



**Lake Forest High School's  
Shared Services Proposal**

# The High School's Objectives

- To Provide the Best Education We Can to the Children of Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, and Knollwood
- To Provide that Top-Quality Education in a Financially Responsible Manner

# The Shared Services Concept

- Coordinate Administrative Operations among District 115, District 67, and District 65
  - Share administrative & support functions
  - Negotiate common contract services
  - Improve operational effectiveness
  - Realize cost savings through economies of scale

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# The Shared Services Concept

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- Strengthen Coordination of Educational Programs among D115, D67 & D65
- Keep Each Individual District Independent & Autonomous
  - Not a merger
  - Not a consolidation
  - Each District Keeps its Own Board of Education
  - Each District Has its Own Tax Base

# **First Initiative: A Shared Services Agreement with District 67**

Under the LFHS Proposal, the Two Districts Would:

- Share a common Superintendent, Harry D. Griffith, as CEO of each of our independent and autonomous districts
- Investigate and implement other shared administrative, support and contractual services

# Shared Services Agreement Provisions

- The Superintendent would be:
  - Accountable solely to D115 for D115 operations
  - Accountable solely to D67 for D67 operations
- A Joint Shared Services Committee (JSSC), including members of each Board and the Superintendent, would:
  - Recommend Shared Services Plans to the BOE's
  - Coordinate and monitor the plans' implementation
- Agreement Term: 3 Years
  - Time enough to implement, test, and evaluate the Shared Services Model

# Why Shared Services?

- LFHS needs to address:
  - The rising costs associated with a 60% increase in enrollment
  - Implementation of the LFHS Strategic Plan for Educational Excellence
  - The Need to Improve the High School's Relationship with the Communities it Serves
  - A Change in Administration

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# Why Shared Services?

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- Shared Services offers:
  - A chance to share administrative services with District 67, and realize associated economies of scale
  - A highly qualified CEO with a track record of:
    - Managing school districts with multiple elementary and high schools
    - Commitment to excellence in education
    - Fiscal accountability
    - A strong connection with the D115 community
    - A creative educational vision
    - A talent for implementing change

# Shared Services Public Discussions

- To Date
  - LFHS Board of Education: July 6
  - Lake Bluff Village Board: July 12
  - District 67 Board of Education: July 14
  - LFHS Board of Education: July 14
  - Lake Forest City Council: July 15
  - Shields Township Board: July 15
  - LFHS Board of Education: July 19
- Scheduled
  - District 67 Board of Education: July 20
  - District 65 Board of Education: July 27
- Future
  - Ongoing formal and informal feedback opportunities for parents and community

# Next Steps

- District 115 and District 67 Take Action on the Shared Services Agreement
- D115 Opens Formal Discussions with District 65 Regarding their Interest in Shared Services Participation

# Shared Services Benefits

- A Continued, Coordinated Drive to offer the Highest Quality of Education to Children in Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, and Knollwood
- A Closer, More Collaborative Working Relationship Among the communities' Three School Districts
- Significantly Reduced Superintendent Compensation Costs for D115 and D67
- Additional Cost Savings as Shared Services expands