

Superintendent's Report

Regular Board Meeting

March 16, 2022

Tonight's Topics

- Student Representatives' Reports
- Central High School Update
- Negotiations Update
- Safe Learning Plan Updates
- Strategic Planning Update

Central High School Update

Duluth Public Schools received notice that Saturday Properties' will not move forward with its purchase agreement for the Central High School property.

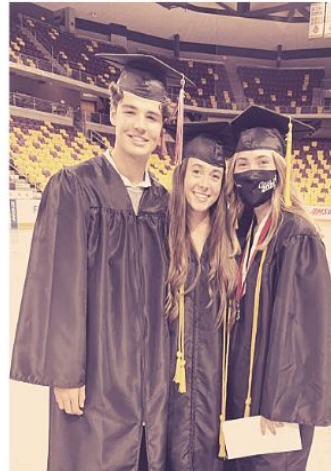
The district is still planning on moving forward with the demolition of the Central High School building this year and continues to work with the City of Duluth on its services center and transportation facilities. We are also continuing to market the additional property for sale.

The district closed on the sale of Historic Old Central with Saturday Properties in February and is not affected by the termination of the Central High School purchase agreement.

Negotiations Update

Safe Learning Plan Updates

2021-22 Safe Learning Plan



ISD 709

Guiding Principles

FOR SAFE IN-PERSON LEARNING

- 1 Ensure the safety and wellness of students and staff
- 2 Deliver high-quality instruction to students
- 3 Equity: Ensuring all means all
- 4 Optimize use of resources (space & materials)
- 5 Community and stakeholder engagement in plan development

Equity Criteria:

Access

Participation

Representation

Outcomes

ISD709.org/Equity

Current COVID Rates

- 9/5-9/18 - 42.02
- 9/12-9/25 - 41.27
- 9/19-10/2 - 46.92
- 9/26-10/09 - 60.33
- 10/03-10/16 - 59.25
- 10/10-10/23 - 54.50
- 10/17-10/20 - 57.25
- 10/24-11/6 - 74.14
- 10/31-11/13 - 92.12
- 11/7-11/20 - 109.59
- 11/14-11/27 - 110.76
- 11/21-12/4 - 109.18
- 11/28-12/11 - 88.29
- 12/5-12/18 - 62.66
- 12/12 - 12/25 - 70.40
- 12/19 - 1/1 - 95.6
- 12/26 -1/8 - 187.07
- 1/2-1/15 - 286.50
- 1/9-1/22 - 292.08
- 1/16-1/29 - 227.34
- 1/23-2/5 - 143.54
- 1/30-2/12 - 75.56
- 2/6-2.19 - 55.67
- 2/13-2/26 - 31.79
- 2/20-3/5 - 19.56

(Projected)

Masking Criteria Update

On March, 7th, we enacted the new CDC guidance on masking. St. Louis County continues to have a low transmission rate and we are continuing without requiring masks for the foreseeable future, as forecasts do not indicate that there will be a need for practice change.

Our rates of spread within our schools have remained very low, even after this change.

We will continue to monitor the situation carefully and also support students, staff and community members who choose to continue masking.

Critical Safety Precautions

The Minnesota Department of Health recommends that we continue to emphasize the following:

- Promoting vaccines and boosters
- Masking when needed
- Staying home when sick
- Testing

Strategic Planning Update

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We will take our next steps in strategic planning in the coming weeks.

- World's Best Workforce Advisory Team Meeting - 3/16/22, C.O.W. 4/05/22
- Board Planning Retreat - 3/30/22 or 4/7/22
- The planning process will run through the fall of 2022 and focuses on:
 - a. Assessing Our Reality
 - b. Describing Our Vision
 - c. Setting Our Strategic Plan
 - i. 3-yr Operational Plan (Currently utilizing a 1-yr operational plan)
 - ii. School Improvement Plans
 - iii. 3-yr Board Agenda