



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RECAP

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## ACTION ITEMS

### *Preliminary levy* Strategic direction: high support

Director of Business Services Phan Tu presented the preliminary levy for Fiscal Year 2022. The preliminary levy can be adjusted lower before the School Board certifies the levy at its meeting in December. The board voted to approve the recommended motion to certify the proposed levy for taxes payable in 2022 as a "maximum" levy amount. Motion carried, 5-0.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### *Transportation update* Strategic direction: high support

Dr. Corneille shared the current challenge with bus transportation. At this time, there are nine bus routes assigned to transport students to and from St. Anthony Middle School/St. Anthony Village High School, and to and from Wilshire Park Elementary School.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 7, we were notified that MTN, our contracted bus company, had secured drivers for nine bus routes in the morning and only seven bus routes in the afternoon. The school year began on Wednesday, Sept. 8, and approximately 260 students, who were assigned to bus route 7 and 8, did not have transportation home from school. Beginning Thursday, Sept. 16, MTN provided a driver to transport students home from school on Bus Route 7.

Students who ride Bus Route 8 in the afternoon still do not have a bus driver.

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Dr. Corneille shared the continued challenge with bus transportation. There is a shortage of drivers and a shortage of substitute drivers. Last week, the driver for Bus Route 6 was ill and there was no sub to drive the bus.

Dr. Corneille and the administrative team are investigating options to provide consistent transportation for students. Options include increasing the walk zone, the distance students may walk to Wilshire Park Elementary School, St. Anthony Middle School, or St. Anthony Village High School.

### **COVID-19 update** Strategic direction: strong communication

In the biweekly COVID-19 update to the School Board, Dr. Corneille shared since the beginning of the school year there have been two positive cases and approximately five individuals are in quarantine. The mitigation strategies, including universal masking in our schools and high vaccination rates, is helping keep students healthy. In addition, as a district, we have a very high vaccination rate among staff and students in grades 7-12. Staff vaccination rate is approximately 98% and approximately 83% of our students in grades 7-12 have had at least one shot.

Dr. Corneille shared a proposal to offer onsite testing for students, with parental consent, and staff every two weeks. Onsite testing allows our district to remain hyper-focused on local COVID-19 data, and to keep our students healthy and continue to prioritize in-person learning. The testing would be provided free of charge and paid for by the state of Minnesota.

### **Communication survey** Strategic direction: strong communication

Chair Oksnevad facilitated a discussion about the Board's goal of community engagement and the data they are seeking from stakeholders.

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Wendy Webster, Director of Community Services, shared that the School District contracted with Morris Leatherman to conduct a community survey in 2013.

Their community survey includes phone calls to 400 random residents.

Participants are asked how they perceive their School Board and to identify their most reliable source of information about the school district. The School Board identified value in seeking both qualitative and quantitative survey data from stakeholders.

### ***Legislative platform*** Strategic direction: *strong communication*

Chair Oksnevad facilitated a discussion on the 2022 legislative platform. Our priorities relate to reliable funding and transformational learning. Information within both themes is currently in the development process. A draft will be made available to the School Board at the next work session.

In addition, Chair Oksnevad inquired about submitting resolutions to the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) by Sept. 30. The resolutions will be discussed and prioritized for adoption at the MSBA Delegate Assembly.

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