

Superintendent's Report

Regular Board Meeting

September 20, 2022

Tonight's Topics

- Student Representatives' Reports
- Safe Learning Planning Update
- Strategic Planning Update
- School Resource Officer Contract Update
- Unity in Our Community Back to School Event
- Kumbayah - The Juneteenth Story Events
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth Holiday Recognition

Safe Learning Plan Update

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We want to reiterate the following aspects of our Safe Learning Plan:

- If you were exposed to COVID-19, it is strongly recommended you wear a high-quality mask for 10 days and get tested on day 5, regardless of vaccination status.
- No quarantine is necessary unless COVID-19-like symptoms develop, regardless of vaccination status. This goes for household contacts as well.
- The district is still requiring those who test positive for COVID-19 — regardless of vaccination status — isolate for 5 days and can return on day 6, if the positive individual wears a well-fitting mask and is fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms have improved.

These protocols are required by the Minnesota Department of Health and the St. Louis County Health Department. You can read all of the COVID-19 protocols in the [Safe Learning Plan](#).

Strategic Planning Update

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We are urging all eligible students, families and staff to fill out their Desired Daily Experience surveys as soon as possible.

We also engaged in our School and Department Data Needs and Analysis

- Assess current reality of classrooms and student engagement within schools
- Assessment of the quality and description of the value proposition for district departments
- Development of district's Key Strengths and Needs

Who

- Strategic Planning Team
- Building Leadership Teams Representatives
- Department Leadership
- Continuous Improvement Teams

[Strategic Planning Website](#)

School Resource Officer Contract Update

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Duluth Public Schools and the Duluth Police Department have worked collaboratively complete a new contract proposal that significantly changes language based on our community engagement sessions.

Contract details have been finalized and will be brought to City Council later this month and will be brought forward to the board in October.

The content and philosophical changes in the new contract reflect our shared desire and responsibility to reduce disproportionate outcomes for historically underserved populations and advance positive relationships resulting in improved outcomes.

Unity in Our Community Back to School Celebration



Kumbayah - The Juneteenth Story Events

- Play by Rose McGee on the meaning of Juneteenth
- Student Presentation at Denfeld Friday morning, including a brilliant spoken word poem by Sariyah Crawford
- Community presentation Friday evening
- Minnesota Humanities brunch and cafe conversation last Saturday morning



Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth Holiday Recognition

In October, the administration plans to bring forward a recommendation to the board to formally recognise Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth as a district.