



BOARD MEETING RECAP

First Days of School Update Superintendent Mike Fulton shared that Shawnee Mission School District students will return to school after Labor Day. District leaders are in the process of determining what the first days of school will be for students, along with changes to staff return dates. Proposed calendar changes will be brought to the Board of Education to consider during their regular meeting on Monday, July 27, 2020.

Overview of Reopening Plan The majority of the July 22 special Board of Education meeting consisted of an [overview of the District Reopening Plan](#) for the 2020-21 school year. Superintendent Mike Fulton and Shawnee Mission School District administrators provided a presentation of the plan and answered questions from members of the Board of Education throughout the presentation. [Click here to see all supplementary materials included with the discussion item on the agenda.](#)

[The video of the presentation can be viewed here.](#)

The overview of the plan included:



An Emphasis on District Priorities

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, Shawnee Mission School District's mission and focus remains the same.

Our focus is that every student will:

- Achieve academic success throughout a challenging personalized learning plan
- Develop and utilize personal

resilience while mastering essential competencies that lead to college and career readiness.

- Develop the interpersonal skills to be engaged, empathetic members of the local and global community.

There will be focus on the mastery of grade level and course priority standards and meeting the needs of all students.

Maintaining a safe learning and work environment will also continue to be a top priority.

Safe Learning and Work Environment Presentation

Shelby Rebeck, health services director, provided an update on current conditions in Johnson County related to COVID-19, and provided details about steps that everyone must take to provide a safe learning/work environment for students and staff.

The Shawnee Mission School District is currently waiting on "gating" criteria from county officials which will serve as a metric for when it will be safe to transition from one reopening phase to another.

Overview of Thoughtexchange and Survey feedback

Superintendent Mike Fulton provided a review of the results of recent [family](#) and [staff](#) Thoughtexchanges and family and [staff surveys](#). He shared that the thousands of comments and

responses received through these avenues of feedback, and input provided by staff, students, and families since the spring, has provided essential information for the entire planning process.

Learning Options

Dr. Michelle Hubbard, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, joined by members of the leadership and learning team and district administrators, shared the plans for Learning Options for the 2020-2021 school year. The options were developed by teachers, students, parents, administrators, and community members. The learning options will be based on “gating” criteria, which Shawnee Mission is waiting to receive.

Next week families will be asked to indicate their final preference for the school year. For these choices, it is important to note there are two options, in-person and remote, and that the “in-person” choice might be in-person, hybrid or remote, depending on health conditions in the county, and the district’s ability to operate schools safely.

For students in grades Pre-K through 12 options will include in-person, hybrid, and onsite learning. Those who choose the in-person option may experience learning in-person, remote, or hybrid, depending on the conditions in the county.

For students receiving Special Education services, Special Education team members will contact and collaborate with families to further develop a plan to implement current IEP services.

Under each learning option, there will be assessments, grades, attendance, and regular contact with teachers. After families select their option, each student will be required to remain within that option for the rest of the semester. [Draft plans for the reopening of schools can be read here.](#)

Next, staff presented the Operations reopening plans.

Health and Safety

Shelby Rebeck, health services director, provided information regarding signs and symptoms of COVID-19, mitigating measures, along with isolation and quarantine plans.

Facilities

Bob Robinson, executive director of facilities, led a presentation about cleaning and sanitization, air quality and ventilation, water quality, and signage in schools and district facilities.

Athletics and Activities

Richard Kramer, director of athletics and activities, shared that the district is awaiting guidance from the Kansas State High Schools Activities Association. An update was provided on safety procedures followed during the summer and the development of weight room and performing arts guidelines.

Transportation

Dr. Christy Ziegler, assistant superintendent/chief of support services, led a presentation on safety protocols and arrival and dismissal procedures.

Food Services

Nancy Coughenour, director of food services, provided details about how breakfast and lunch will be served to students within the learning options.

Information and Communication Technologies

Drew Lane, executive director of information and communication technologies, provided an update on steps to prepare to support students and staff in the planned learning options next year. The steps include (but are not limited to) the implementation of Lightspeed as the new content filter to replace Virtual Private

Network (VPN), and implementation of the district's new Learning Management System, Canvas.

Classified Salary Schedule

The Board of Education approved increasing the 2020-2021 classified salary schedules by 1.4 percent on the base, provided step movement, and up to a 7.8 percent increase for health insurance. This is consistent with the tentative compensation agreement with teachers.

Legal services The Board of Education approved the purchase of legal services for the 2020-2021 school year. Superintendent Fulton indicated that this purchase provided the district the option to use certain specialized legal services should the need arise.

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 workshop and regular meeting [can be found here](#). Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here](#).