



Stevenson High School Board Bulletin

A monthly message from the Board of Education

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Welcome to our Stevenson High School Board Bulletin, a new monthly message from our Board of Education that will include key updates that impact student life at Stevenson. For our inaugural edition, we are very pleased to share several key takeaways from our most recent board meeting below. Thank you for your engagement on these very important issues! We look forward to staying in touch.

Sincerely,
Stevenson High School Board of Education

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Our board meeting agendas often include many items for discussion. While you will always be able to review the agenda, meeting minutes and video recordings of these meetings on [our Board webpage](#), this Board Bulletin provides key takeaways for our Stevenson community.

- 1** On the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent Sean Carney, the Board approved changing the district's accounting method for cash balances to a "modified accrual-basis of accounting." The shift to a modified accrual-basis of accounting is recommended by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board because it more accurately reflects an entity's cash balances and expenses. Significantly, virtually all other Lake County High Schools have already made this change. Our financial advisors have also explained that Moody's has begun downgrading school districts' credit ratings if they operate on a cash basis rather than on a modified accrual-basis.
- 2** Mark Onuscheck, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, shared an update on this year's summer school experience, which was conducted remotely and in-person. Robust course offerings and transition workshops were offered to ensure students had the opportunity to reinforce their learning and combat potential learning loss. Ultimately, Stevenson recorded the third-highest enrollment in summer school history, and the most popular class taken by students was World History.
- 3** Assistant Superintendent Sean Carney provided an update on the district's COVID-19 safety mitigations at Stevenson High School, which will include universal masking this year. On the recommendation of Mr. Carney, the Board approved a contract renewal for the district to continue its partnership with PediaTrust, who will continue to provide medical guidance and services to students and staff for the 2021-2022 school year.