



BOARD MEETING RECAP

The Shawnee Mission Board of Education held a virtual meeting on March 23.

Superintendent Report Superintendent Dr. Mike Fulton began the virtual board meeting by sharing an update on the planning process related to the closure of school buildings issued by Governor Laura Kelly.

This week, Shawnee Mission administrators and educators are working to design and provide continuous learning for students for the remainder of the school year. That comprehensive plan will be presented to the Board of Education at an upcoming special meeting and to the State of Kansas for approval in the near future. Dr. Fulton expressed thanks to all of the staff members who have dedicated countless hours to the thinking, planning, and acting so Shawnee Mission can continue to provide what students need.

Implementation will be subject to adjustments as everyone learns how to best support students in a distance-learning environment. The end goal is to provide a safe, secure learning and working environment. Dr. Fulton reminded the community that the closure of schools is only effective if we adhere to personal distancing rules, wash hands regularly, and take precautions as directed by health professionals. Moving forward, the community will be provided regular updates.

“We must use our many talents and strengths to support one another,” Fulton stated. “Now, more than ever we have to work together for the benefit of our children and our entire community.”

Leadership and Learning Program Evaluation Dr. Michelle Hubbard, assistant superintendent of leadership and learning, introduced Dr. Darren Dennis, director of curriculum, research, and instruction, and Ms. Sherry

Dumolien, director of special education, who provided a report to the board on the Leadership and Learning department.

[Click here to view the program evaluation.](#)

Student and Family Services Program Evaluation Dr. Ed Streich, chief of student services and Dr. John McKinney, director of family and student services presented a report regarding students and families served by 504 plans (accommodations and services to meet the needs of students with disabilities), the McKinney-Vento program (which serves students who are identified as homeless), the Migrant Education program, and foster care. They also shared details about Project Home. This program provides twice-a-month opportunities to help families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to meet with officials from various agencies who can provide assistance. [Click here to see the program evaluation.](#)

Families who may be facing homelessness or need social-emotional support for their students are encouraged to contact their school social worker.

Board Policy Readings The Board of Education held a first reading for the revision of the following policies:

[JCDBB: Weapons](#)

[JDDA: Drug-Free Schools](#)

The Board held a first and final reading for the following policy:

[JBC: Student Admissions to/Withdrawals from School](#)

Administrative Salaries The Board approved administrative salaries for the 2019-2020 school year. The approval means the superintendent and cabinet will receive a 0% base raise. All other administrators will receive a maximum of a 1% base raise.

The audio of this meeting will be shared on the [Board Recap page](#) as soon as possible. The [complete board agenda can be found here.](#)

