

SPRING 2023



MILNE-KELVIN GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT 91

A key piece of Lockport District 91's strategic plan is to engage and inform our community. Over the past several years, we transitioned to technology tools that enhance our communication. Our ParentSquare system allows the general public to view informational posts that affect the entire D91 community via our website, even if you do not have a child in our schools. This system has been a key component in encouraging two-way communication between school and home.

Milne and Kelvin Grove Schools also focus on getting stakeholders involved in the school community. This year, we have been overwhelmed at the number of room parents, event volunteers, office helpers, mystery readers, athletic booster supporters, etc. that have answered our call for involvement. The D91 faculty and staff along with our Board of Education value the role our community and residents play in educating the students of Milne-Kelvin Grove District 91 and hope to build partnerships with community members and organizations in the next phase of our plan.

Our school leadership teams are actively engaged in continuous improvement planning and the district administrative team is leading crucial conversations related to student achievement, social emotional support, attendance, and student/community engagement and leadership. Both Kelvin Grove & Milne Grove School's school improvement plans are aligned with these goal areas and outline actionable steps to ensure the objectives are achieved. Grade level teams at both schools are utilizing a wide variety of student data including classroom and grade level assessments, social emotional survey information, standardized test scores, and individual progress in standards in order to identify students in need of support.

While the pandemic left many districts floundering, our staff has been focused on individualizing instruction in order to close gaps and planning for a wide variety of learner needs. Breakfast and tutoring programs are underway to support low income and at-risk learners and the district has been proud to offer two consecutive targeted summer school programs. Significant enhancement to the social emotional and intervention structure continues to advance our district's commitment to educating the whole child in 2023 and beyond.

In recent years, D91 has also invested in the curricular areas of science, social studies, technology, physical education and social-emotional learning. Language arts and mathematics continue to be a main focus as well; our educators are acutely aware of the need to foster strong literacy and numeracy skills in each student to support their ambitions and future success, regardless of the path they choose for themselves in adulthood. Ensuring students dream big and create a future story for themselves helps to instill intrinsic motivation as our students become this community's future leaders.

Lockport D91 is proud to serve the Central Lockport community and we appreciate the history and Hornet pride that exudes from our neighborhoods. We are actively seeking alumni and community members who would like to get involved or be informed about the activities and initiatives underway at Milne Grove and Kelvin Grove on a regular basis.

Please email superintendent@d91.net to receive our monthly board highlights and other news.



FACILITY UPGRADES AND REPAIRS SINCE 2020

In addition to focusing on the students in the classroom, it is also important that we focus efforts on a safe and healthy learning environment for our students to thrive in. Over the past few years, the district has focused efforts on both maintaining and updating various aspects of the district to be more economically efficient and have a positive impact on the future learning environment for our students.

Below is a list of repairs, replacements, and upgrades that would have not been possible had the district not applied for the grants that funded over 50% of the total overall costs. However, the savings are not limited to just the funds from the grants, but will also be realized in the years to come through decreased electrical usage, decreased heating costs due to the increased insulation from the doors, windows and boilers, and decreased costs in the maintenance of all of these items.

Kelvin Grove (financial savings of 48%)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Gross Cost</u>	<u>Rebates/Grants</u>	<u>D91 Final Cost</u>
• Upgraded To LED lighting in gymnasiums	\$8,976.00	\$5,530.00 (62%)	\$3,346.00
• Upgraded all interior CFL can lights	\$6,645.25	\$5,333.00 (80%)	\$1,312.25
• Upgraded Band Room to LED lighting	1476.00	952.25 (65%)	\$525.75
• Replaced all "POD" Entrances & Windows	113,813.88	50,000.00 (44%)	\$63,813.88
• Replaced Feneli Gymnasium Doors	18,258.00	1,100.00 (6%)	\$17,158.00
• New Student Desks/Chairs	73,950.00	73,950.00 (100%)	\$0.00
• Replaced the Boilers & Controls	<u>168,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00 (30%)</u>	<u>\$118,000.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$391,118.25</u>	<u>\$186,865.25 (48%)</u>	<u>\$204,155.88</u>

Milne Grove (financial savings of 90%)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Gross Cost</u>	<u>Rebates/Grants</u>	<u>D91 Final Cost</u>
• Upgraded To LED lighting in gymnasium	\$4,488.00	\$3,240.00 (72%)	\$1,248.00
• Upgraded all Exterior Lighting	14,166.00	8,362.00 (59%)	5,804.00
• New Student Desks/Chairs	<u>49,300.00</u>	<u>49,300.00 (100%)</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 67,954.00</u>	<u>\$60,902.00 (90%)</u>	<u>\$7,052.00</u>
 District Grand Totals	 <u>\$459,072.25</u>	 <u>\$247,767.25 (54%)</u>	 <u>\$211,305.00</u>

In addition to the above completed projects, we also have two district-wide projects scheduled for the summer of 2023 that are only possible due to additional funds from grants. The project costs are outlined below. The district will only pay for 26% of the cost for the two projects based on grant funding that was secured.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Gross Cost</u>	<u>Rebates/Grants</u>	<u>D91 Final Cost</u>
• Install Access Control System (Ext/Int Doors)	\$100,000.00	\$50,000.00 (50%)	\$50,000.00
• Upgraded Classroom/Hallways to LED Lighting*	\$136,000.00	\$52,000.00 (38%)	\$84,000.00
• FEMA Grant Reimbursement (apply to lighting)		<u>\$73,000.00 (100%)</u>	<u>-\$73,000.00</u>
District Grand Totals	<u>\$236,000.00</u>	<u>\$175,000.00 (74%)</u>	<u>\$61,000.00</u>

*Return on Investment for the upgrade to LED lighting is about five years, saving the district in future years on electricity.

WHY NOW? APRIL 4TH BALLOT QUESTION

- As with owning your home, as the home gets older, there are routine maintenance and often replacements that need to be made to maintain a safe and healthy home. At Kelvin Grove, the original structure was built in 1951, additions in 1958, 1965, 2000. The newest addition, the junior high wing, is over twenty-two years old. At Milne Grove (1969), the main office needs a complete remodel to ensure a more safe and secure entrance of the building.
- In June of 2022, District 91 partnered with the DLA architect firm to conduct a ten-year life safety inspection and a facilities assessment. From that report, there were some key areas identified to be completed within the next five to ten years. Included in these results are security issues, Health Life Safety items, regular maintenance items, due to “End of Life”, and items that have been identified by the district’s architect that will need to be addressed in the next five to ten years.
- At the January District 91 Board Meeting, the Board of Education voted to add a question on the April 4th election ballot that asks the D91 taxpayers to support a \$2.5 million bond that will be specifically used to:
 - alter, repair, and equip the existing facilities of the District to enhance the security at both school buildings
 - replace portions of the roof at Kelvin Grove School
 - improve the accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act at Milne Grove School
 - install central air conditioning systems at both school buildings
 - make general improvements at both school buildings to enhance the educational opportunities
- The April 4th ballot question is asking for the taxpayers to approve a \$2.5 million bond that would replace the current bond payment from the junior high addition that is to be paid off this year. By replacing the current bond payment, there would be no tax increase (from School District 91) and the proceeds of the bond will fund the projects listed above. The bond would be paid off in seven years, with the final payment being made in the year 2031. Below is an example of the ballot question:

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**PROPOSITION TO
ISSUE \$2,500,000
SCHOOL BUILDING
BONDS**

Shall the Board of Education of Milne-Kelvin Grove School District Number 91, Will County, Illinois, alter, repair and equip the existing facilities of the District, including providing security improvements, replacing portions of the roof at Kelvin Grove Middle School, improving accessibility under the Americans with Disabilities Act at Milne Grove Elementary School, installing central air conditioning systems at both school buildings, as well as improving the sites thereof, and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$2,500,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

YES

NO

¿Deberá la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Número 91 de Milne-Kelvin Grove, Condado de Will, Illinois, alterar, reparar y equipar las instalaciones existentes del Distrito, incluyendo mejoras de seguridad, reemplazar partes del techo en la Escuela Intermedia Kelvin Grove, mejorar la accesibilidad bajo la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades en la Escuela Primaria Milne Grove, instalar sistemas centrales de aire acondicionado en ambos edificios escolares? así como mejorar los sitios de los mismos, y emitir bonos de dicho Distrito Escolar por la cantidad de \$ 2,500,000 con el propósito de pagar los costos de los mismos?

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Early Voting Starts March 20, 2023

APRIL 4th Ballot Question Outcomes

YES Vote	NO Vote
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No tax rate increase (from Lockport District 91)• Bonds issued (\$2.5 million) to fund projects outlined in ballot question• Fiscally responsible spending to replace/repair without additional inflation costs• Restructure building design to provide safe, secure, and ADA compliant buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$0.22 tax rate decrease (from Lockport District 91)• Programs cuts to fund projects to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment• Possible delay in routine maintenance that can incur higher costs for replacement/repair in the future• Continue making accommodations to provide safe, secure, and ADA compliant buildings



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