



## WEEKLY UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 5, 2021

### A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CARLTON D. JENKINS

Dear Board Members,

This week marks the first week of the interlude between the end of our summer semester and the start of our fall semester. During this week, our district has ramped up planning and preparation for opening schools this fall. As such, we are: engaging in professional development; continuing to hire and place staff; having robust discussions about implementing high-yielding instructional strategies alongside appropriate social-emotional supports; and fine-tuning our planned COVID-19 mitigation strategies. All of these efforts are building our capacity to ensure our schools are places where students, staff, and families thrive as we grapple with the ongoing COVID-19 and racial/social injustice pandemics.

This week, district staff had an informative meeting with our advisory committee of public health experts where we discussed emerging data and interpreted new research. The insights from this discussion will assist us in refining and strengthening our mitigation strategies. We will continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff and families, while working to address disparities and accelerate learning for all students.

As we continue to navigate the uncharted waters of a global health pandemic, we also remain vigilant in our journey to become an anti-racist district focused on academic excellence. As such, during this week's Instruction Work Group (IWG) meeting, district leaders had a robust and respectful dialogue with board members about ongoing planning for full-day 4K expansion as we increase our intentionality around the early arts throughout our district, and providing the necessary supports to our schools identified for assistance in accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). If we can lead with the kind of love and intentionality which truly values human decency, MMSD will take its rightful place as "that pace-setting district." Together, we can interrogate and refine our policies and practices which serve as obstacles to disrupting historical disparities and creating a nourishing learning environment for all students, staff, and families.

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

Sincerely,

*Carlton*

Carlton D. Jenkins, Ph.D.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

- **Operation Fresh Start**  
In response to a question from a board member, please find attached an explanation of the funding for Operation Fresh Start for fiscal year 2022.
- **Citizens' Ad Hoc Committee Membership**  
Attached is an updated list of the members that was requested at the July 26, 2021, Regular BOE meeting.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### ➤ **Weekly Metrics Recording and Agendas:**

- 7.27.21 Meeting [Agenda](#) & [Recording](#)
- 8.03.21 Meeting [Agenda](#) & [Recording](#)

No operations meeting the week of July 26 or August 2

### ➤ **Community Events:**

All dates for community announcements are posted on the [Board Community Activities Calendar](#)

- **Taste of Madison Off the Square at Breese Stevens: Sept 4 & 5**  
*Cost:* FREE  
*Where:* Breese Stevens Field, Downtown Madison  
*What:* Labor Day weekend's annual Taste of Madison will feature 40+ vendors and live entertainment all day on both Saturday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 5. Normally this event is held right on the square, but this year will be held at Breese Stevens Field. [More information Here.](#)
- **Free breakfast & lunch meal boxes for children 18 and younger: various days and times**  
*Cost:* FREE  
*Where:* various locations around Madison  
*What:* MMSD is offering curbside meal service at 12 Madison sites for all children 18 years of age and younger. Each Meal Box contains 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches. Families may either refrigerate or freeze any portion of the meal components in the boxes to provide flexibility for households. Fresh produce will be packaged separately from the Market Boxes and milk will continue to be optional. More information, including pick up sites and times, available at [MMSD.org/food](http://MMSD.org/food).

## ➤ **Madison School & Community Recreation (MSCR) Events:**

- ✓ **MSCR Pontoon Boat Rides: Weekdays and Sundays • various times**  
*Cost:* \$5 per person suggested donation  
*Where:* Olbrich Park, Tenney Park, Warner Park  
*What:* Drop in pontoon boat rides. All drop-ins are subject to cancellation due to high water levels, or weather. Please call the MSCR weather line for the most current program information: 608-204-3044 (ext. 4). The 2021 schedule and additional information is [available here](#).

## ➤ **Other Events:**

- ✓ **Kids Fishing Adventure: Recurring Weekly on Fridays • 1 to 3 p.m.**  
*Cost:* \$5 per person  
*Where:* Jenni & Kyle Preserve  
*What:* Is your child interested in learning how to fish? This is the program for them. Learn how to cast, bait, and catch fish along the shore or on one of our fishing piers. Staff will assist participants with removing fish and releasing them back into the water. Learn to identify common Wisconsin fish. Fishing equipment is provided. [More information here](#).
- ✓ **Friday Evening Classical Guitars: July 9 and recurring every other Friday • 5 to 7 p.m.**  
*Cost:* FREE  
*Where:* Lisa Link Peace Park, Downtown Madison  
*What:* Madison's Central BID presents this "Summer in YOUR City" FREE outdoor concert series. Come join us at Lisa Link Peace Park for a concert every other Friday from 7-9 p.m. from June - August. [More information here](#).
- ✓ **Mad Lit Event Series: July 16 and recurring every other Friday • 8 to 11 p.m.**  
*Cost:* FREE  
*Where:* 100 block of State Street  
*What:* Join us every other Friday, starting July 2 through October 8, on the 100 block of State Street for Mad Lit, a new free concert series featuring live music and highlighting local artists, and businesses of color. The series will run from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m., and will include pop-up shops, visual exhibits, and community-led workshops. [More information here](#).
- Madison's Central Business Improvement District is beginning to host **Lunchtime Live** from **June 1-August 31** recurring **weekly on Tuesdays** from noon-1 p.m. on the Capitol Square Lawn at N. Hamilton Street. Local bands and performers will perform live during this time for observers. More info. can be [found here](#).

## OUR UPCOMING BOARD CALENDAR

- Mon., Aug. 9, 9 a.m. Board Officers  
Virtual
- Mon., Aug. 9, 5 p.m. Operations Work Group  
Virtual
- Mon., Aug. 9, 6:30 p.m. Special meeting in open session-WORKSHOP  
Virtual
- Wed., Aug. 18, 5 p.m. Memorial Renaming Citizens' Ad Hoc  
Virtual
- Week of August 23 Board Member Briefings  
Virtual
- Mon., Aug. 30, 9 a.m. Board Officers  
Virtual
- Mon., Aug. 30, 6 p.m. REGULAR Meeting  
Virtual

## ITEMS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION

1. Operation Fresh Start FY22 budget
2. List of Citizens' Renaming Committee membership

To: Members of the Board of Education  
Dr. Richard McGregory

From: Ross MacPherson, District Budget Director

Date: August 5, 2021

Re: Response to Inquiry re: Operation Fresh Start Budget

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Below is a full explanation of the Operations Fresh Start budget in response to a question from Nicki Vander Meulen via email on August 2, 2021.

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There are two parts to the OFS contract budget that is shared between Student Services and the Office of Youth Re-Engagement.

The contract usually includes special education and regular education students. The OFS budget for regular ed students has been \$233K in recent years. The update that Ms. Vander Meulen referenced correctly states that last year we moved \$75K out of the OFS budget due to lack of seats used in the program for FY21. This funding was held to the side for other secondary program needs that ended up not materializing. For FY22, I have restored that funding to the OFS contract line. So, in summary, the Regular Ed budget for OFS was:

FY20 - \$233K  
FY21 - \$158K  
FY22 - \$233K

Additionally, the Student Services team pays for additional seats for special education students. This can change slightly from year to year based on enrollment, but the funding has always come from IDEA funds. The amount historically has been \$42K.

So combined, a full year of OFS is **budgeted annually at approximately \$275K**, which matches what Ms. Vander Meulen was expecting to see.

Most recently I know there were conversations between Cindy Green and Ennis Harvey regarding setting up the contract for FY22. I see a requisition has been entered against both funding sources that only total \$201K. The budget for OFS is currently still reserved at \$275K, so I am unclear why the requisition that was submitted would be lower. We will engage with Cindy Green about what seats are being requested for FY22.

## Revised Membership for Memorial Renaming Ad Hoc Committee

1	Eliana Sauer
2	Cynthia Kaump
3	Ron Giordan
4	Shawn Matson
5	Frank Lench
6	Amber Janssen
7	David Aguayo
8	Matthew Braunginn
9	Len Mormino
10	Mark Clear
11	Rosemary Barrientos
12	Julian Walters, Chairperson