

Area school districts plan resource fair, biliteracy workshop

Addison School District 4, District 45, Salt Creek School District 48 and District 88 invite families to attend a Community Resource Fair and Biliteracy Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Willowbrook High School, 1250 S. Ardmore in Villa Park. (Please park in the main parking lot and enter door No. 6.

About the Resource Fair

Families are welcome to enjoy a Resource Fair that will offer information about services and programs in the areas of education, health and wellness, early childhood, financial support and more. A full list of resources can be found at the dupage88.net/resourcefair2021. The list will be updated as the event

New law aims to expand affordable housing through \$75 million investment, tax credits

Pritzker also signs bill expanding low-income energy programs

By Jerry Nowicki
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Gov. JB Pritzker last week signed a measure aimed at increasing affordable housing investment in Illinois, as well as a measure expanding the state's low-income energy assistance program.

House Bill 2621 aims to create incentives for building and maintaining affordable housing projects through investment of federal funds and tax credits. Pritzker signed the bill at the Hope Manor II affordable apartment complex in the Englewood neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago.

Nancy Hughes Moyer, the CEO and president of Volunteers of America Illinois which developed and owns Hope Manor II, said the facility is an example of "affordable supportive housing at its best."

The campus-style facility is specifically designed for head-of-household veterans and their families.

The Englewood community has seen its population decline from just less than 100,000 in the 1960s and 1970s to less than 30,000 today. The Hope Manor development and the area around it aims to bring people back to the community with "high quality affordable housing," Moyer said.

"Affordable housing is a very, very powerful tool in creating and advancing community revitalization," she said. "It brings people and density, and often replaces vacant land and abandoned properties with vibrant positive developments and activity. And what is least understood about the potential of affordable housing, is that it can be a very effective pipeline for home ownership, especially in communities struggling with negative perceptions and a desperate need of population density."

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About the Biliteracy Workshop

Families also will have the opportunity to participate in workshop sessions that will discuss a variety of aspects regarding biliteracy, including:

- Resources to help parents/guardians and students on their journey to biliteracy.
- The benefits and importance of biliteracy and how it can help students succeed.
- An opportunity to meet Erica Craig, the new Director of Biliteracy for school districts 4, 45, 48 and 88, who will discuss the districts' biliteracy goals.

Translation services will be provided in English and Spanish during the presentations. See a list of workshop speakers/presentations, visit dupage88.net/resourcefair2021. (This list will continue to be updated as the date draws closer.

Other services:

- Free childcare
- Free door prize drawings
- Refreshments

Bus transportation available

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- Fullerton Elementary School, 400 S. Michigan Ave.
- Lincoln Elementary School, 720 N. Lincoln Ave.

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- Schafer Elementary School, 700 E. Pleasant Lane

- Stevenson Elementary School, 18W331 15th St.
- North Elementary School, 150 W. Sunset Ave.
- Please be at the bus stops above by 10 a.m.

Buses will leave Willowbrook at 12:45 and 3 p.m.
To coordinate transportation at other locations, call 630-530-3439.

For more information:

- See the event flyer at dupage88.net/site/public/files/?item=5915
- Contact District 88 Director of Community Relations Dani Brink at 630-530-3989 or dbrink@dupage88.net.



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