

Superintendent's Report

Regular Board Meeting

March 21, 2023

Tonight's Topics

- Student Representative Reports
- Strategic Planning Update
- Legislative Update
- Elementary and Middle Level Scheduling Updates
- Community and Schools Outreach Update

Student Representative Reports

Elsa Priest - East High School

Lauryn Molitor - Denfeld High School

Destiny Williams - Area Learning Center

Joniya Metcalf - Area Learning Center

Strategic Planning Updates

Our strategic planning team met to finalize with our Strategic Planning Team on March 8th.

In our next board work session on April 20th, we will finalize our Mission, Vision and Values.

We hope to approve the Strategic Roadmap at our April 25th board meeting.

Legislative Updates

District lobbying efforts remain very important at this time. Chair Lofald attended the AMSD Day at the Capitol and she and Member Loeffler-Kemp attended the MSBA/MASA Day at the Capitol yesterday.



Legislative Updates

We are seeking additional funding on the per-pupil formula at 5% and 5% for the biennium, as well as full funding of the special education cross subsidy, amongst other things. We are also hoping that our lawmakers avoid any unfunded mandates that could significantly impact district finances.

I will be testifying on Friday at the House Finance Committee meeting in support of additional funding for safe inclusive bathrooms.

Elementary Schedule and Middle School Model Updates

Elementary Schedule

Through collaborative efforts over the last 10 months, DFT and the District have been exploring options for improving both the elementary master and specialist schedules.

- Proposed final schedules for 2023/2024 are completed and ready to share with sites.
- DFT members and Brenda Spartz are presenting in-person at each site in the upcoming weeks.
- DFT and the District are jointly working on a MOU to support the new schedules, which will be ready soon.
- If approved by DFT, sites will begin working on their individual site schedules May 2023.

Middle School Model

In partnership with DFT, a 20 member committee kicked off on March 7, 2023. Work thus far includes:

- Exploration of “Middle School Model”
- Setting parameters for completing the work
- Grounding the work in the Desired Daily Experiences of our Students, Families and Staff
- Schedule considerations that support a middle school model
- Extended learning through independent research.

Next meeting set for April 6.

School and Community Outreach

One of my main goals for this year is to increase my time in schools and in the community to foster deeper relationships.

We are also continuing our Education After Hours Sessions. These sessions are being held in a wide variety of community centers and also focus on intentional inclusivity of historically underrepresented voices.

Since our last meeting, we held the following session:

3/15 at Lakewood Elementary

We are seeking to schedule additional opportunities for a second round next year.