THE JOSEPH SEARS SCHOOL
KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38

Memo to: Board of Education

From: Kelley M. Kalinich, Superintendent

Date: November 17, 2014

Re: Review of Class Size Guideline Thresholds, Traffic Study and Illinois School Report Cards

Review of Class Size Guidelines Thresholds

The Education Committee reviewed the Class Size Guidelines at their meeting on November 10, 2014. Detailed documents regarding this discussion are posted in the Education Committee packet in terms of historical background and current research. The five year classroom size trends are attached to this memorandum for reference.

The following thresholds were identified during the 2005-2006 school year for consideration of class sections and have been in place, however, for the last five years, the class sizes in many cases were smaller than the guidelines to accommodate student needs and community expectations:

Target maximum class sizes:	JK-2 grades	20 students
	3-4 grades	22 students
	5th grade	23 students
	6th grade	24 students
	7th-8th grades	25 to 26 students

After review by the Education Committee, the updated Class Size Guidelines are as follows:

Target maximum class sizes:	JK-3 grades	up to 20 students
	4-5 grades	up to 22 students
	6-8 grades	up to 24 students

This information will be communicated to parents through Mrs. Wallace, the Parent/Student Handbook and the District website.

Traffic Study and West Kenilworth Student Crossing

The traffic study co-commissioned with the Village of Kenilworth is posted for your review. I have met with Police Chief Miller and KLOA Principal, Eric Russell to discuss

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the report, its findings and recommendations. The initial follow up items to the report include:

- ✓ Pedestrian striping and signage on Cumberland Avenue at the Essex Road Crossing;
- ✓ Communication with New Trier Township High School to determine the timing of their construction, in particular, in relation to the new pick up and drop off area on the north side of the School. With the new pick up and drop off location, the one way traffic reflow on Kenilworth Avenue and Warwick Road, may not be necessary, as the general traffic flow near The Joseph Sears School may be dramatically impacted for the better.

Additionally, a study of the new traffic crossing on West Kenilworth Avenue demonstrates a steady use of the crossing by 6 to 9 students. Parents in the vicinity report that their child's crossing to school is not only improved, but the traffic in general is more controlled. The crossing guard will remain in place for further evaluation after the winter trimester.

Illinois Report Cards at a Glance

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has released the new report card information and format as posted. This information is also posted on the District website. I will briefly highlight the features of the new report card, as well as note the reason for the inflated per pupil expenditures during the report 2014 school year, which was really the 2012-2013 school year financial data.

I look forward to reviewing these items at the Board meeting and answering any questions.