

I have a question -

Community Engagement Session #4

James B. Conant High School • Monday, May 2, 2016

*The following are questions, with answers provided, that were asked by individuals completing the “***I have a question -***” form at tables during the Community Engagement Session.*

Why isn't District 211 showing more green initiatives, such as solar panels on the surface areas of (school) roofs, geothermal technology, or wind energy?

District 211 has implemented an energy conservation program over the past 13 years that has resulted in savings in excess of \$14 million dollars. In addition, all five District schools have earned the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Energy Star certification. Thus far, District 211 has been successful in energy saving measures without implementing large capital cost projects (solar panels, geothermal, wind energy, etc.) by incorporating the following concepts:

- Purchasing & installing high-efficiency mechanical equipment
- LED upgrades on exterior parking lot lighting
- T8/T5 lighting upgrade on interior lighting
- Partial solar panel installation at Fremd and Conant High Schools
- Automating night setback and unoccupied equipment schedules to ensure equipment is only operating when necessary
- Purchasing Energy Star rated products

Moving forward, District 211 is looking to focus on the following green initiatives:

- LED lighting throughout buildings
- Continuing to update mechanical equipment with high-efficiency products
- Updating roofs to achieve higher insulation values to optimize thermal comfort and energy savings
- Reviewing the implementation of solar panel technology in conjunction with roof replacement work

Confirm that the phone survey will use commercially available phone lists, and not District provided lists.

Due to the Mother's Day weekend, random telephone surveys began on Monday, May 9, 2016 and will continue until 500 surveys have been completed. Phone numbers – both landline and cell phone – were collected by Unicom•Arc using registered voter lists from within District 211 boundaries and from current District 211 parent listings. Of the targeted 500 surveys, Unicom•Arc's sample will include 150 phone numbers from the District 211 parent list and 350 phone numbers from the registered voter list that are cross-referenced so as not to duplicate parent listings.

Provide attendance breakdown per session.

An attendance breakdown by Community Engagement Session, for those individual who attended and completed the sign-in sheet, is available [here](#).

What about a hockey club/team, or powerlifting club (for District 211 schools)?

Currently, CHFS is a hockey club that serves students at Conant, Hoffman Estates, Fremd, and Schaumburg High Schools. The club is not affiliated with District 211 athletic departments, but does offer an opportunity for students in District 211 to participate in competitive hockey. For additional information, here is the link to the CHFS website: <http://www.chfshockey.com>.

Additionally, any student who wishes to start a club such as, powerlifting, should make an appointment with the school's activity director. The activity director will guide the student through the process of beginning a club, which includes securing a faculty sponsor and having a required minimum number of interested students.

Has there been any discussion of building on or selling the property on Summit Drive (in Schaumburg)? If so, when might this happen?

The property near Summit Drive was originally purchased as a sixth high school site. The District's enrollment trends are not reflective of the need for this property as an additional high school site in the future. While the District does not have any immediate plans for the property, future decisions regarding the sale or development of this property are subject to Board of Education review and decision.