

## Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

Serving residents in Bolingbrook, Crest Hill, Joliet, Naperville, Plainfield, Romeoville and unincorporated Kendall and Will Counties.

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# Know Your District 202 Schools

## District recognized with Wright Excellence in Education award

Elementary students in Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 continue to demonstrate solid proficiency in the area of mathematics. That success has led District 202 to be one of four districts nationally to be honored as a 2006 McGraw-Hill Wright Group Excellence in Education Award Winner.

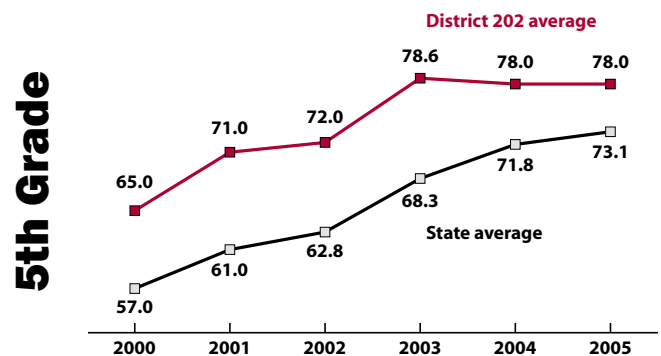
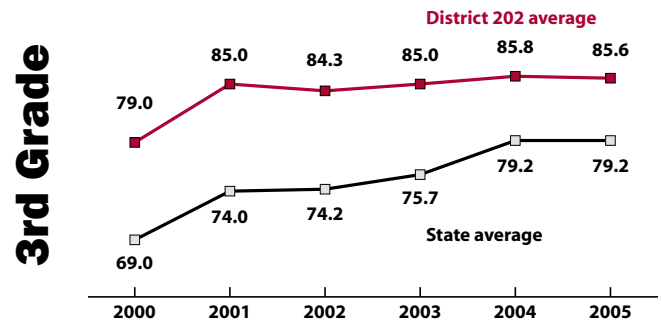
In 1997, District 202 adopted *Everyday Mathematics*, a resource used to support a district-wide elementary mathematics curriculum. First put in place in the fall of 1998, it continues to be the standard in District 202. Because the district hires up to 125 elementary school teachers each year, the efficient training model that *Everyday Mathematics* provides is ideal. New teachers go through a one-day training session, which takes place in a classroom setting, prior to the start of the school year.

*Everyday Mathematics* supports the learning styles of all District 202 students. Those who join the district in the middle of the year can take advantage of games during "Lunch Bunch with Math" as a means to introduce students to mathematical concepts taught earlier in the year. These games also serve as a good review for students struggling to master certain concepts. By design, *Everyday Mathematics* emphasizes there are many different ways to solve the same problem.

The impact of *Everyday Mathematics* on District 202 students is reflected on their scores in the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). Since 2000, district students have shown steady improvement at both the third and fifth grade levels and consistently scored above state averages, which can be seen in the charts to the right.

District 202 will be presented with its award by McGraw-Hill's Wright Group at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) on Thursday, April 27, in St. Louis. Jan Haake, Director of Curriculum and Instruction (PreK-5), will accept the award on the district's behalf. Other honorees will include Kent (Wash.) School District, Horry County Schools (Myrtle Beach, S.C.) and Montgomery (Pa.) Area School District.

### Percentage of students meeting or exceeding ISAT standards



### Upcoming Important Dates

Apr. 14-17	Holiday Break	May 5	CAPE meeting - Administration Center - 9:30 a.m.
Apr. 18-28	Illinois Snapshot of Early Literacy (ISEL) Testing (Kindergarten, 1st grade)	May 8	Board of Education Meeting Heritage Grove Middle School - 7:30 p.m. (open session)
Apr. 18	Internet Safety Forum, sponsored by Rep. Tom Cross Oswego East High School - 7 p.m.	May 9	National Teacher Day
Apr. 21	End of fifth six-week marking period (High schools)	May 22	Board of Education Meeting Administration Center - 7:30 p.m. (open session)
Apr. 21	Foundation for Excellence Auction Bolingbrook Golf Club - 6 p.m.	May 29	No school Memorial Day
Apr. 24	Board of Education Meeting Administration Center - 7:30 p.m. (open session)	May 31-	Semester two exams
Apr. 26-27	Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) (Grade 11)	June 1	(High schools)
May 1-12	Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) Testing (Grades 1-8)	June 2	Tentative last day of school
		June 3	Graduation Day - Plainfield High School-Central Campus and Plainfield South High School

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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## District 202 voters approve \$252.1 million referendum proposal

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202 voters showed support for the school district and its efforts to keep up with its fast-growing student population by overwhelmingly approving the \$252.1 million referendum that was placed on the March 21 General Primary Election ballot.

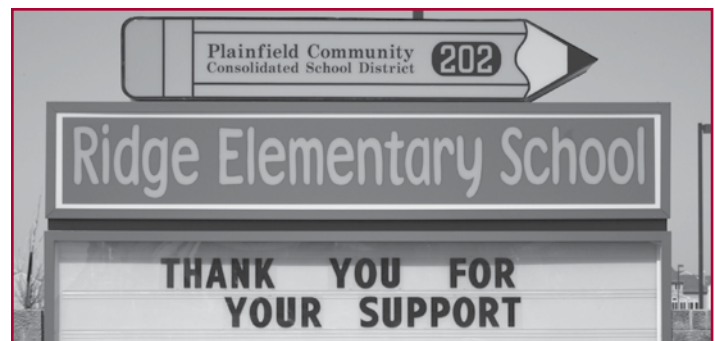
When all polls were done reporting that evening, 61 percent of District 202 voters in Will and Kendall Counties had approved the referendum. The final certified vote by the county clerks on April 6 showed that 10,810 of 17,377 voters had supported the measure, which is expected to be the largest building bond referendum ever in the State of Illinois.

The district had fallen just 117 votes short of approval for a \$220.5 million referendum in April 2005. The district's most recent successful referendum campaign prior to this came in 2002, when voters approved a \$159.9 million campaign. Three schools from that referendum - Charles Reed Elementary School, Liberty Elementary School and Plainfield North High School - opened last August, while Aux Sable Middle School and the new Central Elementary School (the last two schools approved in that measure) will open in the fall of 2006.

With their "yes" votes this year, District 202 residents approved the building and equipping of nine new schools (six elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school) by the fall of 2010, the construction of a transportation facility, and renovations and repairs at existing campuses.

Construction bids for the first two elementary schools, the first of two middle schools and the high school will be opened sometime this summer, with construction expected to begin at the three sites later in the summer. The two elementary schools and middle school should open in Fall 2007, while the high school is expected to open a year later.

The district will determine attendance zones for the new schools closer to when they open, after it gathers the most recent enrollment data from home developers and municipalities.



### Referendum Construction Schedule

#### Opening Fall 2007

- Elementary School 15 (Crossings of Wolf Creek subdivision)
- Elementary School 16 (Greywall Club subdivision)
- Middle School 7 (Essington Road, north of Foxridge Farms)
- Transportation Facility (site to be determined)

#### Opening Fall 2008

- Elementary School 17 (site to be determined)
- High School 4 (119th Street and Naper-Plainfield Road)

#### Opening Fall 2009

- Elementary Schools 18 and 19 (sites to be determined)
- Middle School 8 (site to be determined)

#### Opening Fall 2010

- Elementary School 20 (site to be determined)