



**DUPAGE/WEST COOK BOARD
BOARD BRIEFS
4th QUARTERLY MEETING FY22
May 12, 2022**

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COORDINATOR

Dr. Kennedy Strickland-Dixon,
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Approval of the DWC Intergovernmental Classroom Lease Agreement Amendment with District 45 and SASED Board of Control

An amended IGA between DWC, SASED and District 45 for the 2022-23 school year was approved by the DWC Board.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program Student Recognition & Highlights – Celebrations!!

Early Childhood (Total Communication & Auditory/Oral) – 5 students will either attend their resident school for kindergarten or will have mainstream opportunities with hearing peers. They have made great progress in language and academics this year. A special thank you to parents and staff for the support during their first year.

First thru Third Grade Class – Students made progress on following directions and using visual schedules. A student who had yet to be in school and had no language is now learning sign language and using a communication board.

Third thru Fifth Grade – Students have shown improvement in Math and Literacy. They have shown kindness to one another and encourage each other academically. We are very proud of their accomplishments!

Junior High – Students celebrated 100% participation in clubs, sports and activities. Every student improved their SEL assessment score from their pre-test scores in the Fall.

Vision Program Student Recognition & Highlights – Celebrations!!

Addison Trail HS - This year a student used her leadership skills to start a LEGO club. The student pitched the idea and found a club sponsor and now the club meets every Tuesday. Several students participated in the Philosophy Club, Track Team, Art Club and Cheerleading. Addison Trail hosted a successful ISVI Goalball Clinic. Our athletes learned new skills, played several games, and had tons of fun with coaches and players. Parents even gave it a try!

Transition - This year a student shared his PowerPoint presentation and self-advocacy skills in obtaining a guide dog. Several students are competitively employed. The program has prepared students with employable skills to enter the workforce.

Endless Possibilities – College course work in the field of psychology for one student and two middle school students transitioning back to their resident school, all have demonstrated proficiency and utilized resources learned in our program.

LADSE/Hinsdale South High School DHH Student Recognition – Let's Celebrate!

Student Accomplishments – The students completed: Community Service project with Plymouth Place, Rochester Institute of Technology Deaf Shark Tank Top Five Finalist, Deaf Olympics, and Special Olympics.

Academic Acknowledgements – Induction into NHS and Hornet Scholars, Student Teaching, Peer Partners, Deaf Academic Bowl Quarter Finals at Regionals, and Breakfast Club.

Job Placements – Included: Jewel Osco, Mattress Firm, Moraine Valley Community College, Rosati's, McDonalds, Olive Garden, Tireman, Dunkin, and CHOP'D.



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College Acceptances – Students in the DHH Program have been accepted at Gallaudet University, Loyola University Chicago, UIS, NIU, Illinois State University, Governor’s State University, University of Illinois, Concordia University Chicago, Elmhurst University, The University of Chicago, Lewis University, Benedictine University, and DePaul University.

DWC Student Enrollment for Low-Incidence Programs

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program

School	Student Total May 4, 2020	Student Total May 6, 2021	Student Total May 1, 2022
North School	31	34	35
Westmont JH	*24.5	24	15
LADSE – HS	44	42	38
Total DHH Enrollment	99.5	100	88

*Student split between two SASED programs.

Visually Impaired Program

School	Student Total May 1, 2020	Student Total May 6, 2021	Student Total May 1, 2022
Salt Creek Elementary	12	11	5
Swartz Elementary	11	6	11
Albright MS	17	20	10
Addison Trail HS	34	34	21
Total VI Enrollment	74	71	47

Transition Program

School	Student Total May 1, 2020	Student Total May 6, 2021	Student Total May 1, 2022
SASED Transition (Vision)	N/A	N/A	18
LADSE Transition Center	17	16	22
Total Transition	17	16	40

STUDENT TOTAL: 190.5 187 175



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Financial Budgetary Items –

A non-member surcharge rate increase was approved.

Quarterly Meeting Dates/Time/Place –

The quarterly meeting dates were approved as: September 15, 2022, November 10, 2022, February 9, 2023, May 11, 2023. All meetings will start at 10:00 am and be held at the SASED Administrative Center located at 2900 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL.

Governing Board Representatives' Terms

The Board terms were distributed & will be updated, as necessary. Resolutions were sent where applicable.

Service Recognition - Thank you for your dedicated service.

Dr. Kennedy Strickland-Dixon – DWC Coordinator/SASED Director of Programs & Services

Eva Savickas – SASED DHH Program Parent

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Kennedy Strickland-Dixon, 630-955-8102, kdixon@sased.org or Dr. James Gunnell, 708-496-3330, jgunnell@aerosped.org.