



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Board of Education met on Sept. 12, 2018. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:



**National Merit Semifinalists** Thirteen Shawnee Mission School District seniors have been named National Merit Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students took the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which serves as an initial screen for 1.6 million program entrants each year. [Click here](#) for the complete list of Shawnee Mission students.



**Shawnee Mission Senior's Research Published** Stuti Dalal, a senior at Shawnee Mission East High School, has contributed research to a recently published scientific journal. She shared research that explores the role iron may play in causing visual symptoms experienced by people who have Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. This publication adds to a growing resume of achievements

for Dalal, who has been honored for her research at the school, state, district, tri-state, national, and international levels.



**School of Promising Practice** Merriam Park Elementary School will be recognized as a School of Promising Practice by the Civic Advocacy Network, established by the Kansas State Department of Education. They are recognized for the school's Bear Dens program, which brings groups of students from all grade levels together to meet twice a month. These groups work on projects together and help students become better acquainted with peers and

staff throughout the school community.



**Shawnee Mission East Anniversary** Recently, Shawnee Mission East High School held its annual Lancer Day Parade. This was a milestone event for the school, which marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parade and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the high school.

**Open Houses with Dr. Fulton Continue** Superintendent Mike Fulton continues to meet members of the community, and is attending open house events throughout the Shawnee Mission School District. Open House events have already taken place at Shawnee Mission South, Shawnee Mission East, and Shawnee Mission West high schools. The next open houses will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 17 at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, 12701 W. 67<sup>th</sup> Street, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 25 at Shawnee Mission North High School, 7401 Johnson Drive. Community members are invited to attend either event and are free to stop by at any point.

**Suicide Prevention Proclamation** At the Sept. 12 regular board of education meeting, the Shawnee Mission Board of Education proclaimed September 2018 as Suicide Prevention Month, joining Johnson County in urging all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance. [Click here to read](#) the proclamation. School districts in Johnson County are joining forces to address deaths by suicide. District leaders are engaging in conversations about the issue and are working together to strengthen the system of care and support for students.