



Ridgewood Board of Education Commissioned Consolidation Feasibility Study

SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 | NORRIDGE, IL – Based on interest at both the local and state level, the **Ridgewood Board of Education** has commissioned a feasibility study concerning the consolidation of District 234, 80 and 86. This is an information gathering exercise only and does not indicate any intent or desire by Ridgewood to consolidate with other districts. The board's intention is to use this study as a way to educate all concerned parties about the consolidation process as well as the cost and educational impact.

A feasibility study is simply the process of gathering information to determine if consolidation would offer any benefits to the community. The results of this study are non binding and will be shared with everyone via our website as well as in a town hall meeting. This study will start shortly and is expected to take six months to complete.

This process started with a consultation with the Illinois State Board of Education who reviewed the local landscape and recommended that only District 234, 80 and 86 be included. The study will be conducted by Dr. William Phillips of Midwest School Consultants. Dr. Phillips is recognized as one of the leading experts in Illinois on this issue and has conducted feasibility studies involving over 150 school districts. The overall cost of this study will be \$15,000.

The Ridgewood Board of Education has always committed itself to creating the best possible environment to educate our students, which has led us to receiving numerous awards, most recently, [District of Distinction](#) and [Apple Distinguished School](#) as well as membership into the [League of Innovative Schools](#). We have also worked hard to inform all taxpayers about what we are doing at Ridgewood and the positive effects on the community. Commissioning this study to determine if there is any reason to discuss consolidation is a continuation of our desire to educate and inform.

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