SCHOOL DISTRICT 113A LEMONT-BROMBEREK

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Welcome and Introductions

- Damon Ascolani, President, District 113A Board of Education
- Cindy Kelly, District 113A Board Member and Past President
- Dr. Anthony McConnell, District 113A Superintendent

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A brief history...

In 2011, prior financial mismanagement caused a crisis in District 113A resulting in the closing of Central School, large staff layoffs, and the removal of student programming

- Central School closed in 2011, leaving only 3 schools in a typically 4 school district
- Eliminated 70 teaching positions, 25 percent of administrators, and 25 percent of support staff
- Staff took a hard salary freeze for 2 years
- 5th Grade moved to Old Quarry
- Class sizes 40+ in some sections (2019 article listed 113A as “highest average class size in the state”)
- Revolving door of superintendents (4 permanent and interim superintendents in a 2 year period)
- Cut band, choir, elementary art, and foreign language
- Eliminated bus routes and delayed facility maintenance
- Families moved out of 113A
- State of Illinois nearly took over the district's finances due to mismanagement
- Lowest ever Financial Profile Score of 1.85 from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE)
- Standard & Poors bond rating downgraded to BBB Negative (2010)
- At one point, only 5 days cash on hand
- Multiple failed referenda prior to 2011

From 2012-2019, the District 113A Board, administration, and staff completed a dramatic turnaround

Sound financial management allowed 113A to return and enhance programming for our students...

- Returned Band to the school day in 2016-17
- Returned Choir to the school day in 2016-17
- Returned the Learning Friends preschool program to the district in 2016-17
- Returned Advisory program to OQMS in 2016-17
- Added Communications Encore class at OQMS and online health course in 2016-17
- Advanced ELA courses added at OQMS in 2016-17
- Launched a 1:1 computing program in all three schools
- Added a reverse inclusion physical education course at OQMS in 2016-17
- Returned art to elementary schools in 2017-18
- Returned Foreign Language to OQMS in 2018-19

...and needed enhancements for the District

- Facility maintenance brought up to date, including new carpet, flooring, and painted lockers at Old Quarry and Oakwood
- New district logo and new logos at all 3 schools
- CITGO Innovation Lab
- Strong social media presence
- Leadership stability with 1 superintendent
- Enhanced professional development for staff





OLD QUARRY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Over 40 extracurricular activities and clubs have been added the past 5 years

Increased opportunities have led to many extracurricular successes:

- Cheer - State champions for 3 consecutive years
- Varsity Boys Basketball Team - SDEAA conference champions, IESA regional and sectional Champions, IESA state championship appearance
- Girls Softball - Regular season and conference tournament champions
- Chess - 1st place in the conference, 2nd place win at the All-Conference Tournament, clinched 5 of the 10 individual board champions
- Baseball - Regional champions
- Recognition at the Illinois Art Education Association Student Art Show
- Symphonic and jazz bands - Regular award winners
- Outstanding school musicals, including Shrek and Sound of Music

District 113A has won awards at both the State and National levels

- State of Illinois School Board Governance Award - 2018
  - Illinois Association of School Boards
  - Awarded to only 24 Boards in the state
  - 113A Board known throughout the state of Illinois as a fiscally responsible Board with an amazing story of recovery from financial crisis.

- Old Quarry Middle School - Illinois Horizon Schools to Watch Award - 2020
  - Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools (AIMS)
  - A prestigious recognition that only 3 schools in Illinois were invited to apply for and only 400 were awarded nationally.

After multiple failed referenda prior to 2011, the Board got the message...you have the money, go spend it better!

And that's just what the Board did...

District 113A now has its best bond rating in the last 11 years

District 113A S&P Bond Rating History
2010-Present

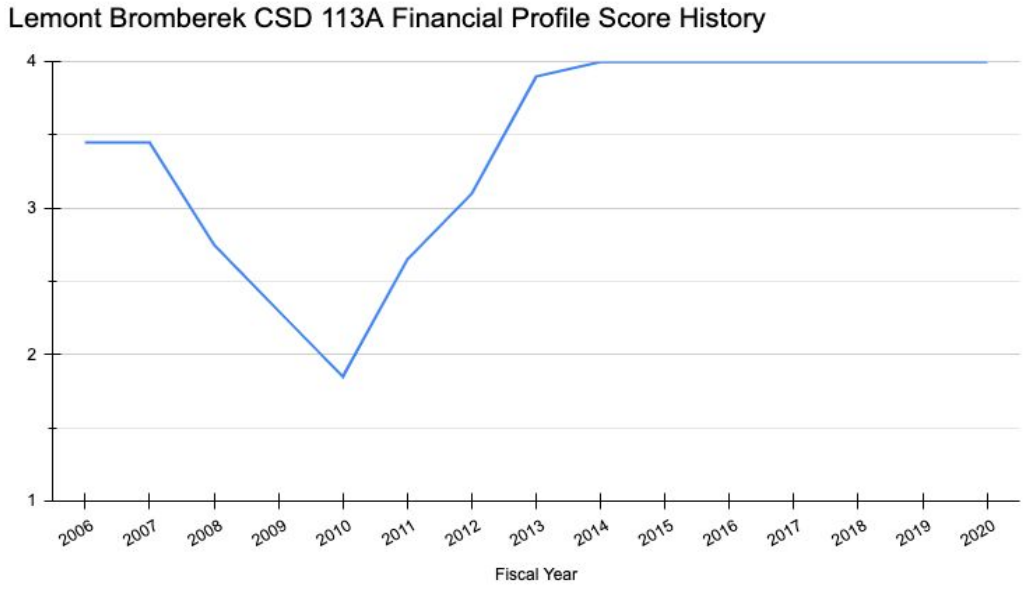
*Present rating unless notified of reevaluation.

Year	Rating	Outlook
*2020	AA	
2019	AA	Stable
2018	AA	Stable
2017	AA	Stable
2016	A+	Stable
2015	A+	Stable
2014	A+	Stable
2013	A+	Stable
2012	BBB	Positive
2011	BBB	Negative
2010	A-	Negative

District 113A has 7 consecutive perfect financial profile scores from ISBE

Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Financial Profile Score

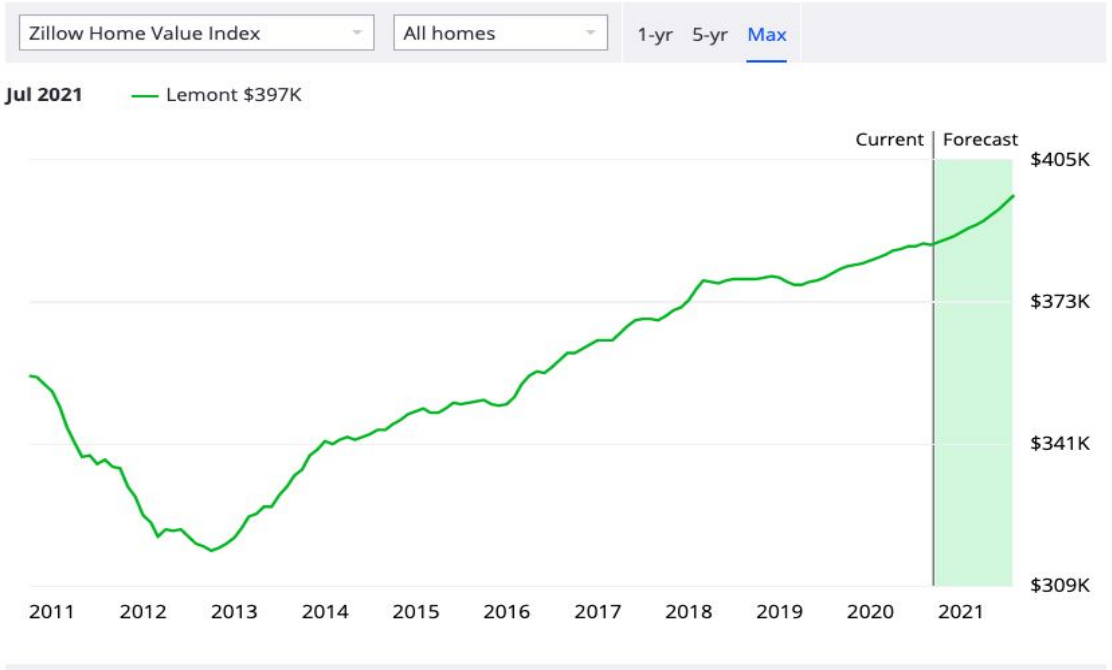
*A score of (4) is the maximum attainable from ISBE.



Home values have increased over 20% since 2013

Lemont Home Value Trends

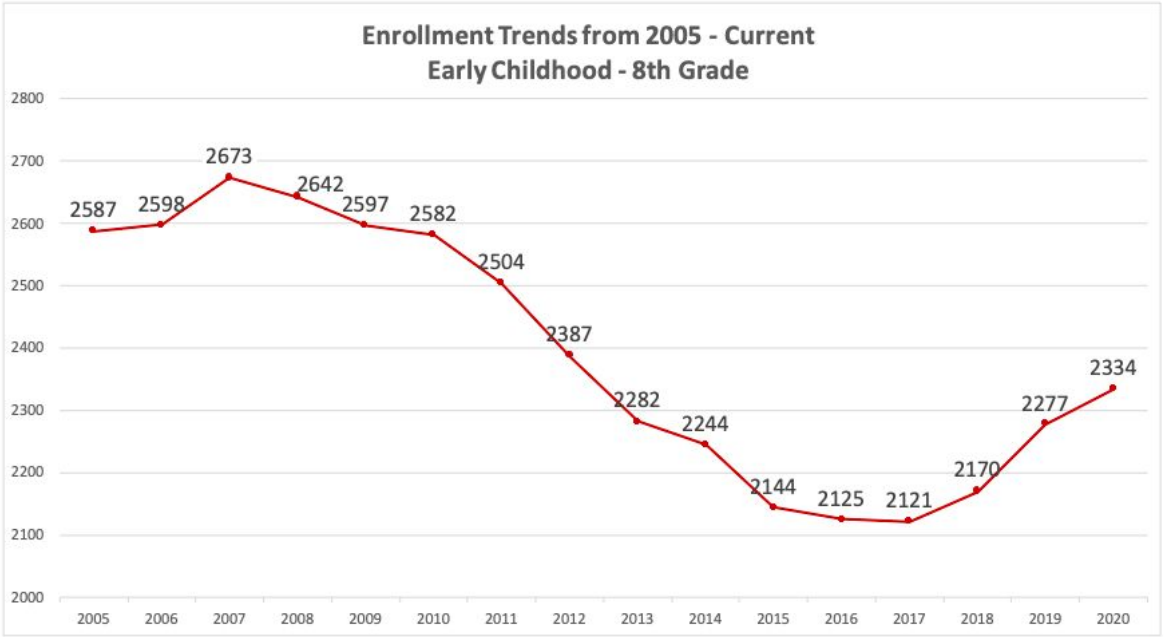
*Retrieved from Zillow 9/15/2020



Great story, but what changed?

Why are you asking for more money?

Our District is Growing!



Increased enrollment

Running out of usable space

Future developments in housing

Our average class size here in District 113A is well above the state average

In 2019, the Cook County Chronicle reported that District 113A had the "*highest average class size in the state*"

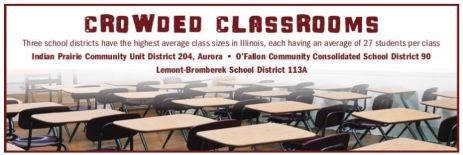
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Illinois schools finding ways to reduce class sizes

By Kevin Beese Staff Reporter — September 3, 2019



Lemont-Bromberek School District 113A is tied for the highest average class size in the state, but based on where the southwest suburban district was less than a decade ago, district leaders will take it.

Suffering a massive financial crisis in 2010, the district's Board of Education cut 70 teaching positions, 25 percent of administrators and 25 percent of support staff; and eliminated transportation routes, as well as art, music, clubs, sports and activities. The board also closed a school. There were 30-45 students per class.

Over the past 3 years, the Board has engaged the District 113A community to establish a strategic plan to address future needs

Top 3 Needs

1. Reduce class sizes at all grade levels
2. Increase facility space
3. Add full day kindergarten

Average Projected Class Sizes

Pre-Referendum

Average Class Size
Grades 1-8

27-31



After Successful Referendum

Average Class
Sizes Grades 1-8

22-26

*Kindergarten average class size is 22

Facilities Options Considered

Option 1: Recommission Central School

Option 2: Additions to each campus

Option 3: Addition to Oakwood Only

Option 4: Addition to Old Quarry Only

Option 5: Build New

Option 6: Mobile Classrooms

Reopening Central School is the most practical and fiscally responsible option for addressing District 113A's space issues



Central Reopening Details

- If the referendum is approved in November, Central School would reopen for the 2022-23 school year
- Full grade levels will be moved to Central (i.e. individual grade levels will not be split between schools)
- The specific grades that will be moved to Central have not yet been determined, but will likely consist of the middle grades (i.e. a portion of 2-5th grades)

Full Day Kindergarten

- Research has shown the benefits of Full Day Kindergarten programs extend throughout a child's academic career.
- Competitive with other area schools and communities.
- Attractive to young families looking for a community.

In order to achieve our goals, an additional $3.5 million in operating funds is needed

How would the District use the funds if the referendum is approved?

- Reopen Central School to provide more space for students
- Staff Central School
- Reduce class sizes throughout the district
- Add full-day kindergarten
- Provide additional classroom materials
- Enhance student safety and security
- Provide additional student support services

Tax Impact

*If passed, there would be **no** effective property tax increase for residents.*

The school district portion of property taxes would see a ***net decrease*** of approximately 6.8% due to the District making its final bond payment for prior capital expenditures next year providing a unique opportunity for the taxpayers and the district to ***share in the savings.***

Approximate Tax Impact by Home Value if the Referendum is **Approved**

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How much would your property taxes <u>decrease</u> per year if the November referendum is approved?

Home Value	Cook County	DuPage County
$100,000	-$30	-$42
$200,000	-$76	-$94
$300,000	-$122	-$146
$400,000	-$168	-$197
$500,000	-$214	-$249

District 113A Tax Impact Calculator

Vist the District 113A referendum website and calculate the tax impact for your property.

https://www.sd113a.org/future-planning/tax-calculator

Lemont Bromberek 113A - Tax Calculator for Proposed Limiting Rate Referendum

What was the property value indicated on your 2019 tax bill (paid in 2020)? (Type in your response)		$ 250,000
Are you eligible for a Homestead Exemption?	(Select Yes or No)	No
Are you eligible for an additional Disabled Person's Exemption?	(Select Yes or No)	No
Are you eligible for an additional Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption?	(Select Yes or No)	No
Are you eligible for an additional Senior Citizen Exemption?	(Select Yes or No)	No
	Select County:	Cook

Est. 2019 Property Value	$	250,000
Total Assessed Value	$	25,000
Estimated Multiplier		2.9627
Homestead Exemption	$	-
Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption	$	-
Disabled Person's Exemption	$	-
Sr. Citizen Exemption	$	-
Net Equalized Assessed Value	$	74,068

Answer the above questions in the GREEN box

Ballot Question

SCHOOL DISTRICT 113A, INCREASE LIMITING RATE

QUESTION

Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois be increased by an additional amount equal to 0.2900% above the limiting rate for school purposes for levy year 2019 and be equal to 2.124% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy year 2020?" 1) The approximate amount of taxes extendable at the most recently extended limiting rate is $22,112,851 and the approximate amount of taxes extendable if the proposition is approved is $25,609,431. 2) For the 2020 levy year the approximate amount of the additional tax extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value at the time of the referendum of $100,000 is estimated to be $96.57 for DuPage County and $84.56 for Cook County. 3) If the proposition is approved, the aggregate extension for 2020 will be determined by the limiting rate set forth in the proposition, rather than the otherwise applicable limiting rate calculated under the provisions of the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (commonly known as the Property Tax Cap Law).

Voting Information - Cook County

www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/ways-vote

Early Voting

For the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election, traditional Early Voting will take place **October 19 – November 2**.

As a reminder, voters who participate in Early Voting must vote in person.

Vote By Mail

Mail Ballot applications for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election will be accepted starting June 18, 2020.

Any registered suburban Cook County voter with a driver's license, state ID or social security number on file may request a mail ballot using an online or paper application.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day (November 3) in order to be counted.

Election Day Voting

Registered suburban Cook County voters can only vote in their home precinct on Election Day.

Residents who are not registered to vote may register and cast a ballot on Election Day thanks to same-day registration and voting. Those who wish to register on Election Day must present two qualifying forms of ID.

Registered and unregistered Cook County residents can find their assigned polling place with the Your Voter Information tool.

Voting Information - DuPage County

www.dupageco.org/election/

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 3, 2020

SEPTEMBER 2020	24	**EARLY VOTING-OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY:** First day for early voting at the office of the election authority and temporary locations designated by the election authority for the General Election.
OCTOBER 2020	6	**CLOSE OF REGULAR REGISTRATION:** Last day for registration or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority.
	7	**GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING:** First day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.
	18	**CLOSE OF ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION:** Last day for voters to register to vote through the State Board of Elections website.
NOVEMBER 2020	2	**EARLY VOTING-OFFICE OF THE ELECTION AUTHORITY:** Last day for early voting at the office of the election authority or at a location designated by the election authority for this purpose for the Primary Election.
	3	**GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION AND VOTING:** Last day for grace period registration and grace period voting in the office of the election authority or at a location designated for this purpose by the election authority.

Upcoming Community Forums

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- **September 24th at 7:00 PM** - Old Quarry Middle School
  - 50pp limit - Please register at this link.
- **October 22nd at 7:00 PM** - Old Quarry Middle School
  - 50pp limit - Please register at this link.
- **October 29th at 7:00 PM** - Virtual via Zoom
  - Please register at this link.

The District and board believe we have developed a strong solution to the needs of our schools.

We are so thankful for the continued engagement we have received from our entire community.

For more information, please visit:

www.SD113a.org/future-planning

Questions?