



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission School District Board of Education met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about district news, programs, and recognitions:

Budget Hearing The first part of the board of education meeting began with a budget hearing on the proposed 2019-20 budget, as required by state statute. The Board of Education later approved the total published budget in the amount of \$473,495,741 for the 2019-2020 school year. [Click here for more information](#) about the budget.



Welcome Back Students Today the Shawnee Mission School District welcomed students in first through sixth grades to elementary school. In addition, seventh-graders and high school freshmen began school years in their new buildings. As a community, through the [Strategic Plan](#), the district has stated its commitment to helping each child create their own personal success. Over the next couple of days the district will welcome pre-kindergartners, kindergartners, eighth-graders, sophomores, juniors, and seniors to the 2019-20 school year.

Superintendent Fulton spoke about carefully monitoring class sizes as the new year begins. Currently, the maximum class

size for grades K-2 is 24 students per classroom. For grades 3-6 it is 27. The district works with school principals who work with grade level teams to determine the best way to address staffing needs when class sizes exceed the maximum. This might involve hiring a teacher, hiring a classroom aide, or another solution.



Preparations for the First Day of School

Shawnee Mission team members worked hard preparing facilities, designing and strengthening lesson plans, readying kitchens and doing countless other tasks to ensure students are welcomed into a warm, caring environment this school year. Dr. Fulton shared he recently spoke to educators and team members at several professional development sessions about the district's Strategic Plan and the work that will be taking place across the district to challenge learners to achieve their full potential. Dr. Fulton extended his gratitude to every member of the school district team for all of their dedication and work.



Lunch Bunch This summer the Shawnee Mission School District completed its eighth summer of serving meals to children through the Summer Lunch Bunch program. This program was established to better serve children in our community. Nancy

Coughenour, director of food service, shared that the SMSD served more children this summer than any year Lunch Bunch has been in service. The district served nearly 29,000 meals to children and 433 meals to adults who purchased meals. This program was hosted at buildings that were hosting summer learning programs and day cares and welcomed children from throughout our community to attend, ensuring children stayed nourished during the summer.



Enrollment Begins Soon in the Shawnee Mission School District

Project Finish Begins Soon A new, online diploma completion opportunity for adults who live in Shawnee Mission School District boundaries begins this September called Project Finish. The SMSD is dedicated to helping individuals become college and career ready and this provides one more important opportunity for individuals to achieve their full potential. Once Project Finish students have completed all graduation requirements, they will be awarded a Shawnee Mission School District diploma. Enrollment sessions start later this week. [Click here for more information](#) about the program.



Fall Breakfast is Sept. 5 Our Community will celebrate the school district's legacy of excellence at this year's Shawnee Mission Education Foundation Fall Breakfast. It will

be held at 7 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at the Overland Park Convention Center, 6000 College Boulevard. Community members, partners, and alumni are all invited to purchase tickets for this special event. Details can be found on the [Foundation website](#).

Strategic Plan Update Dr. Fulton provided an update to the board on the district's [Strategic Plan](#) and some of the recent work he has done to share details of the plan with school communities. The plan is focused on ensuring that every student will have a personalized learning plan that supports them in being college and career ready and having the interpersonal skills important to life success. Dr. Fulton shared that he anticipates providing more details on the Action Steps of the strategic plan at the next board meeting, scheduled to take place on August 26.

Board Policy Readings

The board took action on several policies during the meeting including:

First Readings of the following policies:

[8.03 Revised Board Policy GAOC: Use of Tobacco Products and Nicotine Delivery Devices](#)

[8.04 Approval of Revised Board Policy JCDA: Tobacco and Nicotine Delivery Devices](#)

First and Final Readings and approval of the following policies:

[8.05 Approval of Board Policy EBBE: Emergency Drills](#)

[8.06 Approval of Board Policy KCB: Custodial and Non-Custodial Parent Rights](#)

A Second Reading and approval of the following policy:

[Approval of Revised Board Policy JHCA: Student Publications](#)