



# Where Excellence Is Tradition

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## **Transparency helps build community trust**

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As a public entity, supported by community tax dollars, it is important for a school district to be visible, accessible, open and accountable. Being as transparent as possible with information, initiatives, and documents helps build confidence, predictability and stability with parents and the greater community.

What are the different behaviors and approaches that Glenbard District 87 practices that ensure a high level of transparency with the community? The following are a few examples:

- Feedback and input regarding key district initiatives and directions are regularly solicited from parents and community members.
- Board of Education meeting dates, agenda packets and minutes are posted on the district's website, [www.glenbard87.org](http://www.glenbard87.org)
- Highlights of Board of Education meetings are posted on our website within 24 hours after board meetings and shared through Glenbard News, our e-newsletter.
- Board meetings rotate among the four high schools, administration center, Glendale Heights Civic Center and Technology Center of DuPage
- The Illinois School Report Card for each of our four high schools and the district are posted on our website.
- The transparency page of our website includes:
  - Contact information for administrators and elected officials
  - Board of Education policies
  - Freedom of Information Act procedures
  - Financial information, including annual budget, tax levy and audit
  - Labor contracts
  - Salary information
  - Public bid notices
  - Student fees
  - Lobbying information
- Parents receive regular classroom and school e-news and phone calls highlighting important events and learning experiences.
- All households within our boundaries receive our winter newsletter and annual report, which reviews district achievements and accomplishments, relevant financial information and progress toward district goals.
- All published school and district documents are available on the district website.

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- All parents have immediate access to their student's grades, assignments and attendance information through the online PowerSchool portal.

In a return on the community's investment, Glenbard District 87 always strives for quality and excellence in all of its programs and services for our students. Ensuring a high level of transparency helps us to be responsive and reflective to the public and validates that we strive to be true partners in providing educational excellence for the community's children.

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