It is the purpose of Murphysboro Community Unit School District #186, Jackson County, Murphysboro, Illinois to provide an educational program to eligible students in the district. Murphysboro CUSD #186 is “Organized” and shall be governed by a board of education consisting of seven members. Four members shall be from Murphysboro Township and three members from other Congressional Townships outside Murphysboro Township. The term of office shall be 4 years. A list of members of the Board of Education is as follows:

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Michael Cripps, President
Term expiration: 2017
Outside Murphysboro Township

Kristi Miller, Vice-President
Term expiration: 2019
Outside Murphysboro Township

Kevin Beavers
Term expiration: 2019
Murphysboro Township

John Corley
Term expiration: 2019
Outside Murphysboro Township

Steve McBride
Term expiration: 2017
Murphysboro Township

Cathy Layne
Term expiration: 2017
Murphysboro Township

Rick Runge
Term expiration: 2019
Murphysboro Township

Nancy Ward, Secretary
Janet Bush, Treasurer

The District Administrative office is located at:

593 Ava Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966
618-684-3781

Christopher S. Grode, Superintendent
Janet Bush, Business Manager
Steve Carrington, Chief Information Officer
Bill Huppert, Director of Instructional Services
The District operates schools located at:

Murphysboro High School (9-12)  Murphysboro Middle School (6-8)
50 Blackwood Drive             2125 Spruce Street
Murphysboro, IL 62966          Murphysboro, IL 62966
618-687-2336                   618-687-3041

Carruthers School (K-5)        General John A. Logan Attendance Center (K-5)
80 Candy Lane                  320 Watson Road
Murphysboro, IL 62966          Murphysboro, IL 62966
618-687-3231                   618-684-6061

**Vision Statement**

Murphysboro CUSD #186 is a progressive district that is unified in our commitment to educational excellence. As a team who looks at data for improvements, we challenge ourselves, each other and our students utilizing technology to leverage our goals, allowing our students to reach their highest level of achievement.

**Mission Statement**

Murphysboro CUSD #186, in active partnership with family and community, shall empower individuals to become part of a larger learning community and develop confidence in their skills in order to meaningfully participate in a changing society. Utilizing cloud based computing, Murphysboro extends their learning opportunity beyond the traditional school structure assisting in the development of personalized learning networks for each individual.

**Belief Statements**

We believe........

- all students have the desire to learn.
- in a safe school environment.
- in being proactive.
- education is the foundation for life’s preparation.
- in efficient use of resources.
- our curriculum should reflect the community’s needs.
- all individuals should be treated with respect.
- our personal interaction with students is meaningful.
- in promoting teamwork and unity.
- learning is the result of experiences.
- faculty and staff facilitate the learning process.
- the responsibility of educating belongs to everyone.
The total operating budget of the District is set forth in the official budget document which is available at the District Administrative Office. The current operating budget for the District is $23,707,537. The fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

Murphysboro Community Unit School District #186 employs approximately 260 full and part-time employees.

The District is a member school of the Tri-County Special Education Joint Agreement and Southern Region Early Childhood Program and serves as the Administrative District for both.

Full access to the District’s public records (as defined in the Act and/or Board Policy) is available to any person as provided in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act and Board Policy 2.250. The Superintendent shall serve as the District’s Freedom of Information Officer; however, he/she may delegate these duties and powers to one or more designees. A request for inspection and/or copies of public records must be made in writing (a form may be requested from the Officer) and shall be submitted by personal delivery, mail, telefax, or email directed to the Officer. Within 5 business days after receipt of a request for access to a public record, the Officer shall comply with or deny the request, unless the time for response is extended as specified in Section 3 of FOIA. Persons making a request for copies of public records must pay an applicable copying fee. No fees shall be charged for the first 50 pages of black and white, letter or legal sized copies.

The District’s Freedom of Information Officer may be contacted at 593 Ava Road, Murphysboro, IL 62966. Phone number is 618-684-3781; fax number is 618-684-2465.