



WEEKLY UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 19, 2021

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CARLTON D. JENKINS

Dear Board Members,

This week marks the next to last week of the interlude between the end of our summer semester and the start of our fall semester. During this week, our district has been “leaning forward with excellence, equity, humility, and intentionality” while preparing for opening schools this fall. I would like to share a few examples of how our staff and community partners have exemplified the themes associated with “leaning forward” this week.

During yesterday’s New Educators Orientation, the themes of excellence and equity were pervasive. The typical discussion of expectations and standards was buttressed by encouragement to demonstrate their love of students by striving to make a difference through elevating the joy of teaching and learning. In fact, multiple speakers acknowledged the need to embrace this critical moment in history where our district’s journey towards excellence will be measured through an equity lens which centers the experience of students from historically excluded groups (HEGs).

On Tuesday, our partnership with the Foundation for Madison’s Public Schools (FMPS) produced many insights on humility and intentionality during their board retreat. During a training largely focused on diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism, many board members humbly acknowledged many of the shortcomings related to the traditional approaches to supporting the work of our district. That said, the group made a commitment to advocating and leading the work across the state to increase funding to support public schools. It was inspiring to witness this conversation, which also exemplified our core values to focus on being an anti-racist district and social justice.

As we continue our efforts to lean forward, we remain resolute in embracing James Baldwin’s challenge to educators to “go for broke,” especially as we consider Goal 3 of our Strategic Framework. If we are truly working to ensure African American children and youth excel in our schools, we will have to refine policies and practices which impede our ability to eliminate disparities and accelerate learning for all students. This work, which truly occupies the nexus between excellence and equity, will require all the humility and intentionality we can muster.

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,

BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

➤ **Department of Public Instruction School-Based Mental Health Grant**
MMSD has been awarded a two-year, \$150,000 Department of Public Instruction (DPI) School-based Mental Health grant to provide Cognitive Behavior Intervention and Support (CBITS) to about 105 sixth grade students yearly and HEART (Healing Ethno and Racial Trauma) to about 20 sixth grade students yearly. Community-based clinicians and school-based staff will collaboratively deliver CBITS, a 10-week group intervention that includes parent communication, teacher updates, and small-group/individual sessions with students. In addition, community-based clinicians will implement HEART, an 8-week group intervention to support students experiencing racial trauma with sessions including inclusion, expression, connection, education, and activation. Grant funds will be available through June 2023.

➤ **Department of Public Instruction Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention Grant**
MMSD has been awarded a \$50,000 two-year grant from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) prevention to expand skills-based health education curriculum development and instruction to all of MMSD's 32 elementary, 12 middle, and 6 high schools. Programming will also include student leadership opportunities for secondary students, focusing on creating spaces for students of color and students who identify as LGBTQIA+ to share their voice and advocate with peers around AODA prevention and social-emotional wellbeing in our secondary schools. Grant funds will be available through June 2023.

OTHER INFORMATION

➤ **Update on COVID Community Metrics**
Here are the community metrics for the most recent two-week window (**July 26 - August 8**):

1. Average **daily case count is 82** and trending up;
2. Average **daily percent positivity is 3.8%**;
3. Percent with **at least one vaccine dose is 71.1% - 82.1% of the eligible population (12+)**;
4. Percent **fully vaccinated is 68.1% - 78.6% of the eligible population (12+)**

Disparities in vaccine access and uptake by race/ethnicity persist. You can learn more about this and other trends in the [PHMDC August 12 Data Snapshot](#) and other associated resources on the PHMDC website.

- **Weekly Metrics and Ops Recordings and Agendas:**
- Tuesday, August 17- Weekly Metrics Meeting [Agenda](#) & [Recording](#)
 - Thursday, August 19-Bi-Weekly School/Central Office Ops. Meeting [Agenda](#) & [Recording](#)

- **Proposed Consent Agenda**
- Attached is a list of all the proposed consent items for the August 30, 2021, Regular meeting. All the supporting documents have been uploaded into BoardDocs, which you can view at any time. There may be some changes to these documents before the final versions are released in the Regular meeting packet on **Thursday, August 26**.

Please be sure to send any questions Richard in time for them to be answered either at your briefing or well before the Regular meeting. Thank you!

- **Community Events:**

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

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:

- **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.
- ✓ **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.](#)

➤ **Dane Dances at Monona Terrace: August 13 and recurring every Friday in August**

Cost: FREE

Where: Monona Terrace Rooftop

What: Live music every Friday in August at the Monona Terrace! There is a wide variety of music and bands and food available. These dances follow COVID guidelines. More info on the music schedule and further info can be [found here.](#)

➤ **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.](#)

➤ **Monroe Street Festival: September 25 from 10am-5pm**

Cost: FREE to attend

Where: Monroe St. Madison, WI

What: During this annual festival, there will be celebrations of entertainment, children’s activities, street sales, and “grab and go” food specials. The full schedule and more info can be [found here](#).

➤ **YWCA Racial Justice Summit: September 28-September 30**

Cost: Registration Fees

Where: Monona Terrace Convention Center and virtual online community spaces

What: This year’s 2021 annual summit will be held in a hybrid model of in-person and virtual participation. The summit consists of keynote speaker presentations and a wide variety of workshops. More info on this year’s theme and further details can be [found here](#).

➤ **NAMI Walk Day - Saturday October 9, from 10:30am-2:30pm**

Cost: Free - but fundraising efforts are suggested

Where: In person at Olin-Turville Park and/or virtual participation

What: The annual 5k walk along lake Monona will be socially distanced and participants can choose to participate virtually as well. NAMI Walks support the collective effort for mental health awareness. More info can be [found here](#).

OUR UPCOMING BOARD CALENDAR

- 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
 - Tues., Aug. 31, 5 p.m. Memorial Renaming Citizens’ Ad Hoc Committee
Virtual
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- Wed., Sept. 1, 5:30 p.m. City Education Committee
Virtual
 - Mon., Sept. 6 Labor Day Holiday
 - Mon., Sept. 13, 9 a.m. Board Officers
Virtual
 - Mon., Sept. 13, 5 p.m. Instruction Work Group
Virtual

- Mon., Sept. 20, 5 p.m. Operations Work Group
Virtual
- Week of Sept. 20 Board Member Briefings
Virtual
- Mon., Sept. 27, 6 p.m. Regular Meeting
TBD

ITEMS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION

1. List of proposed consent agenda items for 8/30/2021

Proposed Consent Agenda for August 30, 2021

10. Consent Agenda

10.1 Main Motion

10.2 Application for Continued Enrollment After the Age of 20

10.3 Shortened Day Agreement for One Student

10.4 Interim Bills

10.5 PLACEHOLDER: Referendum Construction Bills

10.6 Edgenuity Licenses

10.7 Renewal of FastBridge Licenses FY22

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Ann Rezutek

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.8 Annual Purchase of Student Consumable Materials and Trainings from Voyager Sopris

In Workflow

Step: 4 of 7

Submitted by: Jessica Gagan

Waiting for: Natalie P Rew

10.9 Orton Gillingham Based Curriculum: Sondag System Intervention

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Jessica Gagan

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.10 Behavioral Health in Schools - Mental Health Agency Contracts (Catholic Charities & Children's Hospital of Wisconsin - ESSER 2 Funds Expansion

In Workflow

Step: 5 of 7

Submitted by: Melissa Ohm

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.11 REST (CBITS) High School Implementation

In Workflow

Step: 1 of 7

Submitted by: Melissa Ohm

Waiting for: Haley Gausmann

10.12 Contract for Services and Memorandum of Agreement – Madison College Gateway to College program

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Tim K Hernandez

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.13 Contract for Services and Memorandum of Agreement –Operation Fresh Start

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Tim K Hernandez

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.14 Contract for Services and Memorandum of Agreement – Madison College HSED program

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Tim K Hernandez

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.15 Service Agreement with Wisconsin Youth Company

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Lisa Roscoe

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.16 Service Agreement with Red Caboose Child Care Center, Inc.

In Workflow

Step: 5 of 6

Submitted by: Lisa Roscoe

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.17 Service Agreement with YMCA of Dane County, Inc.

In Workflow

Proposed Consent Agenda for August 30, 2021

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Lisa Roscoe

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.18 Service Agreement with Pass Americorps

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Lisa Roscoe

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.19 Richardson School

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 1 of 7

Submitted by: Melissa Ohm

Waiting for: Haley Gausmann

10.20 Purple Communications, Inc. (Hearing Impaired Interpreter Services)

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 1 of 7

Submitted by: Melissa Ohm

Waiting for: Haley Gausmann

10.21 UW-Madison School of Social Work Contract

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 2 of 7

Submitted by: Melissa Ohm

Waiting for: Mankah Z Mitchell

10.22 Agenda Item Detail-Approval of RFB#4085-Petite Bananas

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 7 of 8

Submitted by: Nichele P Smith

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.23 Consent Agenda Item-RFB 4086-Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Program Snacks

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 4 of 8

Submitted by: Nichele P Smith

Waiting for: Natalie P Rew

10.24 Request BOE Approval for additional Chromebooks Student 1:1 Learning

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 5 of 8

Submitted by: Staci A Jansen

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.25 Request BOE Approval of Accidental Damage, Loss and Warranty Coverage on New Chromebooks for Student Use

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 4 of 8

Submitted by: Staci A Jansen

Waiting for: Natalie P Rew

10.26 Request BOE Approval for the purchase of additional Staff Laptops

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 5 of 8

Submitted by: Staci A Jansen

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.27 Purchase of Cellular Device Services

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Angela D Maas

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.28 Districtwide Analog & SIP Phones FY 2022

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Brandon L Halverson

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.29 Purchase of Custodial and Cleaning Supplies from NASSCO

[In Workflow](#)

Step: 4 of 7

Submitted by: Angela D Maas

Waiting for: Natalie P Rew

Proposed Consent Agenda for August 30, 2021

10.30 Purchase of Two (2) 2021 Ford Transit-350 Classic Service Body Vans

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Angela D Maas

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.31 Board of Education Consent Items –2021 Mendota Elementary School Parking Lot Repaving

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Brandon L Halverson

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.32 Acceptance of Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Program Grant from USDA Food & Nutrition Services pursuant to Board Policy #6177

In Workflow

Step: 5 of 8

Submitted by: Nichele P Smith

Waiting for: Nichele P Smith

10.33 Donation from Rotary Foundation of Madison

In Workflow

Step: 6 of 7

Submitted by: Lisa Roscoe

Waiting for: Sherry Terrell-Webb

10.34 Donation of a truckload of hand sanitizer with approximate value of \$15,151.51 from the Kids In Need Foundation, pursuant to Board Policy #6177

In Workflow

Step: 7 of 7

Submitted by: Angela D Maas

Waiting for: Barbara Osborn

10.35 Grants and Donations under \$10,000.00

In Workflow

Step: 1 of 1

Submitted by: Julie Pophal

Waiting for: Barbara Osborn

10.36 Human Resources Transactions Report

In Workflow

Step: 1 of 2

Submitted by: Tina Updike

Waiting for: Deirdre Hargrove-Krieghoff