



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

**Entry Plan/Strategic Plan Update** At the August 27, 2018 Board of Education meeting, Dr. Mike Fulton, superintendent, presented an update on his Entry Plan, as well as the work that has begun on developing a new Strategic Plan. In his meetings with students, staff, parents, elected officials and civic and community leaders, Dr. Fulton has heard the following themes: pride in the achievement of the Shawnee Mission School District, recognition of the key role that education plays in economic development, the value of long-range strategic planning in the success that Johnson County has achieved, and a broad commitment to children and their success.

During his update, Dr. Fulton shared that all five high schools in the Shawnee Mission School District were recognized for high achievement by U.S. News & World Report, and the district was recognized as one of the best school districts in the nation by Niche.com.

Finally, he talked about the upcoming work to develop a new strategic plan, one that keeps learning for all students the constant, and uses time, structures and instructional strategies as the variables to ensure that all students graduate high school college and career ready.



**Outstanding Art Educator** The Kansas Art Education Association (KAEA) named Heather Huettner, art teacher at Crestview Elementary School, the KAEA Kansas Outstanding Elementary Art Educator for 2018-19. She is honored for her contributions to art as an art teacher at Crestview, as an active member of the Kansas Art Education Association, and in the local art community.



### **Engineering Society Honors Teachers**

Elizabeth Hackworth, a third-grade teacher at Ray Marsh Elementary School, and Steve Lanier, an industrial arts teacher at Trailridge Middle School, began this school year as award-winning educators. They were presented earlier this year with the Outstanding Teacher Award by the Eastern Chapter of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers for excellence in teaching science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.



**Amigos Honorees** Shawnee Mission East High School recently received the Amigos de las Américas Global Citizenship Award. The award is given to schools that have demonstrated a commitment to service and global competency, have demonstrated a commitment to Spanish language acquisition, and have students who

have successfully completed the Amigos summer program.



**Associate Principal Earns Doctorate** Laura Brogdon, an associate principal at Hocker Grove Middle School, earned a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Kansas. We congratulate Dr. Brogdon on her achievement.



**Dr. Fulton Meets the Community** Dr. Fulton continues meet and greet with members of the community. Recently, he has held meetings with state legislators, chambers of commerce, and higher education leaders. He also has begun his visits to all Shawnee Mission schools. At the end of

last week, he met with PTA presidents and principals from each school in the district. More opportunities for community members to meet Dr. Fulton are coming up in September across the district. For times and locations, [click here](#).

**National PTA Schools of Excellence** The National Parent Teacher Association has recognized the Mill Creek Elementary PTA and Shawnee

Mission North High School PTSA as 2018-2020 National PTA Schools of Excellence. They are among only three schools in Kansas to earn the recognition this year. The Indian Hills Middle School PTA and Belinder Elementary PTA were recognized as 2017-19 National PTA Schools of Excellence.

**Update on Bullying Reporting** An updated bully reporting system is now available to students and parents in the Shawnee Mission School District. An app to access the system has been placed on each student's digital device and a link can be found on each school website. This is a resource to provide one more way for students to share concerns and receive needed support. [You can click here](#) to view the reporting system.

**Jump Start to Learning Story** In case you missed it, Shawnee Mission's Jump Start to Learning program was recently featured on KCUR. This summer, the program served 360 kindergarten students at 20 sites, in order to help prepare students for the formal school experience. [As the report says](#), parents often share that they see growth in confidence in their children based on participation in the program, and see that their kindergarten students are comfortable as they attend school for the first time.

**Negotiating Teams Reach Contract Agreements** Contracts have been reached between negotiation teams representing the Shawnee Mission Board of Education and the National Education Association of Shawnee Mission, National Education Association of Shawnee Mission Parent Educators, and National Education Association of Shawnee Mission School Psychologists. We thank everyone for working together to reach these agreements.

**Safety and Security Program Evaluation** John Douglass, executive director of emergency management for the Shawnee Mission School District, presented an evaluation of the safety and security program in the district. The presentation detailed the district's work to establish a safe educational environment through:

- Establishing and maintaining a safe perimeter
- Critical incidence planning
- Emphasizing a culture of safety
- Comprehensive training

- Ongoing threat analysis
- Developing and sustaining a culture of care