



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Board of Education met on Oct. 8, 2018. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:



Lenexa Hills Grand Opening - Our district formally welcomed our newest elementary school. Lenexa Hills Elementary School held an event in late September, inviting staff, students, family members, and members of the community to attend a dedication ceremony, which included student-led tours. In one of the event highlights, Audrey Rasmuss, a sixth-grader, spoke on behalf of students, thanking community members for making Lenexa Hills a place where students look forward to going to school every morning. This building was constructed as part of a \$223 million bond issue approved by local voters in 2015.



Broadmoor Bistro Opens to the Community - Shawnee Mission's student-run restaurant is open for business. They kicked off their dining season last week by hosting a culinary homecoming event. Signature Program students welcomed Chef Elise Landry to serve as a mentor in the kitchen as they prepared a five-course meal for dinner guests. Culinary arts and hospitality students will continue to serve dinner to guests throughout the school year on Wednesdays at the Broadmoor Bistro. Reservations can be made on the [Broadmoor Bistro website](#).



Shawnee Mission School District Marching Festival - An evening of musical performances recently brought students from five Shawnee Mission high schools together. Band members shared their marching performances at the Shawnee Mission School District Marching Festival. This annual tradition gives these musicians an opportunity to share their work with members of the community and with one another.



Shawnee Mission Northwest Anniversary - On Oct. 5, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School held its annual homecoming parade. This was a milestone event for the school as they invited alumni to join in celebrating 50 years of education.

Coming Up Soon



Shawnee Mission College Clinic Representatives from more than 200 colleges and universities will gather soon for one of the largest college fairs in the Kansas City area. High school students and their family members are invited to attend the Shawnee Mission College Clinic, which will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10 at Shawnee Mission East High School, 7500 Mission Road.



Foundation Breakfast The Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Fall Breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. on Thursday, October 11 at the Overland Park Convention Center. The event will feature the work of the Foundation, students and staff members. Dr. Mike Fulton, superintendent, will also deliver his first State of the

District address. For more information, visit the [Shawnee Mission Education Foundation website](#).

Superintendent 90-Day Update

Superintendent Mike Fulton updated the Board of Education on his first 90 days. He spoke about progress on three goals:

Goal 1 - Cultivate relationships, promote collaborative problem-solving, and support a culture of transparent, honest communication

Goal 2 - Establish a strong working relationship with the Board of Education

Goal 3 - Understand the district's strengths, identify areas for increased focus in the strategic plan, and define a process for updating the strategic plan

95 percent Group Phonics Intervention Materials and Assessment

The Board of Education approved the purchase of 95 percent Group Phonics Intervention Materials and Assessments. The 95 Percent Group's teacher guides and supplemental resources provide specific, systematic phonics instruction, and are frequently used with students with learning differences, including dyslexia. The instructional materials can be used in conjunction with any core program, and provide reliable diagnostic data to identify specific skill gaps in reading. The intervention materials that correspond to that gap and are then used in a response- to- intervention model, for students displaying specific phonological awareness and phonics deficits. Teachers are receiving training in how to utilize these materials along with best practice in teaching foundational reading skills to students. Most importantly, training focuses on how the brain learns to read to allow teachers to intentionally plan high-impact lessons that engage learners in multiple modes of learning.

Decision on Food Services Policy

The Board of Education approved a revision to Board Policy EE: Food Service Management. Among the changes, the new policy eliminates the alternate meal for students whose families are delinquent in their student meal account. All students will be served a regular lunch. The policy is in effect for the 2018-2019 school year and will be reviewed by the board of education no later than April 30, 2019.