



## BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met on September 24, 2018. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:



S'PARK MEDIA  
MENTOR AWARD

C. Dow Tate, SM East



### **Journalism Teacher to Receive National Recognition**

Dow Tate, who teaches journalism at Shawnee Mission East High School, will soon be honored by The Roy H. Park School of Communications at Ithaca College. He will be presented with the S'Park Media Mentor Award this October, which is given to educators who demonstrate a "commitment to igniting a passion for media among students." Tate was selected for the honor after a nationwide search.



**Hispanic Heritage Month** The Board of County Commissioners of Johnson County, Kansas invited Connie Springfield, associate principal, and several students from Shawnee Mission Northwest to join them as they signed a proclamation this month. The county formally recognized Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month, and as part of their proclamation, encouraged all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance. Ed Eilert, board chairman, presented the proclamation to Springfield and thanked her for the work she does in the community and as an educator.



### **Culinary Homecoming at the Broadmoor Bistro**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Culinary Homecoming Dinner on Oct. 2 will feature alumni chef Elise Landry. Landry is a 2010 graduate of Broadmoor. Her menu will feature big flavors from around the world, highlighting her travels. Make your reservation [here](https://broadmoorbistro.smsd.org).

**Food Services Program Evaluation/Policy Change** Nancy Coughenour, director of food services, provided a report on the program evaluation of the food services program. Ms. Coughenour provided a comprehensive update on the program, including describing the entrée choices available to students (four at elementary schools, nine at middle schools, and 18 at high schools.) The Board also discussed a potential change to Board policy which would ensure that all students would be provided a full meal (Type A lunch), regardless of the balance in their account. If such a change was made, when a student's account became negative, parents would be notified. If the charges were not paid by the end of the year, the account would be turned over to collections, as reflected in board policy **JS Student Fees, Fines and Charges**.

**Validity Screening Solutions to Provide Background Records Checks** The Board of Education approved a contract with Validity Screening Solutions to provide background records checks on employees and school volunteers. Validity documentation provides for a 42-hour turnaround in most circumstances on records checks, will provide a more in-depth screening than current procedures, and will eliminate the need for fingerprinting, allowing for on-line completion of the application process.

**2018 University Council for Educational Administration Excellence in Educational Leadership Award** Debbie Mercer, Dean of Education at Kansas State University, presented Dr. Kenny Southwick and Dr. Christy Ziegler with the 2018 University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) Excellence in Educational Leadership Award.

**Lenexa Hills Dedication Ceremony** The Lenexa Hills Lions will celebrate the opening of the new elementary school building with a dedication ceremony. The event begins with student-led tours at 4 p.m. and the dedication ceremony at 5 p.m. on Thursday, September 27 at Lenexa Hills Elementary, 8650 Haven Street.

**Open House with Dr. Fulton** Superintendent Mike Fulton continues to meet members of the community attending open house events throughout the Shawnee Mission School District. Open House events have already taken place at Shawnee Mission South, Shawnee Mission East, Shawnee Mission West and Shawnee Mission Northwest high schools. This open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 25 at Shawnee Mission North High School, 7401 Johnson Drive. Community members are invited to attend and are free to stop by at any point.