



# BOARD BRIEFS

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## District officials present updates to COVID-19 responses

### Quarantines drop from dashboard; dances, other activities possible

Changes on the state level mean changes at the district level in dealing with COVID-19. Assistant Superintendent John Zurbuchen told Board of Education members Tuesday that one of the changes means quarantine numbers are no longer part of the Davis School District COVID-19 dashboard.

The state school manual no longer requires a student or employee to quarantine if they had contact with an infected individual and both people were wearing masks. Zurbuchen says that change means a significantly lower quarantine number. Removing the report from the dashboard helps free up time spent by the Davis County Health Department in compiling the numbers. Also, students who participate in sports and co-curricular activities and test positive in Test to Play screenings will not count against a school's positive cases, he said. However, that number will still appear on the dashboard published on the district's website.

Additionally, Zurbuchen said the state health order redefines Test to Stay. If a school meets the positive case

threshold of 15 for enrollments under 1,500 or 1 percent of the school population, the school must go into soft closure unless it conducts a test to stay scenario. School will remain in session if a minimum of 60 percent are tested in the Test to Stay screening or virus positivity is below 2.5 percent for those tested. If one of those thresholds is reached, only those who test positive would not be allowed to return to school and would quarantine. Those who test negative and those who choose not to participate in the test will be allowed to return to school the next day.

Moving into the spring, Zurbuchen said the district is looking at the options available for field days, elementary performances, dances and graduation ceremonies.

Updates to the school manual do allow a testing scenario for one-time events like dances or graduation, he said.

"The health order also introduces Test to Sway, which is sort of test to dance, but sway sounds better," Zurbuchen said. "We have the opportunity to be able to provide

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## Board adopts state resolution to denounce racism

The Board of Education unanimously adopted the Utah State Board of Education resolution denouncing racism and embracing equity in Utah schools.

Board President John Robison said the resolution was sent to all school districts with a request for consideration.

Board member Liz Mumford offered her strong support for creating a school environment that is equitable. In considering the resolution, she said she thought of one of her own family mottos: "When you know better, do better."

"I think we are going to keep

doing better in Davis School District. We are committed to that," she said. "I think all students will benefit because of this effort. One thing I wanted to emphasize is this resolution is not about implementing a curriculum.

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In other business, the board:

- Gave final approval to changes made to the wording in the policy outlining the duties of the audit review committee;

- Updated the nondiscrimination policy to include new contact information;

- Approved a \$5 school fee increase for driver's education;

- OK'd three roof replacements. Flynn BEC will replace the C-Hall roof at Northridge High for \$584,172.

Redd Roofing & Construction bid \$190,547 to replace the roof on the

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swayable opportunities to our kids.”

Students would be tested at least 48 hours before the event. Those who test positive could not participate in the event.

For something like graduation, Zurbuchen said the district hopes to establish a way for students to have an in-person graduation experience with an option to participate virtually as well through a livestream. The district will put together a few scenarios that will take into consideration venue limitations and whether a large number of students can be tested in a short period of time.

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south end of North Davis Junior High. Contract West Roofing will replace the roof on Canyon Heights for \$153,300;

- Voted to accept a bid of \$114,994 from Innovative Sheet Metal for the welding shop renovation at Woods Cross High;

- Established an interlocal agreement with Bountiful City for use of the former Washington Elementary property for Bountiful and Viewmont High sports teams.

Business Administrator Craig Carter said the agreement was already approved by the Bountiful City Council. The agreement includes maintenance of the fields by Bountiful City and gives priority to the schools Monday through Friday. Any repairs to the field due to play would be covered by the district.

## Board honors



Mindy Simon, a first-grade teacher for Davis Connect, is honored for exceeding district, state and national averages for reading growth.



The Board recognizes Kim Johnson and Tim Best for their part in creating healthy lifestyle programs throughout the district. The work earned the department the Healthy Worksite Award from the Utah Worksite Wellness Council.



Addison McCrary, a student at Ellison Park Elementary, presented her piece 'My First Audition.' She also presents this month at the Weber State Storytelling Festival.