

NEW ERA OF EDUCATION IN AURORA

Greetings Neighbors:

My educational experience in East Aurora District 131 and my collegiate experience at Robert Morris University and Northern Illinois University School of Law provided a strong foundation for my career in law and public service. That is why, since I was elected in 2017, education has been one of my three core pillars and priorities.

We are a city uniquely comprised of six public school districts, private schools, parochial schools, pre-schools, and post-secondary education institutions. But our focus is the same: **our youth**.

Soon after taking office, we launched two new public advisory boards – the Aurora Education Commission and the Aurora Youth Council – focused on the collective future of our children. The insights and information provided by both have been instrumental in changing the educational landscape of Aurora.

Furthermore, our educational institutions continue to chart new courses and change old narratives while receiving local, state, regional, and national accolades. From students who are blazing trails in academics, athletics, and community service to educators who are setting standards in teaching, learning, and leadership, we are ascending to new heights in education and youth development.

I applaud our students, educators, parents, and community partners for ushering in a **new era of education in Aurora**.



Mayor Richard C. Irvin





Dr. Susana Rivera Mills, president of Aurora University; Dr. Jennifer Norrell, superintendent of East Aurora Schools; Dr. Tom Kim, superintendent of Batavia Public Schools; Mayor Irvin; Dr. Jeff Craig, superintendent of West Aurora Schools, Dr. Todd Leden, superintendent of Kaneland Schools; Dr. Andalib Khelgahti, superintendent of Oswego Schools

AURORA EDUCATION COMMISSION

Established in 2018, the Aurora Education Commission (AEC) serves as a forum where members dialogue on the development of innovative partnerships that will yield compelling education and workforce outcomes for our city.

The AEC assumes responsibility in identifying opportunities for the City and our academic partners to work collaboratively in joint policy development and in strategy development and alignment that result in cost savings, effective and efficient operations, and innovative approaches to our area's educational service delivery system.

Celebrating it's 5th Anniversary, the AEC is proud of its progress in

- Focusing on educational equity and empowerment
- Highlighting early childhood education
- Expanding access to post-secondary education & workforce development opportunities



*Dr. Adrian Talley,
superintendent
of Indian Prairie
Schools*



*Dr. Brian Knetl,
president of
Waubensee
Community
College*





AURORA SCHOOLS CONTINUE TO ASCEND IN . . .

ACADEMICS

ATHLETICS

CO-CURRICULARS

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AND MUCH MORE!



▲ The Rosary Beads Swim Team are the 2023 IHSA State Champions. This is their eighth time achieving this distinction.

▼ Aurora resident & IPSD teacher Laura Gonzalez has been appointed to the Illinois State Board of Education.



Indian Prairie School District 204 students won the National eCyberMission STEM competition for the second consecutive year!

IMSA is ranked the #1 college preparatory public high school in Illinois and #1 STEM high school in Illinois!

The Aurora STEAM Academy, supported by the City, provided free STEAM education to more than 3,000 students!

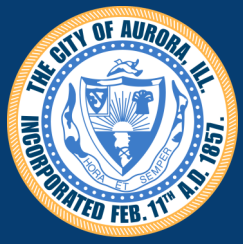


East Aurora School District 131 has received national recognition for its district-wide dual language program!

West Aurora School District 129 AFJRTOC from West Aurora High School clinched the National Championship title two years in a row!

All Aurora school districts, including those with Aurora students like Oswego, Batavia, and Kaneland, have seen academic growth!





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Donations are accepted for the 'Lighting the Way' grant that supports **youth initiatives** in Aurora. [[Register for vehicle pass](#)]