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- K-12 Dive - ASBO '24 How can districts control the growing costs of special education?

One K-12 finance expert suggests districts scrutinize their special education budgets to get a hold on rising related costs, such as staffing.

By: Anna Merod

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From left: Ann Williams, deputy superintendent of operations at Illinois' U-46 School District, and Maggie Cicco, of Georgetown University's Edunomics Lab, discuss how schools face rising special education costs at the ASBO International annual conference on Sept. 19, 2024.

NASHVILLE — The cost of special education is rising as more students are being identified for these services, taking up a larger portion of school budgets and forcing tough decisions over cuts.

That's why school districts need to pay more attention to their special education spending, said Maggie Cicco, a research fellow at Georgetown University's Edunomics Lab, told attendees during a Thursday session at the Association of School Business Officials International annual conference.

"Once you lock in that money, because of maintenance of effort, you're going to have to consistently spend that much money year over year," Cicco said. "So we're asking, 'Are these increases actually delivering value?'"

The number of students identified for special education is growing rapidly nationwide — increasing from 6.4 million to 7.5 million between the 2012-13 and 2022-23 school years,

according to the National Center for Education Statistics. This represents an increase from special education students making up 13% of total public school enrollment to 15% over that decade.

But Edunomics Lab's analysis comparing the percentage of students identified for learning disabilities with 2019 reading scores on a statewide basis suggests that the identification of more students does not necessarily ensure that they see better academic outcomes, Cicco said.

In one example from this data, Cicco pointed out that New Mexico school districts diagnosed 7.5% of students with a learning disability — a high rate compared to most states — but reading scores for students with disabilities in that state were still low.

One factor that's driving the cost structure of special education is increased staffing, Cicco said, adding that the ratio of special education staff to students with disabilities varies by state. Since 2007, the number of special education teachers rose 12%, while specialist and paraprofessional staffing surged 35% and 37%, respectively. Cicco added that the overall growth in special education staffing nationwide stems from an increase in paraprofessionals and specialists.

In another Edunomics Lab analysis, Cicco said, the organization's data found that higher special education staffing does not equate to better outcomes for students with disabilities. In Florida, for instance, there's generally fewer special education staff compared to other states, but its special education students still outperformed most other states in reading, Cicco said.

Ann Williams, deputy superintendent of operations at U-46 School District in Streamwood, Illinois, shared during the session that hiring support staff — not teachers — is driving up costs for the district's annual budget. Some of those additional support roles include family engagement liaisons, social workers and behavior analysts, she said.

Scrutinize your special education budget

Before making major investment decisions to enhance special education services through staffing or other avenues, district leaders should outline what outcomes are expected from these additions to the budget, Cicco said. Then, they should check in and make sure those investments are leading to desired outcomes.

"Scrutinize your special ed budget," Cicco said. "Think about what you've been investing in, cross reference those with any outcomes you want to see for students, and if you haven't been collecting data ... I would start that conversation."

If possible, district and state leaders should try to compare special education costs and outcomes to their peers, she said. That can be challenging, however, given how much that kind of data differs across districts and states.

Though not solely specific to its special education budget, U-46 School District is beginning to implement a “fiscal equity budgeting methodology” that requires instructional staff to examine programs on an annual basis to see if they’re meeting set goals for certain student groups.

This new approach for the district comes as Illinois implements a new funding model that allocates additional funding for special education students, English learners and low-income students, Williams said. While these recent investments will take years to measure and implement, the district will undergo an annual evaluation to track progress.

“With that allocation, we hold the administration accountable at the end of the year,” Williams said, adding that the district will be asked questions such as: How was that money spent, and what outcomes were found?

“Because when the time [comes] to prepare for the budget next year, if we haven’t made outcomes, I expect your entire budget to change because that didn’t work,” Williams said.

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Opinion: Are school safety threats the new normal? Onus is on kids — and parents — to take action

By: Donna Vickroy

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Students and faculty gather Sept. 8, 2024, on the field at Apalachee High School to mourn and celebrate the lives of Sept. 4 school shooting victims at the Winder, Georgia, school.

See something, say something.

The community is the hero in Tinley Park, Elgin, Joliet and many other Chicago-area towns, where alert and responsive kids and adults learned of threats to their schools and quickly reached out to authorities.

“I can’t emphasize enough how important it is for the community to keep us in the know,” Tinley Park Police Chief Thomas Tilton said.

“We were made aware of the threat (to Grissom Middle School in Kirby District 140) by multiple people who saw it on the internet and either called it in or came to the police department to report it,” Tilton said. “We took the information and aggressively responded to it, working with our partners in the state’s attorney’s office and the school district.”

In addition to Tinley, over the past two weeks threats were investigated in Elgin, Glendale Heights, Richton Park, Olympia Fields, Hinsdale, Park Forest and Chicago Public Schools, causing fear, panic, emotional distress and, yes, consequences for the perpetrators.

In Joliet, two juveniles were arrested and remote learning was instituted while police investigated. In Elgin’s District U-46, two Larkin High School students in Elgin — an 18-year-old and a juvenile — were charged with disorderly conduct-threat of violence at school, a class 4 felony, in separate incidents. Another juvenile was charged with bringing a gun and ammunition into Elgin High School in a third unrelated arrest.



Colin Gray, father of Apalachee High School shooter Colt Gray, enters the Barrow County, Georgia, courthouse Sept. 6 for his first appearance on second-degree murder, manslaughter and child cruelty charges for allegedly allowing his 14-year-old son to possess the AR-15-style rifle used in the fatal shootings of two teachers and two students.

Is this some kind of cruel “back-to-school” initiation? Copycats trying to create panic following the recent shooting at Apalachee High School in Georgia?

Or is this, simply, our new normal?

Most of the time, thankfully, threats are just that — threats.

But you don’t know that until it’s investigated.

In the absence of serious gun legislation, in a nation overwhelmed with mental health issues

and, at the same time, obsessed with weapons, the onus falls on the community to help prevent the next Uvalde, the next Sandy Hook, the next Apalachee.

There have been more than 200 school shootings this year, according to the K-12 School Shooting Database, making it apparent that parents and students, as well as school officials and teachers, must remain vigilant in their attention to potential danger.

They need to have open, honest discussions about it. And, yes, they must tell their kids that a prank that terrorizes a neighborhood is not funny and can land the prankster on an undesirable, alternate course for life. Same for a prankster's parents.

This is where we're at. This is the country we live in.

Tilton said that while privacy laws prevent the police from identifying the individual(s) involved or many of the details in the recent Tinley incident, the public needs to know they play an important role in preventing a tragedy.

For years, schools have trained and prepared for how to deal with an intruder. But the recent Georgia shooting, which resulted in the deaths of two students and two teachers and injuries to nine others, reveals a new kind of danger — potential for a threat from within.

Physical barriers, such as metal detectors, could be a prevention, Tilton said. But they require a school to staff trained people who know how to respond if they find a gun. In districts with multiple schools, that can be costly.

In some cases, he said, it might be prudent, and perhaps a deterrent, to hold parents accountable if they do something that enables their child or someone else to make or carry out a threat.

And then there's the trauma that comes from simply feeling targeted, whether the threat is fake, real or simply perceived.

Suzanne Johnson, superintendent of School District U-46 in Elgin, this week released a plea to parents: "Please talk to your children about the seriousness of their words and actions."

Talk about feelings, she advised.

"These threats often create fear and anxiety in your child; listen and try to understand them. If your student is feeling overwhelmed or threatened, please reach out to your school administration for support."

In addition, she said, “Explain that it is expected to be anxious and worried about your safety and your friends when a threat is made ... To alleviate their fears, provide accurate information and background on events when possible. Discuss safety protocols and explain that law enforcement constantly monitors these threats to keep them safe.”

She also recommends parents “limit social media use and exposure. Heightened awareness in processing these threats can cause prolonged distress even after the threat is resolved. Help our students turn off their devices and take important breaks from social media.”

Lastly, she said, “Tell students to stop posting or sharing threats on social media. In sharing these posts over and over again, the fear that the offender wished to inflict on our students is perpetuated. Many threats we have received originated in a different state or out of the country and were posted to cause panic in a school or community unknown to the offender.”

Tilton said there are a lot of nuances to investigating these situations.

“If there’s information that’s immediately actionable, if we can say to the person, ‘We have to take you into custody,’ we’ll do it immediately. And we’ll inform the state’s attorney’s office and all of the stakeholders in this process,” he said.

But maybe the threat was posed by someone who had access to another individual’s photo or device, he said.

“We have to make sure we identify the real threat, the right threat, the one that’s actually happening, and not the one that looks like a threat,” Tilton said.

“We have to keep everybody safe,” he said. “At the same time, the people involved have rights.”

Parents need to have conversations with kids, he said, and let them know they have to be careful with what they message and who they allow to access their devices.

“Social media definitely adds to unease when these circumstances happen,” Tilton said. “(A threat) seems to take off, and there’s a lot of anxiety and anger that comes out of a threat. People react very strongly on social media, but that’s really unhelpful. We have to be very careful about how we message this without creating a larger disruption.”

Instead of sharing the information across social media platforms, adding to everyone’s anxiety, bring it to the authorities, he said.

“We are going to do everything we can as soon as possible to identify and mitigate a potential threat,” Tilton said. “Everyone can help us by making us aware as soon as they become aware.”

- Daily Herald -

High school scores for Sept. 21

Date: September 21, 2024



Barrington second singles player Enya Neagu returns a Stevenson serve during the Buffalo Grove girls tennis invite on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 in Buffalo Grove.

Girls volleyball

Glenbard West Invitational

Kaneland d. DePaul College Prep 25-22, 20-25, 25-18

Glenbard East d. Hinsdale South 25-11, 25-18

Kaneland d. Glenbard East 17-25, 25-23, 25-19

Hinsdale South d. Glenbard South 25-19, 25-16

DePaul College Prep d. Lake Park 25-20, 25-18

DePaul College Prep d. Hinsdale South 25-23, 25-7

Glenbard West d. Fremd 25-16, 20-25, 25-19

Glenbard West d. Lake Park 25-10, 25-23

Fremd d. Glenbard East 25-22, 25-22

Glenbard West d. Kaneland 25-11, 25-16

Hampshire Tournament

Burlington Central d. Bartlett 16-25, 25-15, 15-9

Burlington Central d. Marian Central 25-11, 25-22

Burlington Central d. Genoa-Kingston 25-10, 25-17

Hampshire d. Burlington Central 25-23, 25-17

Burlington Central d. South Elgin 25-18, 25-11

Harvest Christian Tournament

Aurora Christian d. Belvidere 25-17, 25-12

Aurora Christian d. St. Edward 25-6, 25-12

Aurora Christian d. Willows Academy 25-11, 25-13

Belvidere d. St. Edward 25-12, 25-21

Harvest Christian d. Aurora Christian 11-25, 25-23, 15-11

Harvest Christian d. St. Edward 25-13, 29-27
St. Edward d. Larkin 25-13, 25-17
St. Edward d. Willows Academy 25-14, 25-17

Manteno Invitational

Timothy Christian d. Pontiac 25-15, 25-12
Timothy Christian d. Morton 25-18, 25-18
Timothy Christian d. Crete-Monee 25-13, 25-15
Timothy Christian d. Wilmington 25-10, 25-14
Wheaton Warrenville South Wheaton Classic

Gold Bracket

Benet d. Wheaton Warrenville South 25-6, 25-17
Metea Valley d. Downers Grove North 25-20, 27-25
Lincoln-Way East d. IC Catholic 25-15, 25-20
Loyola d. Hinsdale Central 13-25, 26-24, 25-16
Benet d. Metea Valley 25-16, 25-17
Lincoln-Way East d. Loyola 25-22, 25-15
Downers Grove North d. Wheaton Warrenville South 23-25, 25-15, 25-22
Hinsdale Central d. IC Catholic Prep 25-18, 22-25, 25-18
Wheaton Warrenville South d. IC Catholic Prep 20-25, 25-20, 25-13 (7th place)
Downers Grove North d. Hinsdale Central 25-17, 25-20 (5th place)
Loyola d. Metea Valley 25-22, 25-23 (3rd place)
Benet d. Lincoln-Way East 26-16, 25-10 (Championship)

Silver Bracket

Lemont d. Waubonsie Valley 25-9, 25-19
Wheaton North d. Geneva 25-17, 25-20
Sandburg d. Minooka 25-17, 27-25
Lyons d. Oswego East 25-18, 26-24
Lemont d. Wheaton North 28-30, 25-21, 25-20
Lyons d. Sandburg 26-24, 26-24
Geneva d. Waubonsie Valley 25-19, 23-25, 25-15
Minooka d. Oswego East 25-22, 25-20
Waubonsie Valley d. Oswego East 25-15, 19-25, 25-12 (15th place)
Geneva d. Minooka 25-23, 25-18 (13th place)
Sandburg d. Wheaton North 25-21, 13-25, 25-21 (11th place)
Lemont d. Lyons 25-10, 19-25, 25-23 (9th place)

Bronze Bracket

Rosary d. Harlem 25-12, 25-14

Neuqua Valley d. Plainfield North 20-25, 25-14, 25-14
Marist JV d. Yorkville 25-22, 25-23
Prairie Ridge d. Fenwick 25-19, 24-26, 30-28
Rosary d. Neuqua Valley 25-10, 25-14
Prairie Ridge d. Marist JV 25-13, 23-25, 25-10
Plainfield North d. Harlem 25-18, 25-20
Yorkville d. Fenwick 25-19, 17-25, 25-18
Prairie Ridge d. Rosary 25-23, 22-25, 25-16 (17th place)
Marist JV d. Neuqua Valley 25-18, 26-24 (19th place)
Yorkville d. Plainfield North 25-14, 15-25, 25-22 (21st place)
Fenwick d. Harlem (23rd place)
Ridgewood Tournament
Lisle at Amundsen 25-21, 25-22
Lisle d. Morton 25-21, 25-11
Amundsen d. Fenton 25-18, 25-10
Morton d. Fenton 25-19, 25-18
Streamwood Sabres Tournament
DeKalb d. Streamwood 25-13, 25-16
DeKalb d. Libertyville 28-26, 18-25, 15-12

Boys soccer
Belvidere Tournament
Kaneland 1, Belvidere 1 (K wins PKs 6-5)
Kaneland 3, Jefferson 2
Kaneland 2, Rockford East 1
Morton Premier Invitational
Lyons 2, Benet 0
Plainfield North Classic
Oswego 5, Downers Grove North 2
Plainfield North 3, Aurora East 2
Glenbard West 3, Neuqua Valley 0
Oswego East 1, Waubonsie Valley 1 (OE wins PKs 5-3)
Elgin 3, Whitney Young 1 (Championship)

Streamwood Tournament
Timothy Christian 4, Lake Park 4

Others
Aurora Central Catholic 7, Hinckley Big Rock 0
Bartlett 2, Hoffman Estates 1
Bolingbrook 2, Wheaton Warrenville South 1

Burlington Central 1, Belvidere North 1
Downers Grove South 4, Riverside-Brookfield 2
Glenbard North 1, Glenbard South 1
Grayslake North 3, Deerfield 0
Hampshire 4, Larkin 1
Hersey 3, Barrington 0
Hinsdale South 4, Providence Catholic 1
Huntley 4, Hononegah 0
Jacobs 3, Woodstock 0
Lake Zurich 2, Lakes 0
Lincoln Park 1, Maine East 0
Lisle 3, St. Francis 0
Marengo 2, Harvest Christian Academy 1
Middleton (WI) 2, St. Charles North 0
Naperville North 4, Fremd 0
Niles Notre Dame 8, St. Viator 1
Schaumburg 3, Crystal Lake South 1
Stevenson 7, Ridgewood 0
Wauconda 1, Lake Forest 0
West Aurora 5, Romeoville 2
Wheaton Academy 5, Batavia 0

Boys cross country

Peoria-Notre Dame Richard Spring Invitational

Local area team results

2. Elmhurst York 222, 3. Palatine 252, 4. Lake Zurich 271, 5. Prospect 281, 8. Hersey 335, 9. Wheaton Warrenville South 374, 10. Barrington 375, 11. Naperville North 384, 12. Neuqua Valley 386, 14. St. Charles North 486, 16. Wheaton North 546, 17. Hinsdale Central 550, 18. Marmion Academy 655, 19. Downers Grove South 667, 20. West Aurora 693, 23. St. Charles East 736, 25. Conant 759, 27. Lake Park 775, 29. Metea Valley 877, 31. Geneva 912, 40. South Elgin 1080, 46. Bartlett 1214, 48. Glenbard East 1292, 53. Elgin 1441, 62. Wauconda 1701, 64. West Chicago 1954

Girls cross country

Peoria Notre Dame Richard Spring Memorial

Local area team results

1. York 102, 3. Downers Grove North 137, 5. Prospect 180, 6. Hersey 259, 7. Lake Zurich 313, 8. Wheaton Warrenville South 325, 9. Neuqua Valley 368, 11. Glenbard West 432, 16. Palatine 513, 17. Schaumburg 515, 18. Waubonsie Valley 541, 21. St. Charles North 595, 29. Geneva 798, 30. Lake Park 810, 32. St. Charles East 929, 37. Bartlett 1068, 38. Glenbard East 1106, 39. Rosary 1123, 40. Downers Grove South 1188, 41. West Aurora 1192, 45. South Elgin 1305, 47.

Elgin 1378, 48. West Chicago 1389, 52. Glenbard North 1449, 55. Hinsdale South 1573

Girls flag football

Bartlett Triangular

Bartlett 40, Elgin o

Elgin 2, South Elgin o

South Elgin 14, Bartlett 8

Fenton Invitational

Jacobs 14, Streamwood 6

Streamwood 16, Fenton 12

McHenry 26, Fenton o

McHenry 8, Jacobs o

Prospect Jamboree

Libertyville 14, Buffalo Grove 6

Prospect 38, Mother McAuley o

Prospect 24, Larkin o

Prospect 39, Libertyville o

Monday, Sep 23

Girls volleyball

Alden-Hebron at Christian Liberty, 6 p.m.

Aurora Christian at Westmont, 6:30 p.m.

Bartlett at Elk Grove, 4:30 p.m.

Crystal Lake Central at Stevenson, 6 p.m.

Glenbrook North at Maine South, 6 p.m.

Grayslake Central, Proviso West at Lake Zurich Triangular, 5 p.m.

Hinsdale South at Fenwick, 6 p.m.

Maine East at Addison Trail, 5:30 p.m.

Maine West at Rolling Meadows, 6 p.m.

Naperville Central at West Aurora, 5:30 p.m.

Round Lake at Lake Forest Academy, 5:30 p.m.

Waukegan at Lakes, 6 p.m.

Westminster Christian at St. Edward, 6 p.m.

Wheeling at Mundelein, 6 p.m.

York at Downers Grove South, 5:30 p.m.

Boys golf

Grayslake North at Antioch (Spring Valley CC), 4 p.m.

Aurora Central Catholic, Aurora Christian, Marmion Academy, Montini at CCL Championship (Cog Hill), TBA

Bartlett, Elgin, Fenton, Glenbard east, Glenbard South, Larkin, South Elgin, Streamwood, West Aurora, West Chicago at Upstate Eight Conference Meet (St. Andrews), TBA
Batavia at Minooka Invitational (Heritage Bluffs), 1 p.m.
Benet, St. Viator at ESCC Championship (Highland Woods), 9 a.m.
Deerfield at Maine South (Park Ridge CC), 4 p.m.
ESCC Conference Tournament at St. Viator (Highland Woods GC), 9 a.m.
Hersey, Prospect at Rolling Meadows Triangular (Arlington Lakes GC), 2:50 p.m.
Kaneland at Conference Meet (Kishwaukee GC), TBA
Lisle at IC8 Conference Tournament, 10 a.m.
Mundelein at Grayslake North (Sheperds GC), 4 p.m.
Naperville Central at Glenbard West (Village Links), 3:30 p.m.
St. Francis at Wheaton Academy (Klein Creek), 4:00 p.m.
Streamwood at Upstate Eight Conference Tournament (St. Andrews), 9 a.m.
Timothy Christian at DeKalb (Kishwaukee CC), 3:30 p.m.
Wheaton North at Waubonsie Valley (Cantigny), 4 p.m.

Girls golf

Benet, St. Viator at ESCC Conference Meet (Highland Woods), 9 a.m.
Burlington Central at Huntley (Pinecrest), 4:15 p.m.
Cary-Grove/Crystal Lake Co-op at Hampshire (Randall Oaks), 4:15 p.m.
Conant, Palatine at Elk Grove Triangular (Fox Run GC), 3:30 p.m.
Dundee-Crown at Jacobs (Bonnie Dundee), 4:15 p.m.
ESCC Conference Tournament at St. Viator (Highland Woods GC), 9 a.m.
Evanston at Prospect (Mt. Prospect GC), 3 p.m.
Fremd at Glenbrook North (Heritage Oaks GC), 4 p.m.
Grayslake North at Mundelein (Countryside GC), 4 p.m.
Kaneland at West Aurora (Phillips Park), 4 p.m.
Lake Park at Addison Trail (Salt Creek), 4 p.m.
Lisle at IC8 Tournament, 10 a.m.
Maine West at Elk Grove (Salt Creek GC), 4 p.m.
Montini at St. Laurence (Oak Lawn), 4 p.m.
Neuqua Valley at Metea Valley (Orchard Valley), 3:30 p.m.
Plainfield North at Hinsdale South (Village Greens), 4 p.m.
St. Edward, Timothy Christian at CCC Conference Tournament (Elks), 9 a.m.
Wauconda at Antioch (Spring Valley CC), 4 p.m.
Woodstock at South Elgin (The Highlands), 4 p.m.
York at Downers Grove South (Downers Grove GC), 4 p.m.

Girls flag football

Buffalo Grove at Palatine, 6:30 p.m.
Carmel at Streamwood, 5 p.m.

Fenton at Larkin, 5:30 p.m.
Guilford at Lakes, 4:30 p.m.
Hersey at Conant, 6 p.m.
Maine South at New Trier, 7:15 p.m.
Maine West at Niles North, 7:30 p.m.
Oswego at West Aurora, 5:30 p.m.
Prospect at Fremd, 7:15 p.m.
Rosary at St. Francis, 7 p.m.
Taft at Addison Trail, 6:30 p.m.
Vernon Hills at Maine East, 5:30 p.m.
Wheeling at Schaumburg, 7 p.m.
Zion-Benton at Antioch, 5:15 p.m.

To read the full article, please click [here](#).

- Fox 32 -

Illinois high school football: scores and results from Week 4 statewide

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Here are the scores and results from the fourth week of high school football around the state of Illinois.

Friday Sept. 20 high school football scores
ALAH 38, Sangamon Valley/Tri-City 7
Addison Trail 28, Hinsdale South 21
Aledo (Mercer County) 36, Riverdale 7
Andrew 46, Metea Valley 7
Annawan-Wethersfield 42, Monmouth United 7
Antioch 41, Lakes Community 6
Arcola 44, Tri-County 20
Aurora (West Aurora) 50, South Elgin 7
Aurora Central Catholic 60, Walther Christian 7
Aurora Christian 55, St. Edward (IL) 0
BHRA 50, Gilman Iroquois West 8
Barrington 42, Maine South 35
Bartlett 27, Streamwood 6
Batavia 45, St. Charles East 21
Batavia 45, St. Charles North 21
Belleville (Althoff Catholic) 53, Tolono Unity 52

Belleville West 44, Alton 6
Belvidere North 34, Rockford Boylan 20
Biggsville West Central 56, Galva 20
Bloomington 48, Normal West 16
Blue Ridge 42, Unity Christian 14
Bolingbrook 28, Plainfield East 0
Bradley-Bourbonnais 49, Rock Island 14
Breese Mater Dei 44, Madison 6
Buffalo Grove 22, Highland Park 0
Burlington Central 49, Crystal Lake Central 0
Byron 71, North Boone 6
Cahokia 44, Carbondale 21
Calhoun 46, Winchester (West Central) 6
Camp Point Central 35, Mendon Unity 6
Camp Point Central 35, Unity/Seymour 6
Carlinville 20, Staunton/Bunker Hill 13
Carrollton 34, Pleasant Hill 12
Carrollton 34, Pleasant Hill/Western 12
Carterville 49, Herrin 20
Cary-Grove 35, Algonquin (Jacobs) 14
Casey-Westfield 42, Robinson 25
Catlin (Salt Fork) 47, Watseka 6
Centralia 49, Granite City 6
Champaign Centennial 34, Danville 24
Champaign Central 59, Urbana 6
Chatham Glenwood 45, Rochester 17
Chester 49, Sparta 2
Chester 49, Sparta/Steeleville 2
Chicago (Goode) 36, Chicago Vocational 0
Chicago Christian 27, Woodstock Marian 6
Chicago King 48, Lindblom 0
Chicago Little Village def. Steinmetz, forfeit
Chicago Mt. Carmel 45, SICP 24
Clinton 23, Colfax Ridgeview 14
Coal City 74, Lisle 0
Crete-Monee 63, Thornwood 6
Crystal Lake South 9, Hampshire 0
DePaul College Prep 41, St. Patrick 0
Decatur MacArthur 55, Eisenhower 12
Dixon 40, Genoa (Genoa-Kingston) 7
Downers North 54, Proviso West 0

Downers South 18, Willowbrook 16
Du Quoin 21, Benton 10
Dunbar 31, Englewood STEM 8
Dunlap 49, Bartonville (Limestone) 0
Dupo 45, Trenton Wesclin 41
Durand-Pecatonica 30, Morrison 0
East Moline United Township 35, Geneseo 16
East Peoria 33, Canton 30
Edwardsville 46, O'Fallon 10
Elmwood/Brimfield 60, Decatur St. Teresa 29
Eureka 14, El Paso-Gridley 0
Fairbury Prairie Central 49, Rantoul 0
Farmington 54, Bureau Valley 6
Fenger 6, Chicago (Solorio Academy) 0
Fenwick 14, Montini 10
Fieldcrest 54, Westmont 0
Flora 36, Eldorado 22
Fremd 28, Deerfield 20
Galena 29, Fennimore, Wis. 19
Geneva 63, Lake Park 13
Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 42, Macon Meridian 20
Gillespie 21, Hillsboro 7
Glenbard East 65, Elmwood Park 13
Glenbard South 49, Bensenville (Fenton) 6
Glenbrook North 30, Conant 7
Grant 49, Grayslake North 43
Grayslake Central 19, North Chicago 14
Greenfield-Northwestern 56, North Greene 14
Greenville 54, Litchfield 17
Gurnee Warren 43, Waukegan 6
Harrisburg 54, Alton Marquette 0
Herscher 8, Reed-Custer 7
Hersey 30, Glenbrook South 24
Highland 35, Mascoutah 25
Hillcrest 32, Tinley Park 14
Hinsdale Central 56, Berwyn-Cicero Morton 0
Hoffman Estates 56, Vernon Hills 21
Homewood-Flossmoor 43, Neuqua Valley 16
Hononegah 35, Rockford Guilford 0
Illini West (Carthage) 44, Astoria (South Fulton) 30
Jacksonville 76, Springfield Lanphier 14

Jerseyville Jersey 41, Bethalto Civic Memorial 16
Johnston City 44, Fairfield 26
Joliet Catholic 31, Marist 30, 2OT
Kaneland 49, Ottawa 20
Kankakee (McNamara) 29, Chicago (Christ the King) 22
Kankakee 26, Normal Community 13
Knoxville 42, LCSR 18
Lake Forest 31, Zion Benton 12
Le Roy 42, Heyworth 7
Lemont 51, Thornton Fractional South 14
Lena-Winslow 50, Dakota 0
Libertyville 29, Lake Zurich 14
Lincoln Way Central 39, DeKalb 6
Lincoln-Way East 49, Naperville North 17
Lisle (Benet Academy) 23, St Viator 16
Litchfield/Mt. Olive 54, Greenville 17
Lockport 21, Waubesa Valley 7
Loyola 28, Brother Rice 21
Machesney Park Harlem 44, Rockford Jefferson 38
Macomb 48, West Hancock 22
Mahomet-Seymour 56, Charleston 3
Manteno 49, Streator 8
Marengo 27, Woodstock 6
Marian Catholic (Chicago Heights) 33, Leo 18
Marmion 35, De La Salle 0
Maroa-Forsyth 67, PORTA 30
Maroa-Forsyth 67, PORTA/Ashland-Chandlerville Central/Greenview 30
Marshall/Raby 38, Orr 7
McHenry 14, Dundee-Crown 13
Metamora 40, Morton 37
Milledgeville 76, CLKCDOLSHA 6
Minooka 56, Romeoville 0
Momence 48, Hoopeston/Armstrong 14
Monmouth-Roseville 49, Mendota 10
Monticello 28, Bloomington Central Catholic 25
Morris 52, La Salle-Peru 14
Mount Vernon 45, Collinsville 21
Mt. Carmel 30, Newton 8
Mt. Zion 14, Taylorville 12
Murphysboro 56, Massac County/Joppa-Maple Grove 2
NBFW def. Riverton, forfeit

Naperville Central 56, Stagg 7
Nashville 48, Anna-Jonesboro/Dongola 6
Nazareth 33, IC Catholic 0
Nokomis 55, Cerro Gordo 7
Normal University 52, Lincoln 0
North Lawndale 32, Chicago (Urban Prep Charter/Bronzeville) 8
Oak Forest 46, Bremen 0
Oak Lawn Richards 68, Oak Lawn Community 12
Orangeville 82, River Ridge 58
Oregon 35, Winnebago 12
Oswego 70, Joliet Central 7
Oswego East 13, Plainfield South 7
Ottawa Marquette 26, DGSW 21
Ottawa Marquette 26, Dwight 21
Palatine 37, New Trier 3
Pana 51, North-Mac 24
Paris 27, Lawrenceville 19
Paxton-Buckley-Loda 46, Pontiac 14
Peoria (H.S.) 86, Peoria Manual 12
Peoria Notre Dame 65, Richwoods 14
Plainfield North 28, Joliet West 3
Pleasant Plains 28, Auburn 25
Polo 50, Ashton-Franklin Center 0
Prairie Ridge 35, Huntley 13
Princeton 44, Kewanee 15
Princeville 26, ROWVA-Williamsfield 14
Prospect 28, Evanston 23
Prosser 25, Chicago (Marine) 6
Providence 14, Niles Notre Dame 0
Quincy 43, Moline 21
Quincy Notre Dame 37, Sacred Heart-Griffin (Springfield) 7
Red Bud 47, Carlyle 20
Richmond-Burton 49, Harvard 7
Riverside-Brookfield 30, Elgin 14
Rockford Christian def. Stillman Valley, forfeit
Rockford East 29, Belvidere 18
Rockford Lutheran 49, Rock Falls 14
Rockridge 41, Erie-Prophetstown 0
Rolling Meadows 38, Maine West 7
Roxana 14, Columbia 7
Rushville-Industry 40, Abingdon 32

Salem 42, East Alton-Wood River 8
Sandburg 28, Lincoln Way West 22
Sandwich 28, Johnsburg 21
Schaumburg 21, Niles West 14
Schurz 42, Von Steuben 7
Seneca 36, St Bede 12
Sesser-Valier-Waltonville 32, Carmi-White County o
Shelbyville 55, Tremont 12
Shepard 25, Argo 10
Sherrard 20, Hall 14
South Beloit 30, Kirkland Hiawatha 6
Springfield 51, Springfield Southeast 24
Springfield Lutheran 49, Rock Falls 14
St. Joseph-Ogden 42, Illinois Valley Central 28
St. Laurence 17, Carmel 14
St. Rita 31, St. Francis 13
Stanford Olympia 38, Athens 35
Sterling 40, Galesburg 3
Sterling Newman 54, Orion 21
Stevenson 36, Mundelein o
Stockton 38, Fulton 20
Sullivan-Okaw Valley/Bethany 44, Argenta-Oreana o
Sycamore 25, Rochelle 19
Tri-Valley 49, Deer Creek-Mackinaw 14
Triad 31, Waterloo 7
Tuscola 18, Moweaqua Central A&M 13
Vandalia 51, Piasa Southwestern 6
Warrensburg-Latham 46, Fisher 2
Washington 19, Pekin (IL) 9
Wauconda 56, Round Lake o
West Carroll 28, Alden-Hebron 26
West Chicago 43, Ridgewood 35
West Frankfort 61, Pinckneyville 34
Wheaton Academy 42, Hope Academy 14
Wheaton North 27, St. Charles East 19
Wheaton Warrenville South 31, Glenbard North o
Wheeling 17, Maine East 14
Williamsville 21, Pittsfield 12
Wilmington 49, Peotone 13
Woodstock North 41, Plano 17
York 42, OPRF 21

Yorkville 49, Plainfield Central 8
Young 14, Chicago (Lane) 13

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Football and local scores for the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County

By: Staff Reports
Date: September 20, 2024



Richards' Jordan Lewis (9) runs for a gain against Oak Lawn during a South Suburban Red game in Oak Lawn on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024

High school and local college results and highlights from the Southland, Aurora, Elgin, Naperville and Lake County coverage areas.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL

WEEK 4

UPSTATE EIGHT WEST

Bartlett 27, Streamwood 6

Larkin 28, East Aurora 4

West Aurora 50, South Elgin 7

West Aurora (4-0, 2-0): Bryce Riley 2 TD runs (50, 94). Azuriah Sylvester 2 TD runs (2, 7).

Nick Weisse 45-yard INT return TD.

South Elgin (1-3, 0-2): DeAngelo McCullough 72-yard TD run.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

HIGH SCHOOLS

BOYS SOCCER

Andrew 5, Addison Trail 3

Aurora Central Catholic 3, Wheaton St. Francis 1

ACC (7-3): Alan Acosta goal. Giovannie Gutierrez goal. Christopher Incandela goal.
 Chicago Christian 5, Bishop McNamara 0
 Chicago Christian (6-5-2, 1-2 Chicagoland Christian): Crew Maloni 2 goals, assist. Garrett Murphy 2 goals.
 Eisenhower 2, Shepard 0
 Evanston 8, Deerfield 2
 Geneva 1, Bartlett 0
 Geneva (5-3-1): Benjamin Murphy goal.
 Grayslake Central 4, Grayslake North 1
 Jacobs 5, Hampshire 1
 Jacobs (4-5-2, 1-0-1 Fox Valley): Jackson Foley 2 goals. Noah Anderson goal. Israel Guerrero goal. David Kuklo goal.
 Lake Forest 1, Lake Zurich 1
 Lake Forest (5-2-2, 2-0-1 North Suburban): Theo Jamboretz goal.
 Larkin 2, Rockford Jefferson 1
 Lemont 2, Argo 1
 Libertyville 2, Mundelein 1
 Lincoln-Way Central 3, Downers Grove South 1
 Lincoln-Way Central (7-1): Jackson Meyer goal. Charles Stevens goal. Derrick Rafacz 2 assists.
 Marian Central Catholic 3, St. Edward 0
 Mount Carmel 3, Marmion 2
 Naperville Central 1, West Aurora 0
 Providence 6, IC Catholic 2
 Providence (6-2-1, 2-0 CCL White): Jimmy Piko 2 goals.
 Reavis 3, T.F. United 3
 T.F. United (6-2-3, 1-0-3 SSC Blue): David Lopez goal. Omar Reyes goal. Angel Delgado goal.
 Romeoville 3, Yorkville 2
 St. Charles North 2, Glenbard East 0
 St. Charles North (5-2-1): Casey Kriz goal. Oliver Longosz goal.
 Somonauk 5, Sandwich 0
 Stevenson 3, Waukegan 1
 Thornton co-op 9, Rich Township 0
 Vernon Hills 4, Niles West 2
 Vernon Hills (2-7-1): Kyle Magsino 4 goals.
 Vocational 3, Morgan Park 2
CHRISTIAN BROTHERS CUP
 Brother Rice 0, St. Laurence 0
STREAMWOOD FALL CLASSIC
 Championship Semifinals
 Elgin 3, Leyden 2
 Whitney Young 2, Stagg 1 (SO)

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- Daily Herald -

West Aurora keeps rolling, pulls away from South Elgin

By: Allen Oshinski

Date: September 20, 2024

South Elgin put on an impressive fireworks display during halftime of its game against West Aurora.

But on the field, it was the visiting Blackhawks who provided most of the fireworks.

Speedy sophomore tailback Bryce Riley scored on 2 long runs, Nicholas Weisse returned an interception for a score and West Aurora pulled away for a 50-7 Upstate Eight win.

Riley, who scored on runs of 50 and 94 yards, finished with 223 rushing yards on just 11 carries. Azuriah Sylvester added 104 yards and a score for the Blackhawks (4-0, 2-0).

South Elgin (1-3, 1-1) led after the first quarter. The Blackhawks took the lead on a short run by Mike Williams in the final minute of the period but it took the Storm just 2 plays to answer with a 72-yard run by DeAndre McCullough. Sam Cutinello's extra point was the difference at that point.

The Blackhawks took the lead for good with 3 scores in a span of just over a minute.

Sylvester started the scoring run with a 7-yard TD. After the kickoff, a penalty backed the Storm up inside their 10-yard line. On first down, Temilade Dada broke free and sacked Storm quarterback John Ginnan in the end zone for a safety.

On the second play after the free kick, the Blackhawks ran a double reverse, with Riley taking the handoff from Williams, breaking through and racing 50 yards to make it 22-7.

Weisse's pick-six and a touchdown pass from Mason Atkins to Reece Powers made it 36-7 after 3 quarters.

Atkins took one in himself before Riley finished the scoring in spectacular fashion. From the West Aurora 6, he started around the left side, broke free and raced untouched into the end zone.

“I hit the left hole,” he said. “I didn’t think I was going to hit it, and my vision went to the right, I headed upfield and just didn’t get caught. I turned the jets on.”

Blackhawks coach Nate Eimer was impressed that his team overcame the slow start and was able to pull away. He identified the turning point in the game a sequence right after South Elgin took the lead.

West Aurora fumbled the ensuing kickoff, with DeAngelo Cain recovering for the Storm. But the Blackhawk defense forced a turnover on downs and Atkins proceeded to march the Blackhawks 75 yards for the score to take the lead.

“The thing that was most impressive to me tonight was it wasn’t just right away,” said Eimer. “It was 7-6, they get a turnover on the kickoff, we get a stop and after that our kids just kept answering.”

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High school scores for Sept. 20

Date: September 20, 2024



Barrington’s Austi Coles, left, avoids a tackle by Maine South’s Mateo Jalenkovic and carries the ball for a first-quarter touchdown on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024 in Park Ridge.

Football

Addison Trail 28, Hinsdale South 21

Andrew 46, Metea Valley 7

Antioch 41, Lakes 6

Aurora Central Catholic 60, Walther Christian 7

Aurora Christian 55, St. Edward 0

Barrington 42, Maine South 35

Bartlett 27, Streamwood 6

Batavia 42, St. Charles North 21

Benet Academy 23, St. Viator 16

Buffalo Grove 22, Highland Park 0

Burlington Central 49, Crystal Lake Central 0
Cary-Grove 35, Jacobs 14
Coal City 74, Lisle 0
Crystal Lake South 9, Hampshire 0
Downers Grove North 54, Proviso West 0
Downers Grove South 18, Willowbrook 16
Fenwick 14, Montini 10
Fieldcrest 54, Westmont 0
Fremd 28, Deerfield 20
Geneva 63, Lake Park 13
Glenbard East 65, Elmwood Park 13
Glenbard South 49, Fenton 6
Glenbrook North 30, Conant 7
Grayslake Central 19, North Chicago 14
Hersey 30, Glenbrook South 24
Hinsdale Central 56, Morton 0
Hoffman Estates 56, Vernon Hills 21
Homewood-Flossmoor 43, Neuqua Valley 16
Kaneland 49, Ottawa 20
Larkin 28, East Aurora 4
Libertyville 29, Lake Zurich 7
Lincoln-Way East 49, Naperville North 17
Lockport 21, Waubonsie Valley 7
Marmion Academy 35, De La Salle 0
McHenry 14, Dundee-Crown 13
Naperville Central 56, Stagg 7
Nazareth 33, IC Catholic Prep 0
Palatine 27, New Trier 3
Prairie Ridge 35, Huntley 13
Prospect 49, Evanston 29
Riverside-Brookfield 30, Elgin 14
Rolling Meadows 38, Maine West 7
Schaumburg 21, Niles West 14
St. Laurence 17, Carmel 14
St. Rita 31, St. Francis 13
Stevenson 36, Mundelein 0
Warren 43, Waukegan 6
Wauconda 56, Round Lake 0
West Aurora 50, South Elgin 7
West Chicago 43, Ridgewood 35
Wheaton Academy 42, Hope Academy 14

Wheaton North 27, St. Charles East 19
Wheaton-Warrenville South 31, Glenbard North 0
Wheeling 17, Maine East 14
York 42, Oak Park-River Forest 21

Thursday's late results

Girls volleyball

Aurora Christian d. St. Edward 25-17, 25-13
Grayslake North d. Wauconda 25-17, 25-22
Hersey d. Elk Grove 25-21, 25-22
McHenry d. Jacobs 25-23, 11-25, 25-19
Schaumburg Christian d. South Beloit 25-21, 25-19
St. Charles North d. Glenbrook South 20-25, 25-22, 27-25
Waubonsie Valley d. Batavia 25-13, 25-12
Wheaton Academy d. Bartlett 25-12, 25-15
Willowbrook d. Montini 25-20, 17-25, 25-23

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