



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met on October 22, 2018. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:



Class of 2018 ACT scores The Shawnee Mission School District continues strong performance on the ACT exam. The district's class of 2018 outperformed their peers on both state and national scores. In 2018, Shawnee Mission seniors earned a composite score of 23.8. The Kansas composite was 21.6 and the national composite was 20.8. This is a celebration for every parent, educator, community member, and student who helped the class of 2018 reach this level of achievement in preparation for each student to be a successful graduate.



Sunflower Learnscape With Shawnee Mission School District community partners, Hollis + Miller Architects, Sunflower Elementary School recently dedicated a new outdoor Learnscape classroom during a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Hollis + Miller worked with students and staff to design this learning space, which includes features such as rock walls for lessons about water conservation, planter boxes for student gardening, and solar panels. Thank you to Hollis + Miller for your partnership and incredible gift to Shawnee Mission School District students.



Golden Eagle Recognitions The first two recipients of the new Golden Eagle award, an honor given to show appreciation for special education team members, were recently named. Brandi Newry, a school psychologist at Trailridge and Indian Woods Middle Schools was the secondary honoree and Tracy Livingston, speech/language pathologist at Shawnee Mission Early Childhood Education Center was the primary honoree. The award is named the "Golden Eagle" because it is symbolic of how its recipients inspire learners to soar.



SHAWNEE MISSION STUDENTS
Receive the Seal of Biliteracy

Seal of Biliteracy The state of Kansas recognized 90 students from the Shawnee Mission School District with the Seal of Biliteracy. The honor recognizes students who have studied and attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. This accomplishment recognizes student readiness for college and career and student engagement as global citizens. [Click here to see](#) a complete list of Shawnee Mission students.



2018 Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Fall Breakfast The community recently gathered together to celebrate the achievements of students and staff in the district at the 2018 Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Fall Breakfast. The event, themed “Destination Success” marked Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton’s first Fall Breakfast address before a crowd of more than 1,000 supportive community members.

Parent Advisory Boards Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton is meeting with groups throughout the community as he continues his first year in the Shawnee Mission School District. Recently, the district relaunched parent advisory boards. These boards include representatives from elementary and secondary schools from across the district and will meet with Dr. Fulton throughout the school year. As these conversations continue, we offer the reminder that one way any individual can provide comments or submit questions to the district is via email at askthedistrict@smsd.org.

We Care, I Can Food Drive In November, school buildings districtwide will participate in the “We Care, I Can” food drive. Contributions to the food drive support the Johnson County Christmas Bureau, which helps local families in need.

Shawnee Mission All-Star Recognitions

At the Oct. 22 meeting, the board of education recognized Shawnee Mission’s newest Shawnee Mission All-Stars. Maria McIntyre, secretary for the English Language Learner department, and Michael Fanning, Crestview fifth-grade teacher, Kim Hess, Crestview first-grade teacher, and Ada Wallace, Crestview social worker, were recognized for their contributions to the Shawnee Mission School District.

Health Services Program Evaluation Shelby Rebeck, director of health services, provided the board of education a report about health services provided across the district. The report will be [available on this page](#) on October 23.

Support to the Opioid Antagonist Protocol Working in partnership with the Johnson County Board of Commissioners, board of education members approved an agreement to support the opioid antagonist protocol. School nurses are trained and equipped to respond to a wide variety of health emergencies. While we hope the emergencies never take place, preparation is a strength of our school nurses. This is a step in making sure school nurses are empowered to

respond appropriately and administer needed medication should an opioid-related emergency occur.

Changes to Staff Family, Medical, and Servicemember Leave Policy The board of education formally approved revised language for [board policy GARI](#). The policy change will allow both parents to participate in the Family Medical Leave Act for the birth or adoption of a child.

Approval of Architectural, Engineering Needs Assessment The board of education approved architectural and engineering needs auditing to be conducted by Hollis + Miller Architects and ACI Boland Architects in the Shawnee Mission School District. The assessment will consist of site visits, review, assessment, and documentation of the needs of each site to inform strategic planning.