

**Brookfield LaGrange Park
School District 95**



Dear District 95 Community:

As you may know by now the impasse at the Capitol continues, as legislators and the Governor were unable to reach agreement on a budget. Without a state appropriation for K-12 education in fiscal year 2017, school districts will not receive any State funding. In the coming days you will hear a great deal of speculation pertaining to whether schools will open in the fall.

School District 95 receives approximately 1.9 million dollars in state funding annually with almost every dollar being in the Education Fund. State funding represents about 18% of our total revenue in the Education Fund. Without a state appropriation for education in 2017, the District will operate its 2017 budget with a 1.9 million dollar shortfall.

Many schools within the State will be forced to close their school doors prior to the winter break and more will not see the end of the next school year. Through thoughtful planning and careful attention to maintaining spending within our means, District 95 would be prepared to weather the storm longer than our counterparts throughout the State by tapping our very modest reserves. A continued lack of funding from the state would eventually force major programming changes and significant cuts, while at the same time, completely shifting the cost of education to the local property tax payer.

The purpose of this letter is not to incite panic within our D95 community. Simply, it is to inform you that the dysfunction at the

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Capitol has far reaching implications in our community and for our schools. I will continue to monitor the status of our State's progress towards a budget and ask you to encourage our local legislators to move swiftly to address the needs of education.

I understand that the fiscal operations of schools and school funding are very complex. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and I would be happy to explain it in detail.

Sincerely,

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