

Mahtomedi Public Schools
Independent School District #832
1520 Mahtomedi Avenue
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Regular Meeting - Board of Education

Date: October 24, 2019

Agenda Item #10. C.

TOPIC: Minnesota Student Survey

BACKGROUND: Since 1989, the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) has been administered every three years to students across Minnesota. All types of school districts are invited to participate, including regular public school districts, charter schools, tribal schools, nonpublic schools, alternative learning centers and juvenile correctional facilities. From 1989 through 2010, students in grades six, nine and 12 participated in the survey. In 2013, the grade levels changed to grades five, eight, nine and 11.

The MSS is the most consistent source of data about the health and well-being of Minnesota's students for the past 30 years. This survey asks students about their activities, opinions, behaviors and experiences. Students respond to questions on school climate, bullying, out-of-school activities, health and nutrition, emotional and mental health, relationships, substance use and more. Questions about sexual behaviors are asked only of ninth and grade 11 students. All responses are anonymous.

The MSS is voluntary on the part of the school districts. In 2019, over 81 percent of regular public school districts chose to participate in the survey. In addition, parents or guardians may opt their child out of the survey, and students may choose not to participate. If students take the survey, they may skip any question or stop at any point.

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION: The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Board and community highlights of the results and how this information informs next steps for improvement.

LEARNING OBJECTIVE: As a result of this presentation, the Board will have an understanding of the student survey results and how we use the information in our schools.

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Discussion

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