

Membership Considerations

Woodlawn CUSD #209: The Illinois State Library contacted the system regarding the membership status of this district. Woodlawn High School District #205 and Woodlawn CCSD #4 had merged in 2105 to form Woodlawn CUSD #209 in 2015. That merger slipped through the cracks, but the State Library picked it up when approving per capita grants. Since the high school district was a system member and the elementary district was not, the district needed to reapply for system membership. Ellen Popit did a site visit on Thursday, October 13th and met with the superintendent and high school library contact. It was determined that neither building meets the membership criteria because of lack of staffing. While the high school contact teaches in the library, he has no formal assignment of library duties. The grade school is only staffed one period a day. This newly formed district no longer meets system membership criteria. Because of that, the probable course of action by the IHLS board was frankly discussed with the Woodlawn superintendent during the October 13th meeting.

At the November 7th meeting of the Policy and Membership Committee, a motion was made that a recommendation for suspension of the Woodlawn CUSD #209 (formerly Woodlawn CHSD #205) be moved to the full board.

Submitted by Ellen Popit IHLS Membership and Grants Director