



WEEKLY UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 29, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CARLTON D. JENKINS

Dear Board Members,

This week, which marks the fourth week of our 4th Quarter, has certainly been eventful. On Tuesday, we continued implementing our phased reopening plan by welcoming our students in grades 7,8,10, and 11 back into our buildings for in-person instructional options. For the first time since March 2020, all our grades have been transitioned back to instructional models which include in-person learning.

Throughout this week, our district has continued advocating for resources and strategies which will eliminate disparities and accelerate learning for all students. One outlet for this advocacy is our 2021-22 budget adoption process, which outlines our intention for aligning our investments with our Core Values and Strategic Framework goals. During Monday's board meeting, early budget votes, as well as discussion of planning for "early literacy and beyond," exemplified the spirit of our advocacy. It is our firm belief - building the capacity of our district to teach reading to all students reflects our desire to value every member of our community regardless of their race, gender, transgender status, home language, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, immigration status, religion, or disability status.

Our advocacy conversations are augmented by our district's intentional efforts to enhance the skills of our staff through professional development. Some examples of these efforts occurred with principals and district leaders this week. On Tuesday, our Senior Leadership Team experienced a mini-professional development session on Language Essential for Teaching Reading (LETRS). On Wednesday, our Principal Meeting involved extensive professional development with Dr. Gloria Ladson Billings, which was designed to build their capacity to lead intentional efforts which will enhance reading instruction. We look forward to these leaders integrating insights from their professional development into the practice elements of their leadership roles as well as their interactions with our students, families, other staff, and community members.

Thanks for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to providing you with more updates on our district's progress next week.

Sincerely,

Carlton

Carlton D. Jenkins, Ph.D.

BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

- **Earned Honors Presentation**
Please find attached response from staff regarding questions raised during the Instruction Work Group meeting on April 5 around the Earned Honors presentation.

OTHER INFORMATION

- **Superintendent Evaluation Training**
Please note that the BOE calendar includes a special meeting in open session WORKSHOP on Monday, May 17, at 5 p.m. where the board will receive some training from a representative(s) from the Wisconsin Association of Schools Board (WASB). This workshop is in preparation for the Board Retreat scheduled for May 22 where the board will begin to conduct Dr. Jenkins' first year evaluation.
- **REMINDER--multi-year Budgeting Homework - Due 5/5**
During the April Operations Work Group meeting, you were asked to spend some time reviewing and reflecting on the attached slide and then emailing Kelly and Richard with three ideas from this list that you feel are high value for the Board and Administration to work on together. If you have other budget saving ideas, please feel free to send them as well. We will use your responses to plan for our ongoing work for the summer and fall as we move into 2022-23 budget planning. Longer term planning work is critical to the district as we aim to align our resources for best use in support of our students and with mutual goals of reaching maximum base wage in the future. Please let us know if you have any questions.
- **This Week's Recorded Meetings**

4.27..21 Developing and Reviewing Metrics Meeting: [Agenda](#) & [Recording](#)
4.29.21 School-Central Office Administrator Operations Meeting [Agenda](#) and [Recording](#)
- **Weekly News Report**
Attached is the weekly News Report which includes a curated list of local news stories directly related to MMSD over the course of the previous week with links provided.
- **Community Events:**

All dates for community announcements are posted on the [Board Community Activities Calendar](#)
 - The Madison Black Chamber of Commerce is hosting the virtual **Virtual Black Business Resiliency Showcase** on **Thursday, May 6**, from 4-6 p.m. This showcase event will consist of an awards ceremony and there will be an

opportunity to connect with the local business community. More info. can be [found here](#).

- YWCA Madison is hosting the 46th Annual **Women of Distinction Awards Celebration** on **Friday, May 21** beginning at 7 p.m. on Facebook Live. The awards are presented to women who represent a diversity of race, age occupation and endeavor. This is one of Dane County's most well-known Women's Empowerment events, taking place since 1974. More info. can be [found here](#).
- **Ride the Drive 2021**, hosted by Madison Parks, will take place on **Sunday, June 6**, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This event promotes a healthy and active lifestyle. The routes are still being finalized and more info. can be [found here](#).
- The Native Governance Center is hosting **Language Matters: How to Talk about Native Nations** on **Wednesday, May 12**, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. This event will focus on terminology and take a deep look into the wide range of opinions on native language. This event is free and will take place on Zoom. More info. can be [found here](#).
- The Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center and GSAFE are hosting the 25th annual **Celebration of Leadership 2021** on **Saturday, June 26**, from 2-8 p.m. in person on the rooftop of the terrace. This event will honor six high school seniors and one Educator of the Year for their LGBTQ+ activism across Wisconsin. More info. can be [found here](#).

OUR UPCOMING BOARD CALENDAR

- Mon., May 3, 5 p.m. Instruction Work Group
Doyle 103
- Tues., May 4, 2:30 p.m. Student Senate
Virtual
- Mon., May 10, 5 p.m. Special meeting in open session WORKSHOP
Doyle 103
- Mon., May 10, 5:15 p.m. Operations Work Group
Doyle 103
- Wed., May 12, 5:30 p.m. City Education Committee
Virtual
- Wed., May 12, TBD Student Senate Candidate Public Forum
Virtual
- **Week of May 17** Board member briefings

- Tues., May 18, 2:30 p.m. Student Senate
Virtual
- May 18-20 Student Senate Election
- Fri., May 21, 11 a.m. Board Retreat
Virtual
- Sat., May 22, 9 a.m. Board Retreat
Virtual
- Mon., May 24, 9 a.m. Board Officers
Virtual
- Mon., May 24, 6 p.m. Regular BOE Meeting
Doyle 103
- Mon., May 31 Memorial Holiday

ITEMS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION

1. Responses to questions re: Earned Honors from 4/5/21 Instruction Work Group meeting
2. Weekly News Report

Response to questions re: Earned Honors from the April 5, 2021 Instruction Work Group Meeting

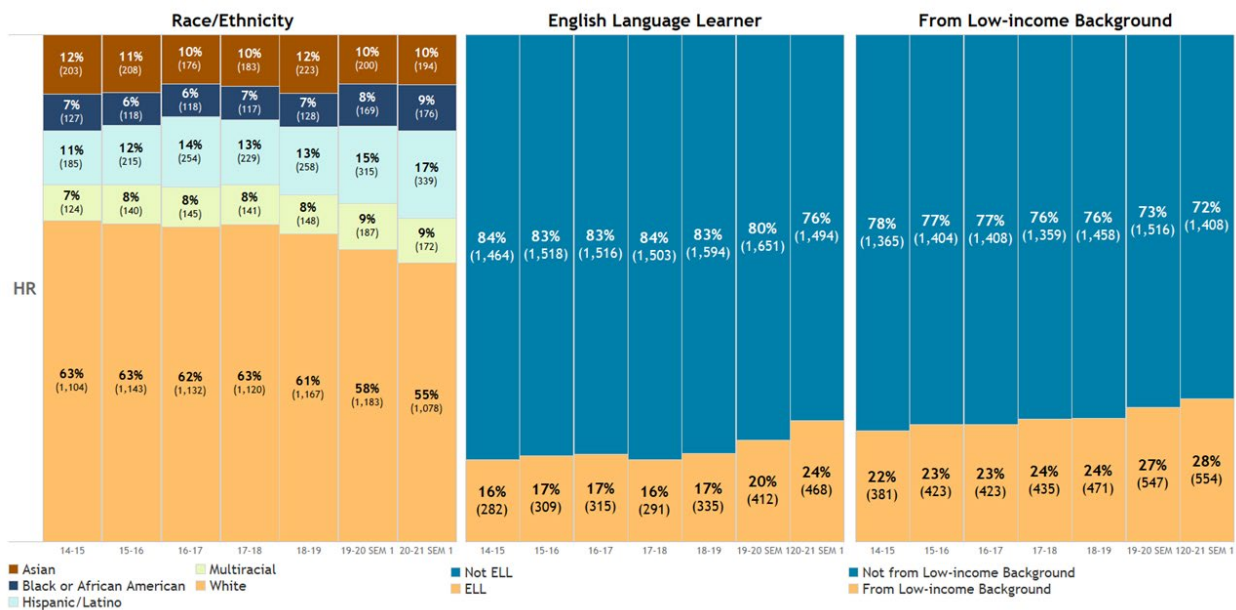
- 1) Breakdown of core courses in the four comprehensive high schools that we have earned honors and stand-alone honors classes over a few years.

Answer: Please see [attached spreadsheet](#)

- 2) Seemed to think that slide 12 showing 41% students of color successful in stand-alone courses is an improvement from five years ago. Asked for longitudinal data on this.

- We do not see much change between 14-15 and 17-18, but certainly some shift to better proportionality after 17-18. With that said, this breakdown is still disproportionate and has not moved to proportionality as quickly as EH (and, in particular, there hasn't been as large of a change in the percent of students identifying as Black or African American, compared to EH)

Included are ELL and FRL as the only other two demographics that saw shifts.



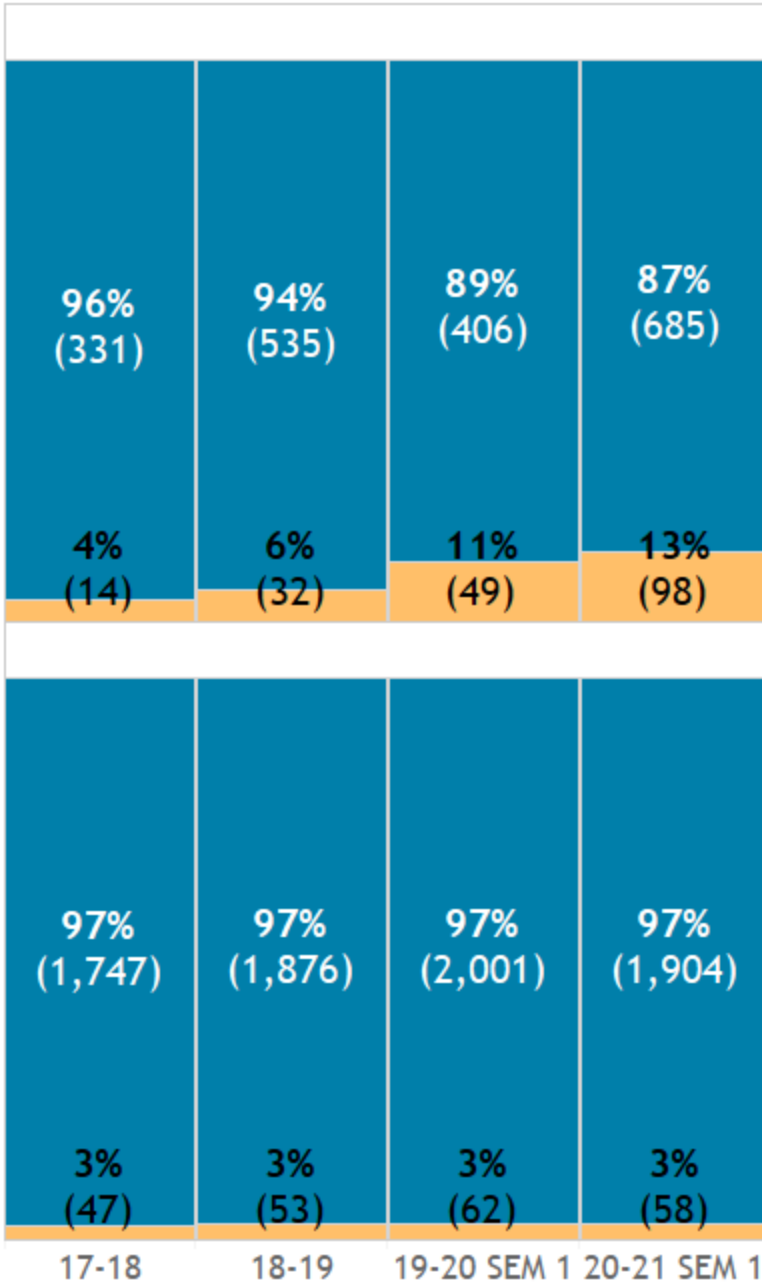
- 3) (Classroom) Demographic data from 2019/2020/2021 and if we have seen any shifts

We see these standalone and non-standalone honors courses with a similar trend - both increasing in the % of students who do not identify as white, though the stand alone honors sections continue to have an overrepresentation of white students.

- 4) Percentages of SWD on slides where no percentage is listed

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Special Education Students





WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

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DATE	NEWS ORG	HEADLINE/LINK
4/24/21	WI State Journal	MMSD releases preliminary budget
4/25/21	Cap Times	'Ready for whatever's thrown at me': Student teachers reflect on unusual school year
4/27/21	Cap Times	Madison School Board approves \$840K for virtual Madison Promise Academy this fall
4/28/21	Madison365	Madison's Mike Hernandez named assistant superintendent of Appleton schools
4/28/21	Cap Times	Madison school officials to discuss full-day 4K programming Thursday night - Madison.com
4/29/21	Madison365	With new board president and VP, Madison school leadership team is now all-Black
4/29/21	WISC News 3	MMSD's Dr. Pryor speaks about final grades returning to in-person learning
4/29/21	Madison365	Four Madison-area students advance to national NAACP ACT-SO competition
4/29/21	Cap Times	Madison School District completes phased-in return to in-person instruction
4/29/21	WISC News 3	https://www.channel3000.com/evers-says-hes-listening-to-the-people-not-gop-lawmakers/
INTERNAL NEWS		
April	MMSD	Latino Youth Summit fosters college, career and cultural exploration
April	MMSD	Early Literacy News & Videos
<u>THE WEEK IN PICTURES</u>		