



Working Meeting Agenda

Diamondhead Education Center
200 W. Burnsville Parkway
Burnsville, MN 55337
January 24, 2023
6:00 PM

I. Welcome

II. Share the 2023 Legislative Platform and Information about ISD 191

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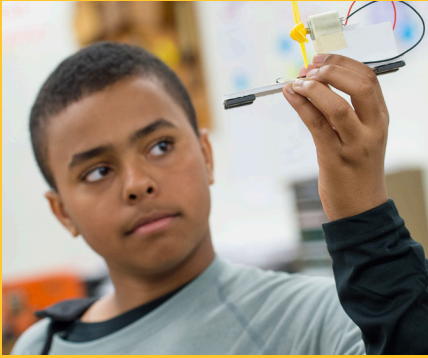
Speaker(s): Director Lesley Chester

III. Learn about the Legislators' Educational Agenda

IV. Questions and Answers

V. Wrap Up

VI. Adjourn



LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

2023

Supporting all students and addressing inequity in education

On behalf of the students, educators, families and community members of Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191, the District 191 Legislative Committee asks the Minnesota State Legislature and U.S. Congress to take the actions described in this platform in 2023.

**Reduce the cross subsidy for special education
and English Learner funding**

**Provide a legislative exemption to allow local
control of property sale proceeds**

**Remove 15-day residency requirement for
students enrolled in online schools**

**Increase Safe Schools funding to expand mental
health supports**

**Provide targeted funding to increase diversity
among teachers**

**Make funding for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten
(VPK) permanent and increase access to school-
based pre-kindergarten programs.**

**Continue medicaid eligibility as a means of
direct certification for a student to receive free
school meals.**

District 191

Legislative Platform

Reduce the cross subsidy for special education, English Learner funding

These services are essential for supporting the individual needs of students and are mandated by law. But in 2018-19, for instance, District 191 received about \$12.8 million less in funding than was spent to provide those services. Those costs were covered by the district's general fund — the cross subsidy — meaning less money for general education staff, programming and services.

Remove the 15-day residency requirement for online students

Under current law, a student who leaves Minnesota for longer than 15 consecutive days is automatically unenrolled from their school. In the age of online school options, this requirement should be removed for any student enrolled online whose permanent address remains in the state.

Increase funding for mental health

It's never been more important to address the mental health needs of students to ensure they are prepared to learn and grow. Increasing the Safe Schools levy will allow schools districts to hire staff to address those needs.

Provide targeted funding to increase diversity among teachers

In District 191 and across Minnesota, only about 4% of teachers are people of color. Studies show that all students do better when they are taught by a diverse teaching staff, and the lack of representation especially harms students of color.

Make funding for Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) permanent and increase access to school-based pre-kindergarten programs

The benefits of access to preschool for students' future success is well documented. Funding should be approved to increase and stabilize access for more Minnesota families.

Provide a legislative exemption for District 191 property sale

District 191 is planning to sell one or more properties and is seeking a legislative exemption that would allow proceeds of the sale after paying off any remaining debt to be transferred to the district's general fund.

Continue medicaid eligibility as a means of direct certification for a student to receive free school meals

Removing the application for educational benefits as a barrier for many families will help ensure more students get the food they need without their families incurring debt.

ABOUT DISTRICT 191

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 is a future-forward school district creating barrier-free pathways for learning for everyone in our community.

We believe learning is a lifelong pursuit, and create programs, services and opportunities that inspire this belief.

Each Student.

Future Ready.

Community Strong.

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Spark.

Fuel.

Blaze.



OUR JOURNEY. OUR PATHWAYS.



As a district,
I believe we are
trailblazers.
We find a way forward -
we find our path,
even if it's a path
no one has traveled
before.



Superintendent
Dr. Theresa Battle



Discover ONE91

Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 is a future-forward school district creating barrier-free pathways for learning for everyone in our community.

Our schools are supportive communities of learning where teachers and students go beyond the curriculum to maximize education and exploration. We believe learning is a lifelong pursuit, and our programs, services and opportunities inspire and encourage this belief.

Every school in our district has its own unique identity with a team of dedicated and passionate teachers and staff members working hard to benefit our students. What connects our schools and makes our district stand out from the rest is our Pathways model that prepares our students in every grade level for their futures in an innovative, encouraging and future-focused way.

Supportive communities of learning that go beyond the curriculum.

CORE VALUES

Our core values express what we stand for and what we believe in. **They are our foundation.** They represent the lens through which all our work is done. In District 191, we believe in:

-  Caring Community
-  Cultural Proficiency
-  Future Readiness
-  Inclusive Partnerships
-  Student Agency



I have a deep love for our district! The focus on literacy and dedication to encouraging diversity and inclusion has helped my children thrive and become confident students and better people. ISD 191 really is Community Strong!

Jacquelyn Queen, One91 parent

ONE91 BY THE NUMBERS

8,000
STUDENTS



1,200
EMPLOYEES



100+
LANGUAGES
SPOKEN




5
INDUSTRY
CERTIFICATES
offered at BHS




Schools

- 1 High School
- 1 Alternative High School
- 2 Middle Schools
- 8 Elementary Schools
- 1 K-12 Online School
- 1 School for Adults



4 CAREER
FIELDS &
14
PATHWAYS
offered as part of
the award-winning
Pathways program



200+
COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



8,000+
COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS
contributed by BHS
students annually



43
COLLEGE-CREDIT
COURSES
offered at BHS





EACH STUDENT. FUTURE READY.

We champion individual authenticity and encourage all students to learn their way and be their true selves. Our learners find success by sparking their interest, fueling their passions and blazing their own path with strong support from teachers and staff along the way. Through a culture of innovation, students discover more about what they love earlier in life and are given the opportunity to pursue it.



Ensuring students are future ready is about providing the skills & knowledge they'll need, definitely. But it's also about cultivating a future-focused mindset, so they're thinking about who they are, who they want to be and how they can get there.

Dr. Theresa Battle, Superintendent





What One91 Parents Are Saying

Parents are happy to share the positive experience their families have had in District 191 schools. In a recent survey:



96%

of parents say their family feels welcome in their child's school



96%

say their child's learning is preparing them for the next level



90%

say they are proud of District 191 and that they would recommend us to friends



COMMUNITY⁸ STRONG.

District 191 is a proud member of the Burnsville, Eagan and Savage communities. Together, we form the One91 Community, where we believe the next generation will do extraordinary things. Through dynamic partnerships and a strong focus on community service, we are able to collaborate with people with different perspectives and offer unique experiences to continue to strengthen our community.

Partnership comes in many forms. We prioritize building relationships and trust with potential and current partners, and look for mutually beneficial goals to guide what we do together.

How we partner with businesses:

- Guest speakers in classrooms
- Class field trips to local businesses
- Job shadows or mentorships
- Donations of materials/supplies/funds



PARTNER WITH US:
isd191.org/community/partnerships



One91
PATHWAYS

Our innovative approach to education and life preparedness drives everything we do in our schools. With our Pathways model, students are invited on a joyful journey of self-discovery from the first sparks of wonder as young learners, through the discoveries that fuel their academic exploration, to being equipped with the tools they need to blaze their own path.

Spark.

Curiosity above all else.
(PreK-Grade 5)

Fuel.

Feed the fire.
(Grades 6-8)

Blaze.

Ready to shine.
(Grades 9-12)



Lighting the spark
in our youngest learners.

Early Childhood programs through One91 Community Education are designed to spark the love of learning for children from birth to preschool. Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) provides parents focused time with their children to learn and build a strong community together. Our 3- and 4-year-old preschool students widen their worlds and spark skills of curiosity, creativity, engagement and knowledge to continue their learning journey through child-directed and teacher-guided play.

Learn more: communityed.isd191.org/early-childhood



Sparkling curiosity and wonder in elementary school.

Our Pathways model aims to introduce elementary students to different experiences to spark curiosity, wonder and to ignite a love of learning. Students discover a world of possibilities through rich learning experiences designed to excite and give them a glimpse into the possibilities for their future.

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We chose Burnsville schools because we believe they have been intentionally designed to prepare our kids for the world. Our two kids have been surrounded by people who care about them and are invested in their success since our first days at Ready to Learn.

Jason Viana, One91 Parent



Spark.

Pathways Experiences

Elementary Pathways learning is not tracking students and asking them to choose a career path. Rather, Pathways introduces elementary students to different services and experiences to spark their love of learning, including:

- Advanced Learning Specialists working with all students to provide rigorous, enrichment opportunities
- Band and orchestra experiences for all students
- Digital Learning Specialists facilitating design and coding units for all students
- Enhanced Makerspaces for additional engineering Pathway experiences
- Theater and performing arts residencies at each school
- Health and well-being career exploration activities at each school
- Entrepreneurship, math and design project-based learning at each school

Coding Basics GRADES 2-3

Coding is the official introduction to computer science for students and is a creative, social way of learning that sparks excitement. Students use a coding program 30 minutes per week, and once they've mastered the early stages, the inquiry-based approach allows them to work at their own pace.

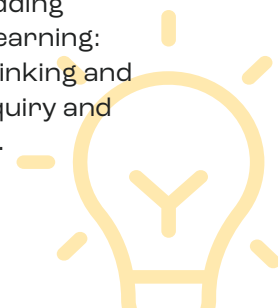
Advanced Learning GRADES 2-5

Advanced Learning is a valued part of the One91 learning experience, and is guided by our commitment to equity, access and academic rigor. Our inclusive identification system ensures that these opportunities are available across all our elementary schools.

Advanced Learning instruction focuses on helping our students to be future ready by embedding and expanding the 4 Cs of 21st Century Learning: Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking and Creativity. Research projects focus on inquiry and creating solutions to real world problems.



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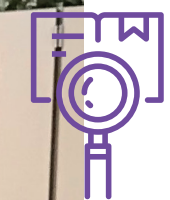
Fueling exploration and finding inspiration in middle school.

Grades 6–8 are a time of self-discovery where students find belonging, grow their interests and set the course for their next steps. We want students to feel empowered and excited as they begin to think about their high school experience and creating a life they will love. Our programming is designed to foster exploration, nurture creativity, and fuel the desire for students to pursue what is important to them.

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As a parent in the district, I believe that these Pathway programs give a child like mine an opportunity to build and learn life skills where he has more control over his education and has a say so over what he’s going to learn.

Hamde Daoud, Community Connections Coordinator



Built on deep, nuanced learning.

Middle school students need to be challenged and encouraged, which is exactly what our rigorous curriculum does through meaningful educational opportunities and an experience that prepares students for future success. An exciting part of our plan to bridge our middle school to the existing high school Pathways program includes redesigned eighth grade electives that ramp into the coursework, study skills and philosophy students will encounter as ninth graders.

AVID College Readiness

District 191 offers AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a college prep program designed to ensure that students acquire the organizational and study skills needed for them to be successful. Students learn academic strategies to develop critical thinking skills and ask probing questions, which are skills necessary for attending a post-secondary education option.



Building skills and self-confidence.

We know that investing in tomorrow’s leaders means giving them opportunities to grow and learn today. Through programs like Where Everybody Belongs (WEB), older students act as mentors for incoming sixth grade students and help ease the transition from elementary school life and create a strong culture of connection.



Blazing a new trail and becoming a beacon in high school.

High school is where it all comes together for our students. They've done meaningful self-discovery and can engage in the critical thinking needed to put action to their desires. They have the skills they need to navigate their journey and are exposed to a variety of opportunities, career possibilities, experiential learning, mentorships, career path experts and thorough training. District 191 high school students can move on to the next step with confidence as they blaze a path that is just for them.

Read more about One91Trailblazers and their experiences at pathways.isd191.org.

Blaze.

One91 offered me an extensive amount of support and opportunities as a student that I am glad to put to work as a staff member today! The Pathways programs at Burnsville High School set the tone for my career in education and performing arts.

Braylon Lane, Class of 2022 and staff member



4 career fields. 14 distinct Pathways. Endless possibilities.

District 191 has created four career paths with 14 distinct Pathways – and more in development – for students to explore as they navigate through their high school education and start blazing their paths.

Arts, Global Communications & Information Systems



Visual & Performing Arts
Information Technology
Journalism & Broadcasting

Business Management & Entrepreneurship



Marketing
Business, Management & Administration
Finance
Hospitality & Tourism

Design, Engineering & Manufacturing Technologies



Architecture & Construction
Manufacturing
Design, Engineering & Technology
Engine & Automotive Technology

Health Sciences & Human Services



Health Sciences
Education
Government & Community

Find your passion. Get involved.

Whatever ignites your passion - leadership, athletics, music, service - Burnsville High School has ample opportunities for you to get involved and extend your learning, impact your school and community, expand your social network, and grow.



BHS Student Opportunities

30+
ATHLETIC
TEAMS



25+
ACTIVITIES
such as competitive
speech, drumline,
robotics and
yearbook



20+
STUDENT-LED CLUBS
such as anime, gaming, crafts,
fishing and spike ball



6 STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUPS
such as student council, #BurnsvilleStrong and
the Black Student Union, work to create the best
culture and environment for all students.




Join the One91 TRAILBLAZERS!

Whether you are new to the community, have children in the district, are a business owner, are looking for a career, or are a community member, we want you to join the One91 Community and make an impact.

 **GET INVOLVED:**
isd191.org/community

 **CAREERS:**
isd191.org/careers

 **ENROLL:**
isd191.org/enroll

*We're cultivating what
(our students) want
to be and reinforcing
those academic
skills, relationships,
communications skills, all
those things needed to
be a successful part of a
community. I just want
them to leave feeling
confident and successful
and ready to attack
whatever they dream.*

Cara Slattery,
teacher

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