



Mundelein
School Districts 75 & 120



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A Renewed Commitment to Collaboration: Districts 75 and 120 to Remain with SEDOL

To our Community and Families,

Mundelein School Districts 75 and 120 are pleased to announce that both boards have officially rescinded their notice of withdrawal from the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL).

While our districts have successfully operated extensive, high-quality special education programs within our own buildings for years, we initially issued a notice to withdraw last school year. At that time, SEDOL was navigating significant leadership transitions, staffing challenges, and fiscal obstacles. We felt then that our own resources and talent would allow us to best serve our students independently.

Over the past 15 months, we have witnessed a transformative shift in our partnership with the cooperative. This progress is a testament to the hard work and transparency of SEDOL's interim leadership and the collaborative spirit of its 31 member districts.

D120 and D75 Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Jamie DiCarlo, shared the following regarding this evolution:

“We have observed meaningful improvements in transparency, communication, and overall financial stewardship. Under the cooperative's current leadership — now in its second year operating with two interim Superintendents — SEDOL has demonstrated a more collaborative and responsive approach to working with member districts. This has extended to member district special education administrators, Superintendents, Board of Education members, and families. This increased communication has contributed to greater organizational stability and renewed confidence among member districts.”

Our renewed confidence is further bolstered by several key developments:

- **Stable Leadership:** We are highly encouraged by the selection of Dr. Jennifer Thomas as the incoming superintendent and believe her leadership signals continued forward progress.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** SEDOL has implemented a revised tuition model that reflects a thoughtful, equitable approach to financial planning.

We value the cooperative's current direction and are eager to continue our collaboration. By remaining part of SEDOL, we believe we can continue to support the students and families we collectively serve throughout Lake County.

Dr. Corey Tafoya
Superintendent

Ms. Jamie DiCarlo
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services