



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Board of Education met on Sept. 9, 2019. During the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton shared information with the Board and the public about the following district programs and recognitions:



Foundation Fall Breakfast The Shawnee Mission Education Foundation recently hosted its annual Fall Breakfast, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school district. Attendees celebrated the district's legacy of excellence and the many ways the Shawnee Mission School District (SMSD) is challenging today's learners and inspiring tomorrow's leaders.

Superintendent Mike Fulton spoke about the community's [strategic plan](#), which is serving as our road map for our continuing journey of excellence.

The Foundation also introduced a new initiative, Scholarship Shawnee Mission, which is significantly expanding opportunities for SMSD students to obtain scholarship offers from colleges and universities. Kim Hinkle, executive director of the Foundation, shared information with Board of Education members about the program and how it functions. So far, more than 27 universities and colleges are participating. [Click here for more information](#) about Scholarship Shawnee Mission.



Attendance in Our Schools Month September is Attendance Awareness Month. The Shawnee Mission School District joins schools across the country in recognizing the connection between strong school attendance and academic achievement. We know that when students are in

class, they experience robust opportunities that challenge them to achieve their full potential. We look forward to seeing SMSD students in the classroom every day.



Outstanding Educator of Students with Autism

Carrie Paullin, a Structured Learning Classroom (SLC) teacher at Tomahawk Elementary, will be recognized as a 2019 Outstanding Educator of Students with Autism Award winner. Paullin will be recognized by the Midwest Symposium for

Leadership in Behavior Disorders in October. Tomahawk Principal Brian Watson said her strengths include communicating with her students' family members every day and continually creating teaching materials for students to use for learning at home. She will be formally recognized at a conference in October.



Highlands Thank You Recently, several Highlands Elementary School students stopped by the Center for Academic Achievement and presented a special thank you to district staff. They presented a plaque saying the school community thanks the SMSD for its "security, diligence, and

dedication in responding to the school's needs."



Caring for Kids Kickoff Principals and community volunteers gathered at Shawnee Mission West High School on September 4 to discuss how to best support Shawnee Mission school communities throughout the year. Caring for Kids hosted the kickoff event with the goal of helping volunteers

identify partnership projects that best support the goals of each participating school. A lot of plans were developed, and we look forward to seeing the many ways these connections strengthen our school communities. The Shawnee Mission School District appreciates every community volunteer who engages in supporting our students and staff.

Strategic Plan Update Superintendent Mike Fulton provided an update on the next steps of the Strategic Planning implementation process. The school district is seeking volunteers for the upcoming strategic planning action step committees. Those interested in participating are [encouraged to fill out this form](#).

Dr. Fulton then provided an overview of the steps the District Real World Learning Task Force, District Facilities Task Force, and District Site Council

will be taking, and shared upcoming meeting dates. To view the meeting dates and information about public attendance and participation, [click here](#).

Strategic Planning Baseline Data Report Dan Gruman, coordinator of assessment and research, provided a report on baseline data and how it will be used as the Strategic Plan is implemented. The report provided clarification of some of the actions taken by Shawnee Mission staff to protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in summary reports and research, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Gruman also provided templates that will be used to provide baseline data as the strategic planning implementation process continues, and a list of possible data elements that will be shared. [Click here](#) to review the baseline data report.

National Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation The Shawnee Mission Board of Education proclaimed September as Suicide Prevention Month, urging all citizens to participate in its observance. [Click here to read](#) the full proclamation.

Aquatic Center Name The Board of Education approved the name of the district's new aquatic facility, "Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center." Located in Lenexa, the Aquatic Center is under construction and will be managed in partnership with Johnson County Park and Recreation District. It is being constructed as part of a \$223 million bond issue approved by voters in 2015.

This publication, provided after each Shawnee Mission Board of Education meeting, provides a recap of some actions taken by the Shawnee Mission Board of Education and information about activities happening in the school district. An archive video of the meeting [can be found here](#). Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here](#).