHURCH	\$25.00
19368	TEC21 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	\$1,250.00
19369	ALBA FAJARDO, NALLELY	\$48.00
19370	ASSOCIATED STAFFING, INC	\$6,612.52
19371	BLAZERWORKS, LLC	\$17,499.03
19372	BRADY, LANA CHERISE	\$158.40
19373	CENTRAL COMM COLLEGE-COL	\$62.00
19374	COLUMBUS SCHOOL LUNCH FUND-CHS	\$442.80
19375	COLUMBUS SCHOOL LUNCH FUND-CHS	\$1,063.05
19376	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CENTER OF NE	\$5,339.04
19377	ESPINO, ROSARIO	\$38.98
19378	ESU #7	\$5,109.50
19379	FATHER FLANAGAN'S BOYS' HOME	\$39,520.00
19380	FEHRINGER & MIELAK, LLP	\$650.00
19381	GARCIA-ORTIZ, MOISES	\$134.40
19382	GONE, RAJ	\$80.63
19383	HERNANDEZ, MAGALY	\$38.40
19384	IMAGE TECH & PRINTING	\$439.00
19385	IMAGINE LEARNING, LLC	\$39,690.00
19386	LOUP POWER DISTRICT	\$295.97
19387	LUNDUNGO, MELITZA	\$105.60
19388	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	\$39.35
19389	NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	\$400.00

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19390	NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL	\$324.00
19391	OMNIFY BENEFITS	\$355.00
19392	ORTIZ, MARIA	\$134.40
19393	PINNACLE BANK OMAHA	\$165.00
19394	PINTO, ROSA	\$145.54
19395	PITNEY BOWES - RESERVE ACCOUNT	\$500.00
19396	RAMIREZ ENCARNACION,JACQUELINE	\$38.40
19397	RUTT'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC -	\$500.00
19398	SERRANO, ANGEL	\$124.80
19399	SERRANO-ESTRADA, AARON	\$124.80
19400	T-BONE TRUCK STOP	\$5,452.81
19401	THRYV	\$27.10
19402	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$197.34
19403	YOUNG, GAVIN	\$26.88
19404	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$173.75
19405	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$7,599.88
19406	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$9.99
19407	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	\$497.29
19408	CAPITAL ONE/WALMART	\$817.36
19409	HOBBY LOBBY	\$16.44
19410	HY-VEE FOOD STORES	\$337.67
19411	SUPER SAVER	\$356.74
19412	ACE HARDWARE-COLUMBUS	\$10.77
19413	BATES, LINDSEY	\$255.36
19414	BLASER, TASHA	\$191.52
19415	BOMBERGER, KYLA	\$96.60
19416	BOMGAARS	\$104.88
19417	BOOKS BY THE BUSHEL, LLC	\$498.95
19418	COFFEY, ALANNAH	\$159.60
19419	COLE, CRYSTAL	\$143.64
19420	COLUMBUS ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	\$631.82
19421	COLUMBUS MUSIC	\$361.78
19422	DAVIS, AMANDA	\$110.88
19423	DONOGHUE, TRACY	\$383.04
19424	DUSH, REGINA	\$119.70
19425	EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS	\$405.19
19426	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	\$1,184.17
19427	FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS, LLC	\$1,446.22
19428	FRANKLIN COVEY CLIENT SALES, INC	\$4,371.22
19429	FREEMAN, TYLER	\$223.44
19430	GALLEY, SHANNON	\$209.47
19431	GLASS EDGE - LINCOLN	\$114.20
19432	GO PHYSICAL THERAPY, LLC	\$39,323.45
19433	GOENGINEER LLC	\$2,400.00
19434	GRAFE, TARA	\$255.38
19435	HADLEY-BRAITHWAIT CO.	\$108.85

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19436	HD SUPPLY	\$393.70
19437	JARESKE, KELSEY	\$195.51
19438	JOHNSTONE SUPPLY	\$95.52
19439	JONES AND BARTLETT LEARNING	\$4,295.00
19440	JONSON, AMANDA	\$30.80
19441	KOHL, CHELSEY	\$223.44
19442	KUSH, DENISE	\$269.32
19443	LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	\$127.60
19444	LUNCHTIME SOLUTIONS, INC	\$953.74
19445	MADDEN THERAPY LLC	\$1,032.75
19446	MARKING, LORI	\$44.80
19447	MED+MART	\$3,272.85
19448	MENARDS-COL	\$1,213.44
19449	MICEK, ALENA	\$167.58
19450	MIDWEST DOOR & HARDWARE	\$671.00
19451	MUCHMORE, KELLY	\$255.36
19452	MUELLER, PAM	\$159.60
19453	MURPHY, DAWN	\$890.00
19454	NEBRASKA HARVESTORE SYSTEMS	\$27.73
19455	PITNEY BOWES, INC - SUPPLIES	\$531.16
19456	PLATTE VALLEY EQUIPMENT LLC	\$1,172.59
19457	PRESENCELEARNING INC	\$70,898.04
19458	ROBERTSON, KATIE	\$223.44
19459	ROSALES, MARIA	\$196.00
19460	RUTT'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC -	\$2,985.82
19461	SCHOOL SPECIALTY, LLC	\$1,348.20
19462	SEIPEL, JORDAN	\$26.60
19463	SERVICEMASTER BY SHEVLIN	\$44,976.15
19464	SETTLES, ERIN	\$223.44
19465	SHEVLIN SUPPLY	\$1,262.52
19466	TELLEZ, GAMALIEL	\$414.55
19467	TIRE OUTLET INC	\$243.00
19468	TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	\$720.09
19469	TWOREK, DANIEL	\$255.36
19470	VAN BUSKIRK, MORGAN	\$1,555.72
19471	WOODRIVER ENERGY LLC	\$28,662.69
	<b>Total Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$509,316.65</b>



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March 7, 2025

Mike Jeffryes  
Board of Education  
Columbus Public Schools

Dear President Jeffryes and Members of the Board:

The Foundation contributed the following items to Columbus Public Schools during the month of February. On behalf of the Board of Directors for the CPS Foundation and the officers of the thirteen umbrella organizations, we respectfully submit these items to the Board of Education for acceptance.

**Foundation**

\$800.00 - Classroom Grants  
\$792.00 - Grand Friends Days  
\$1,809.65 - Columbus After School Program

\$14,805.36 - CMS STEM Supplies  
\$2,575.38 - Grow your Own Teacher Scholarship

**Band Boosters**

\$46.09 - Sundae Fundae Supplies

**Centennial PAC**

\$456.71 - Staff Meeting Supplies  
\$218.09 - Literary Night Supplies  
\$200.00 - Music Play  
\$36.99 - Happy Birthday Pencils  
\$22.99 - Wooden Spoon Trophy  
\$542.78 - Parent/Teacher Conference Meals

**Emerson PTO**

\$2,037.31 - Popcorn Fundraiser  
\$55.25 - Printing  
\$123.79 - Parent/Teacher Conference Meals  
\$300.40 - Scholastic Books

**Lost Creek PTO**

\$570.67 - Cookies with Santa Supplies  
\$169.32 - Parent/Teacher Conference Meals

**North Park PTO**

\$276.97 - Classroom Support  
\$73.76 - Parent/Teacher Conference Meals

**West Park PTO**

\$121.00 - Valentines Day Popcorn  
\$25.00 - Bingo Rental

The total contributions for the month of February was \$26,059.51

The total contributions for the FY 2025 total is **\$35,204.25**

*\*CPS Foundation's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nicole Anderson  
Director of Marketing & Foundation



# Columbus Public Schools

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## Kindergarten Enrollment and Plans for 25-26

### Current Enrollment/Section 3-7-25

Centennial		18
		17
		18
		19
Total		72

Emerson		22
		23
Total		45

West Park		22
		22
Total		44

North Park		21
		21
		22
Total		64

Lost Creek		21
		19
		19
Total		59

### 14 Sections for 284 Students (1:20 District Wide)

#### 2025-2026 Early Enrollment Data

- 163 as of 3/7/25 (Usually accounts for about 50%, last year early enrollment was about 54% of the final total)
- Based on Census Data and Enrollment Data from Private Schools I am anticipating around 300 Kindergarten students for 25-26. Using the 54% method it calculates to 302 students.

## MEETING NOTICE

Reasonable advance public notice shall be given for meetings and work sessions held by the board ~~in a local newspaper designated~~ and recorded in the board minutes ~~and, if by either of the following means:~~  
~~available,~~

1. Publishing in a local newspaper of general circulation within the district's jurisdiction, publishing on the newspaper's web site-, if available, and posting on a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers; or
2. Posting to the newspaper's website, if available, and posting to a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers if no edition of a newspaper of general circulation within the public body's jurisdiction is to be finalized for printing prior to the time and date of the meeting.

If the newspaper refuses, neglects, or is unable to publish the notice on time, the district ~~shall~~may (1) post ~~theits~~ notice on ~~the newspaper's~~sits website, if available, ~~and~~ (2) post ~~theits~~ notice ~~in at least on~~a statewide website established and maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska newspapers, and (3) ~~post its notice in a conspicuous places in public place within~~ the district. ~~The Board Secretary shall keep a written record of the postings.~~

Public notice shall indicate the meeting's time, place and date, and shall include a statement that the agenda shall be readily available for public inspection at the district office. Agenda items shall be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting and a copy kept readily available for public inspection at the principle office of the district. Except for items of an emergency nature the agenda shall not be altered later than 24 hours before the meeting.

A copy of the public notice will be provided to those who have filed a request for notice with the superintendent. These requests for notice must be in writing. A copy of the public notice will also be accessible to employees and students.

In the case of special meetings, public notice shall be given in the same manner as for a regular meeting unless it is an emergency meeting. Public notice of emergency meetings shall be given as soon as practical and possible in light of the situation. Reasonable efforts shall be made to notify news media who have requested notification of meetings.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent to give public notice of board meetings and work sessions. The superintendent shall maintain a list of the news media requesting notification of meetings and shall make reasonable efforts to provide advance notification of the time and place of each meeting and the subjects to be discussed.

Legal Reference:

Neb. Statute 84-1408 to 1414

~~79-554~~

~~79-560~~

~~79-561~~

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed \_\_\_\_\_ Revised \_\_\_\_\_

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  79-554  
  79-560  
  79-561

Policy  
Adopted: 12/8/03

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Columbus, Nebraska

Revised: 7/10/06  
Revised: 2/15/21  
Revised: 7/8/24



## DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY UNDER FEDERAL GRANTS

### Management of Inventory

Procedures for managing equipment (including replacement equipment), whether acquired in whole or in part under a Federal award, until disposition takes place will, as a minimum, meet the following requirements:

- (1) Property records must be maintained that include a description of the property, a serial number or other identification number, the source of funding for the property including the Federal Award Identification Number (FAIN), who holds title, the acquisition date, and cost of the property, percentage of Federal participation in the project costs for the Federal award under which the property was acquired, the location, use and condition of the property, and any ultimate disposition data including the date of disposal and sale price of the property.
- (2) A physical inventory of the property must be taken and the results reconciled with the property records at least once every two years.
- (3) A control system must be developed to ensure adequate safeguards to prevent loss, damage, or theft of the property. Any loss, damage, or theft must be investigated.
- (4) Adequate maintenance procedures must be developed to keep the property in good condition.
- (5) If the district is authorized or required to sell the property, proper sales procedures must be established to ensure the highest possible return.

### Disposition

When original or replacement equipment acquired under a Federal award is no longer needed for the original project or program or for other activities currently or previously supported by a Federal awarding agency, except as otherwise provided in Federal statutes, regulations, or Federal awarding agency disposition instructions, the district must request disposition instructions from the Federal awarding agency if required by the terms and conditions of the Federal award. Disposition of the equipment will be made as follows, in accordance with Federal awarding agency disposition instructions:

- (1) Items of equipment with a current per unit fair market value of \$10,000 or less may be retained, sold or otherwise disposed of with no further obligation to the Federal awarding agency.
- (2) Except as provided in 2CFR 200.312 Federally-owned and exempt property, paragraph (b), or if the Federal awarding agency fails to provide requested disposition instructions within 120 days, items of equipment with a current per-unit fair-market value in excess of \$10,000 may be retained by the district or sold. The Federal awarding agency is entitled to an amount calculated by multiplying the current market value or proceeds from sale by the Federal awarding agency's percentage of participation in the cost of the original purchase. If the equipment is sold, the Federal awarding agency may permit the district to deduct and retain from the Federal share \$500 or ten percent of the proceeds, whichever is less, for its selling and handling expenses.
- (3) The district may transfer title to the property to the Federal Government or to an

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eligible third party provided that, in such cases, the district must be entitled to compensation for its attributable percentage of the current fair market value of the property.

(4) In cases where a district fails to take appropriate disposition actions, the Federal awarding agency may direct the district to take disposition actions.

Legal Reference: 2 C.F.R. §§ 200 et seq.  
NDE State and Federal Grant Management Rqmnts and Guidance

Cross Reference: 904.02 Lease, Sale or Disposal of School District Property

## **Student Services**

### **Enrollment of Children in Preschool Programs**

- I. Qualified children may apply for participation in the District preschool programs. Qualified children meet the following criteria:
  - A. Resident Requirement: Children must reside in the District, have one parent residing in the District, or be an employee of the school district.
  - B. Age Requirement: The district provides preschool programming for students who have reached the age of three (3) or four (4) on or before July 31 of the current school year. The District does not provide preschool programming for students who have reached the age of five (5) years on or before July 31 of the current school year.
- II. Applications shall be made in accordance with the following application procedures:
  - A. Applications Open: Applications will begin the first Monday in February for preschool enrollment for the following school year.
  - B. Applications Deadline: The deadline for applications the last Friday in February.
- III. Applications for a preschool program will be approved, and placements will be made in the following order:
  - A. Qualified children whose family income qualifies them for participation in the federal free or reduced lunch program; English learner; children who demonstrate an academic need; children whose parents are younger than eighteen; children who were born prematurely or at a low birth weight as verified by a physician; children enrolled in Head Start; children of homeless families; foster children; and children of migrant families.
  - B. Remaining slots are available for any children who do not meet the criteria above subject to NDE Rule 11.
  - C. The District reserves the right to accept preschool enrollment on an as available basis once the school year begins.
- IV. Limitations and Restrictions on Student Eligibility:
  - A. Students who move out of the district do not meet eligibility requirements and are no longer qualified to participate in the District preschool programs. Such students will be disenrolled from the program.

V. Transportation

- A. Transportation for children must be provided by the child's parents or legal guardian unless as otherwise required by law.

VI. Exceptions

- A. The District recognizes the configuration of educational groupings unique to specific preschool programs. Such unique configurations may result in the continued participation in said program until such time as the next program grouping is encountered. The District reserves the right to make this determination annually based upon program capacity and other pertinent factors.
- B. Nebraska Department of Education Rule 11 requires programs to include children verified as having disabilities pursuant to 92 NAC 51 and to maximize the participation of economically and categorically diverse groups of children.

VII. Program Qualifications

- A. All Early Childhood Programs shall comply with Nebraska Department of Education Rule 11.
- B. Nebraska Department of Education Rule 11 states that grant funds shall be targeted toward serving children regardless of their abilities, disabilities, or the social, linguistic, or economic diversity of the children's families.
- C. Early Childhood Special Education services are provided for eligible children birth to age five based upon evaluation of the child's development. This program is only available to resident children, and children who have at least one parent residing in the District.

Legal Reference:                   §79-1101  
  §79-1104  
  §79-526

Policy  
Adopted: 03/17/2025  
Reviewed: 03/17/2025

COLUMBUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Columbus, Nebraska

# 2025-2026 Columbus Public Schools Pre-K Calendar

July 2025						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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August 2025						
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September 2025						
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October 2025						
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November 2025						
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December 2025						
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28	29	30	31			

July	
4	Independence day
14-16	New Certified Staff Orientation

August	
1 & 4	New Teacher Days
5	Breakfast & Convocation & Building Staff Meeting
6-7	Professional Development
8-11	Teacher/Building Planning
12-15	Preschool Home Visits
18	First Day of Preschool
20	No Preschool
27	No Preschool

September	
1	Labor Day - No School
3	No Preschool
10	No Preschool
17	No Preschool
26	No Preschool
29-30	PTC

October	
1-2	PTC
2	Professional Development & Planning-No Preschool
3	No School
8	No Preschool
16	No Preschool
17	Professional Development & Planning-No Preschool
22	No Preschool
29	No Preschool

November	
5	No Preschool
11	Veterans Day
12	No Preschool
19	No Preschool
26-28	Thanksgiving Break-No School
27	Thanksgiving

December	
5	Professional Development & Holiday Luncheon-No Preschool
10	No Preschool
19	No Preschool
22-31	No School
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve

January 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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February 2026						
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
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June 2026						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

January	
1	New Year's Day
1-2	No School
5	Teacher Professional Development-No Preschool
6	Teacher Planning-No Preschool
14	No Preschool
21	No Preschool
28	No Preschool

February	
4	No Preschool
13	No Preschool
16-19	Preschool Home Visits-No Preschool
20	No School
25	No Preschool

March	
6	No Preschool
9-13	No School Spring Break
16	Professional Development & Planning-No Preschool
25	No Preschool

April	
1	No Preschool
3-6	Holiday (Good Friday/Easter)
8	No Preschool
15	No Preschool
24	Professional Development & Planning-No Preschool
29	No Preschool

May	
6	No Preschool
13	Preschool Graduation
15	Last Day of Preschool
18-20	Room Clean Up/Gold Data Work Days
21-22	Teacher Grades & End of Year Requirements
25	Memorial Day

June	
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Kramer Education Center  
2410 16th Street - Suite C

Phone: 402-563-7000

### School Schedule

7:45 A.M.-11:15 A.M. AM Session  
12:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M. PM Session

Color Key	
Professional Development/Planning Time - No School	
No School (Students & Teachers)	
Parent-Teacher Conferences/Home Visits	

### Additional Notes:

- Grades are due the first Tuesday school is in session following a quarter/semester. (10/21, 1/6, 3/17, 5/26)
- Counts as a contract day due to Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Pre-School Starting/Ending Dates



### School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: Columbus High School

Name: Tri-M Music Honor Society (Jacob Ritter)

Fund Raising Company (if applicable):

The CHS Tri-M Music Honor Society submits the following plans for its money-earning project and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan? *Before + After School*

We would like to sell bags of M&M's ~~during lunch~~ at CHS from April 14 -16, with the intention of delivering them to students during class on Thursday, April 17th. The M&M's will include encouraging notes from students with the intention of spreading good cheer leading into the Easter weekend. They will be called "Tri-M&M's", playing on the name of the organization.

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project?

\$200-300

How will this money be used?

Support Tri-M efforts to fund trips and support students in the program.

What are the proposed dates?

April 14 -16, with the intention of delivering them to students during class on Thursday, April 17th.

Is this a recurring activity?

Yes No

Are you selling tickets or a product?  Tickets  Product  Neither

Standard size bags of M&M's.

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project?  Yes  No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working?  Yes  No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants?  Yes  No

Are any contracts to be signed?  Yes  No If yes, by whom?

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings?  Yes  No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan?  Yes  No

Principal's Signature *J. Ritter*

Date 3/10/25

(for district use only)

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved subject to the following conditions \_\_\_\_\_



Columbus Public Schools

Date:

### School Fundraising Application

Please submit this application to the building principal at least two weeks in advance of the proposed date of your money-raising project. Please read the eight guides on page two. They will help you in answering the questions below.

School: Lost Creek Elementary Name: Jon Tomasevich

Fund Raising Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

(School/Group Name), submits the following plans for its money-earning project, and requests permission to carry them out.

What is your school/group's money-earning plan? Sell T-Shirts

Approximately how much does your school/group expect to earn from this project? \$500-\$1,000

How will this money be used? Field Day expenses, Recess Equipment, PE Equipment

What are the proposed dates? April 1st - April 30th

Is this a recurring activity?  Yes  No  
(If you selected yes, please specify the dates on which the activity will occur during the next twelve months.)

Are you selling tickets or a product?  Tickets  Product  Neither  
(If you selected product, please specify the product that you are selling.) Field Day T-Shirt

Will members be identified by t-shirts, etc. while carrying out this project?  Yes  No

Have you checked with other schools to avoid any overlapping while working?  Yes  No

Is your product/service in direct conflict with that offered by local merchants?  Yes  No

Are any contracts to be signed?  Yes  No If yes, by whom?

Has your school/group devised a budget plan to expend earnings?  Yes  No

Does the building principal give full approval for this plan?  Yes  No

Principal's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date 2-20-25

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Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved subject to the following conditions \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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School Name

Columbus Middle School

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Columbus Public School  
Jason Harris  
PO Box 947  
Columbus, NE 68602-09477

# **GO EDUCATIONALLY BASED PT, OT, SPEECH & VISION SERVICES**

Dear Jason Harris,

The following sets forth the agreement between GO Physical Therapy, (formally Central Nebraska Rehab Services) and Columbus Public School for services for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years (the "Service Years").

### GO Physical Therapy's (GO PT) Obligations

1. GO PT will provide therapists to provide the contracted services during the Service Years.
2. GO PT will provide monthly invoices for all services provided.
3. GO PT will ensure that all services comply with applicable state and federal laws.
4. GO PT will provide the Columbus Public School with the required documentation related to the services.

### Columbus Public School Obligations

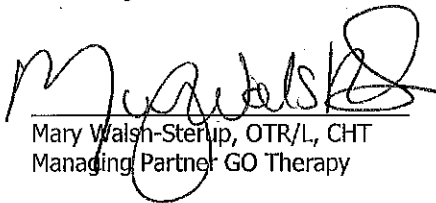
1. For services provided, Columbus Public School will pay GO PT at the Department of Special Education's approved rate ("Approved Rate") unless otherwise indicated:
  - a. Occupational Therapy – Approved rate less \$2 per hour.
  - b. Physical Therapy – Approved rate less \$2 per hour.
  - c. Speech Therapy – Approved NDE Service Provider rate per hour.
2. Columbus Public School will pay GO PT for therapist travel time at an hourly rate of \$52.00 per hour, plus mileage. The mileage rate will not exceed the Nebraska Department of Education's rate. Mileage will be calculated by taking the total mileage per day and dividing it by the number of schools serviced. Each school will pay an equal amount of mileage.
3. Columbus Public School will pay all invoices within 30 days of the invoice date.

### Terms

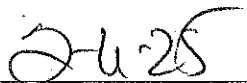
1. Either party can terminate this Agreement upon sixty days prior written notice.
2. For one year after the termination of this Agreement neither party shall solicit, employ, retain as a consultant or independent contractor, or otherwise interfere with the contractual relationship of any employee or independent contractor of the other party with whom the party had personal contact during the one year immediately before this Agreement's termination.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Please sign below and return.

  
Mary Walsh-Sterup, OTR/L, CHT  
Managing Partner GO Therapy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Contact Information

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February 6, 2025

Columbus Public School  
Jason Harris  
PO Box 947  
Columbus, NE 68602-09477

Dear Jason Harris,

Thank you for your continual support of our school based pediatric services. GO Physical Therapy, (formally Central Nebraska Rehab Services) has provided quality services for over 30 years and is considered the leader in educationally based therapy services in Nebraska. We are committed to providing the highest quality therapy services at the most affordable price.

GO PT's fees are consistently at or below the Nebraska Dept of Education Service Provider Rates for all services. Enclosed you will find a multi-year contract with discounted rates. If you would prefer a one-year contract instead, please reach out to us and we will get one sent out to you. Please sign the contract and return a copy to us at your earliest convenience. An email copy is sufficient for our records. GO PT is looking for speech language pathologist to serve your district, at this time we do not have one but will continue to work towards this goal.

Karen McIntyre will continue to oversee these services as clinical coordinator of our school-based therapy program. Karen can be reached at 308-380-8172 or at [kmcintyre@gopt.us](mailto:kmcintyre@gopt.us). Our billing office can be reached at 308-675-1853, ask for our school pediatric division. Mary Walsh Sterup can be reached via email [mary@cnrehab.com](mailto:mary@cnrehab.com) or at the billing office number. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact any of us.

We appreciate your prompt attention and request that the contract be returned to us **no later than March 1, 2025**. This will allow us ample time to prepare for services for next fall. The contract represents all therapy services provided by GO Physical Therapy to your district. Please reach out if you want to add or adjust any level of service.

As always, it is a pleasure working with you and your students.

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To: Board of Education  
From: Leonard Kwapnioski  
CC: Dr. Kay  
Date: March 14, 2025  
Re: Mitel Phone System Upgrade

It is my recommendation that the Board of Education approve the Mitel phone system upgrade for \$199,332.25 from Kidwell Inc. of Lincoln, NE. CPS posted an RFP on the District's website on February 13 with a due date of March 6. We had two bidders for this project with the other company's bid over \$22,000.00 higher. This RFP included all Mitel software with support for five years, hardware (new phones), and technical support from Kidwell for five years. The District will also purchase a new Dell server for this upgrade for \$10,004.74 which includes a four-year onsite hardware warranty.

This project is all part of the QCPUF funding that was approved for safe and secure environments for students and staff.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I can address them on Monday.

Thanks

Leonard

Bids received:

Kidwell Inc. - \$199,332.25

High Point Networks - \$221,670.00

To: Board of Education  
From: Leonard Kwapnioski  
CC: Dr. Kay  
Date: March 14, 2025  
Re: Fire Alarms Emerson & North Park

It is my recommendation that the Board of Education approve the bid from Midwest Alarm Services in the amount of \$67,615.00 for fire alarm replacement at Emerson and North Park. CPS posted an RFP on the District's website on February 24 with a due date of March 14. We had only one bidder for this project. Midwest currently services all of our fire alarm systems in the District and is also the vendor doing the Kramer 3B project.

This project is all part of the QCPUF funding that was approved for safe and secure environments for students and staff.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I can address them on Monday.

Thanks.

Leonard

To: Board of Education

From: Leonard Kwapnioski

CC: Dr. Kay

Date: March 14, 2025

Re: District Cameras, Access Controls, Video Door Cameras,  
Kramer Intercom System

It is my recommendation that the Board of Education approve the bid from Commonwealth Electric to upgrade all District cameras, additional access controls, video cameras at the main doors, and the intercom system at Kramer for \$649,928.00. CPS posted an RFP on the District's website on February 21 with a due date of March 14. We received only one bid for this project.

This project is all part of the QCPUF funding that was approved for safe and secure environments for students and staff.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I can address them on Monday.

Thanks.

Leonard