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Working Meeting Agenda

Diamondhead Education Center
200 W. Burnsville Pkway
Burnsville, MN 55337
February 8, 2022
5:00 PM

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| I. Welcome | |
| II. Review of 191 Legislative Priorities document | 2 |
| III. Update about Legislative Exemption | 4 |
| IV. Future meetings and possibly meeting on same night as Policy Review Committee | |
| V. Wrap Up | |
| VI. Adjourn | |

District 191 welcomes members of the public to attend Board of Education meetings, work sessions and other public gatherings. However, public participation is allowed only during listening sessions, which are held before regular board meetings. Community members who wish to share their thoughts and opinions on meeting topics should contact the Superintendent's office at 952-707-2005 to schedule a meeting with the Superintendent or member of her leadership team.

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

2022

**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 2022.

Permanently fund free school meals

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

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

**Reduce the cross subsidy for
special education and English learning**

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

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



District 191 Legislative Platform

1 Permanently fund free school meals for all students

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of ensuring all students have consistent access to healthy meals through schools. By making the current program of providing free school breakfast and lunch to all students, a barrier to learning is removed.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Reduce the cross subsidy for special education, English learning

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.

5 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.

6 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 to be transferred to the district's general fund.

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 we create programs, services and opportunities that inspire this belief.

Each Student.

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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to education finance; authorizing a fund transfer for Independent School
 1.3 District No. 191, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **FUND TRANSFER; BURNSVILLE-EAGAN-SAVAGE SCHOOL**
 1.6 **DISTRICT.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.51, subdivision 4, paragraph (b),
 1.8 or any law to the contrary, any remaining net proceeds received by the district in connection
 1.9 with a lease of real property that is not needed for school purposes or part of the property
 1.10 that is not needed for school purposes permitted under section 123B.51, subdivision 4,
 1.11 paragraph (a), which property the school board of Independent School District No. 191,
 1.12 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage, has specifically identified in its open facilities action plan, may
 1.13 be deposited in the district's general unrestricted fund following the deposit of such proceeds
 1.14 in the debt retirement fund of the district in an amount sufficient to meet when due that
 1.15 percentage of the principal and interest payments for outstanding bonds that is ascribable
 1.16 to the payment of expenses necessary and incidental to the construction or purchase of the
 1.17 particular building or property that is leased.

1.18 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.51, subdivision 6, paragraphs (c)
 1.19 through (f), or any law to the contrary, any remaining proceeds of the sale or exchange of
 1.20 school buildings or real property of Independent School District No. 191,
 1.21 Burnsville-Eagan-Savage, specifically identified in the district's open facilities action plan
 1.22 may be deposited in the district's general unrestricted fund following application of such
 1.23 proceeds, as required under section 123B.51, subdivision 6, paragraph (b).

- 2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective upon compliance by Independent School
- 2.2 District No. 191, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage, with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021,
- 2.3 subdivisions 2 and 3.