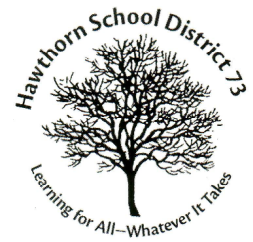


# Hawthorn District 73

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Dear Community Member:

The Hawthorn District 73 Board of Education is sponsoring a Future Search Conference – a long-range, community based planning initiative designed to establish a vision for the future of Hawthorn schools. Hawthorn is looking for 60 to 80 volunteer planners for this highly participatory effort.

Volunteers should represent all aspects of our school District and the wider Hawthorn community. Potential Conference participants would be people who are community minded, willing to work on identifying solutions, able to articulate their thoughts, and who work well with others in small groups. In building this volunteer group, we will look to our local businesses, religious leaders, governmental representatives, private and public education experts, parents, non-parents, new residents, long-time residents, and any other interested individuals who are able to move beyond personal agendas and work with a group of diverse individuals for the greater good.

There is no cost to participate in this effort, though we do require that volunteers be present for the entire three-day Conference, which is planned for February 25 to 27. A more detailed schedule appears in the box below.

We are contacting you to see if you would be interested in participating in this important effort. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in the Hawthorn Future Search Conference, please let us know by completing a "Future Search Conference Volunteer Interest Form," which is included with this letter and available online at [www.hawthorn73.org](http://www.hawthorn73.org). You may also forward volunteer suggestions, questions and comments to:

Becky Hill, [hillr@hawthorn73.org](mailto:hillr@hawthorn73.org) or 847-990-4215  
Lynn Brandl, [brandll@hawthorn73.org](mailto:brandll@hawthorn73.org) or 847-990-4267  
c/o Hawthorn District Office, 841 West End Court, Vernon Hills, IL 60061

We ask that volunteer interest forms be returned **by Thursday, December 17** to allow us to begin contacting volunteers and providing additional background prior to the February Search Conference.

More information about the Search Conference will be shared during the coming weeks through our website, *Hawthorn Highlights* and other resources. Thank you for considering this request to participate in this important effort. Thank you, also, for your ongoing support of our students, schools and entire community.

Sincerely,

Timothy Shanahan  
President, Hawthorn District 73 Board of Education

Susan Zook, Ed.D.  
Superintendent, Hawthorn District 73

## Hawthorn Future Search Planning Conference:

Thurs., February 25 – 4 to 8 p.m.

Fri., February 26 – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat., February 27 – 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*All meetings at Hawthorn Middle South,  
600 N. Aspen Dr., Vernon Hills*

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