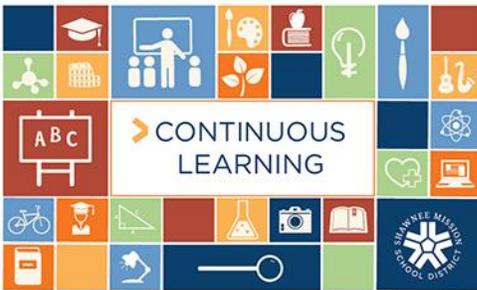




# BOARD MEETING RECAP



**Continuous Learning** Continuous Learning is underway. In the district's current reality our community has the important charge of educating more than 27,000 students from a distance.

Through Continuous Learning, the district remains committed to ensuring each student has a personalized learning plan that prepares them to be college and career ready and have the interpersonal skills they need for life success. Accomplishing this takes on new meaning as we address the challenge of meeting learning needs while buildings are closed. While it is challenging, our community stands in a moment of opportunity, one that will allow us to better understand our strengths in providing distance learning and how we can *all* learn and serve our students better. Our community is addressing many challenges and our community members are to be commended for the great job they are doing in supporting one another in this crisis. Superintendent Mike Fulton thanks everyone for the knowledge, creativity, collaboration, and compassion they are bringing to this moment, helping SMSD to continue to be a great place to live, learn, and work.

**Program Evaluation** Mike Fulton, superintendent, Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, Darren Dennis, director of curriculum, assessment, and instruction, Dan Gruman, coordinator of assessment and research, and Drew Lane, executive director of information and communication technology (ICT) presented a program evaluation on Continuous Learning. The evaluation emphasized that Continuous Learning will be focused on:

- The district's three objectives in the strategic plan (personalized learning, interpersonal skills, and college and career readiness for all students)
- Priority standards

- Learning based on student needs in which students self-guide based on feedback

The Program Evaluation also included information about data collection and analysis that will take place to evaluate continuous learning, instructional materials that will be used as resources to support the areas of focus, and how technology will support learning. The program evaluation can be reviewed by [clicking here](#).

**iPad Device Refresh** Board of Education members approved the acquisition of 19,000 iPad devices and 775 Apple TVs. They will be leased over 3 years at 0 percent interest and paid for from the Capital Outlay Fund in the amount of \$9,030,095.

Drew Lane, director of information and communication technology, reported that a minimum of \$1.74 million is projected to be returned to the district due to the sale of the devices being refreshed. In addition to taking advantage of favorable financial positions, this purchase will position the district to provide better digital access for students headed into the 2020-2021 school year as well as minimize repair and replacement time for devices. [Click here for more details about the device refresh](#).



**Princeton Prize in Race Relations** Samantha Morinville, Shawnee Mission North High School sophomore; Naudia Thurman, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School sophomore; and Holly Jackson, Shawnee Mission West High School senior; were honored by the Greater Kansas City

Committee for the Princeton Prize in Race Relations with a Certificate of Accomplishment for their thoughtful efforts to improve the climate at their schools. This honor recognizes and rewards high school students who through their volunteer activities, have undertaken significant efforts to advance racial equity and understanding in their schools and communities.



**National Merit Finalists** The National Merit Program announced that 12 Shawnee Mission School District students are National Merit Finalists. These students took the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which serves as an initial screen for 1.6 million program

entrants each year. They have an opportunity to advance in the competition for National Merit Scholarship awards. These scholarships, worth about \$31 million, will be offered this spring. [Click here to see a list of honorees.](#)



**NJROTC Success** The Shawnee Mission North Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) concluded its season on a celebratory note. A group of 15 team members earned first place over 54 competing schools who took the NJROTC National Academic Exam. The exam

asked students to answer questions related to the NJROTC curriculum. The SM North NJROTC was preparing to compete in the NJROTC National Drill, Athletic and Academic Championship when school closures were announced. This marks the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year the SM North NJROTC qualified for national competition. The corps concluded their competition year with a record of 42-0.



**Census Reminder** Census Day recently took place on April 1, but there is still time for community members to fill out the census online, by mail, or by phone. Taking part is everyone's civic duty and completing the census will help provide resources for Shawnee Mission students

in the future. More information about the census can be found at [www.countmeinjo.co.org](http://www.countmeinjo.co.org).



**Pickup and Go Meal Changes** Starting this Wednesday, April 15, the schedule for Pickup and Go meal distribution is changing. Pickup and Go Meal sites in the Shawnee Mission School District will distribute breakfast and lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays. On Monday, two days of breakfast and lunch meals will be provided. On Wednesday, three days of breakfast and lunch meals will be provided. Meals continue to be served from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Comanche, Rosehill, Shawanoe, and Hocker Grove. [More details can be found by clicking here.](#)

In addition, some have raised the question about whether the district would be able to continue feeding children in the event we had a case of COVID-19 at one of our meal distribution sites. The answer is yes, we would. We have been intentional about planning our distribution in a way that would allow us to continue to serve children in the event of a case of COVID-19. We have taken preventive measures, including frequent hand-washing and social distancing measures at the distribution sites.

If someone at a site is ever diagnosed with COVID19, we would follow the county health department's recommendations. This would include:

- Closing the specific site for cleaning and disinfecting. (Since each site operates independently, other sites could continue to operate.
- Asking all staff who had worked in close proximity (6 feet for 10 minutes or more) with the infected staff member to quarantine for 14 days.
- Resuming food service as normal with new staff, after the site had been cleaned and disinfected.

We are hoping that these procedures never need to be used, but if we need to, we are ready.



## **Public Health Appreciation**

Superintendent Fulton expressed deep appreciation for district partners at the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. Last week marked Public Health Appreciation Week, and the health department in particular has been a tremendous partner as our community

works to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We appreciate their expertise and guidance, which have helped us all to address this challenge. Stopping the virus and protecting our health system from becoming overloaded with patients will only work if ALL of us adhere to social distancing. We thank our partners in health as well as all those in our community working to keep our community safe.

**Board Policy Readings** The Board of Education held a second reading and approved the following policies:

[Board Policy JCDBB: Weapons](#)

[Board Policy JDDA: Drug-Free Schools](#)

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](#).