

Superintendent's Report

Regular Board Meeting

July 19, 2022

Tonight's Topics

- Student Representatives' Reports
- COVID Planning Update
- Board Work Session Update
- Strategic Planning Update
- Welcome Back Unity Celebration
- Free and Reduced Lunch Reminder

COVID Planning Update

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- As of August 1, MDH will transition COVID-19 surveillance in PreK – grade 12 schools and child care settings to facility-level reporting. This means these settings will no longer report on every individual case but will instead submit aggregate numbers of cases from their facility on a routine basis. This transition aims to shift to more sustainable COVID-19 surveillance and data reporting.
- PreK-12 schools, certified child care centers, and child care programs licensed to serve 40 or more children will receive a weekly email with a link to report the total number of student and staff cases.
- We will continue to monitor our COVID rates and practices, but don't anticipate mandated mask wearing in the near future.

Board Work Session Update

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The board will be meeting in a work session tomorrow focusing on the following:

- Opening Activity
 - At the end of your time on the DPS School Board, what do you hope to have accomplished and what legacy would you want the board to have?
- Education Leadership System review and discussion
- Current reality review
 - Board members review April report, p4
 - Any additions or revisions?
- Leading in the public square framework
 - Board members bring ideas for an issue to use in activity
- Strategic Plan update
- 3-Year Board Governance work plan
 - Review homework from April session (board member ideas for plan)
 - Develop 3-year draft plan
- 2022-23 Board Goals
- Review of Current Policies

Strategic Planning Update

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[Strategic Planning Website](#)

The planning process will run through the fall of 2022 and focuses on:

- Assessing Our Reality
- Describing Our Vision
- Setting Our Strategic Plan

Since our last board meeting, our Story Wall and Environmental Scan Reports were added to our website. Planning efforts have focused on internal operational plans for 2022-23. Broader strategic planning with the community will resume in September.

Welcome Back Unity Celebration

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A beginning of the school year kickoff event will be held at Bayfront on Monday, August 29 from 4:00-7:00.

This is meant to be a unifying event to celebrate our schools as one district.

There will be entertainment, food trucks, school related vendors, and guest speakers etc.

Additional information will be shared over the next couple of weeks.

Free and Reduced Lunch Reminder

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- We go back to paid meals starting Sept. 6
- Free and reduced lunch applications will be in the back to school packet. Families can also apply online at www.paypams.com/onlineapp.
- Meal prices have increased 10 cents.
- Breakfast is free to everyone. Lunch at elementary costs \$2.70 and \$2.95 for middle and high.
- We feed every student every day regardless of lunch balance.
- USDA hasn't released the meal reimbursement rates for the new school year yet, so we won't have a really good idea on our budget until they do that. It's usually in mid to late July that they do that.
- We are also still waiting for guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education on how the Keep Kids Fed Act that was signed on June 25, 2022 by President Biden means for our meal programs.
- We are also looking into more grants, and farm to school opportunities to try and fill gaps in budgets, as well as offer students extra opportunities for nutrition if needed.