

Superintendent's Report

Regular Board Meeting

August 16, 2022

Tonight's Topics

- Student Representatives' Reports
- Safe Learning Planning Update
- Strategic Planning Update
- Tribal Consultation Update
- School Resource Officer Update
- Unity in the Community - Back to School Celebration

Safe Learning Plan Update

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The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its COVID-19 guidelines Friday, August 12. Duluth Public Schools has updated its COVID-19 protocols to align with those of the CDC.

Here are some of the changes:

- 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.

You can read all of the COVID-19 protocols in the [Safe Learning Plan](#).

School Resource Officer Contract Status

School Resource Officer Contract Update

Our team has been working closely with the Duluth Police Department on the renewal of our SRO contract. All of the language changes that were suggested to the department by the district based on our community engagement sessions have been incorporated. We are very pleased with the content and philosophical changes that reflect our shared desire to reduce disproportionate outcomes for historically underserved populations.

Contract details are being finalized and will be brought forward at a meeting in the near future. School Resource Officers will begin in our Schools in the fall.

Strategic Planning Update

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

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

Please note the multiple events as we move into the school year.

[Strategic Planning Website](#)

Tribal Consultation Update

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- Met today with the Fond du Lac Tribal Council and Superintendent Murphy
- Reviewed current achievement data with significantly disproportionate outcomes
- Committed to more frequent, ongoing meetings with the tribe to examine actions and outcomes
- Need to assure significant representation in the strategic planning process
- Next meeting, December 6th

Unity in the Community Back to School Celebration

Unity in Our Community Back to School Celebration

- A beginning of the school year kickoff event will be held at Bayfront on Monday, August 29 from 4:00-7:00.
- Unifying event to celebrate our schools as one district.
- There will be entertainment, food trucks, school related vendors, and guest speakers etc.
- We have on-line sign up to have a booth as well as for volunteering