



# SCHOOL BOARD MEETING RECAP

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## WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **Budget Update** Strategic directions: *high expectations & strong communication*

Director of Finance and Operations Phan Tu presented to the board a preliminary summary of the 2020-2021 budget. The summary highlighted how pandemic relief funds were directed to ensure they were used according to parameters set by the federal government. The final 2020-2021 budget will be presented to the School Board when the audit is completed.

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

Director of Communications Wendy Webster and Communications Coordinator Janet Kimmel presented to the board a draft communication survey for the School Board to send to the community. At the August 2021 board meeting, the School Board adopted a board goal to develop School Board communication strategies to engage with a greater number of stakeholders (students, staff, community). One of the strategies is to complete a community survey to determine board/community engagement strategy preferences. Based on the results of the survey and board discussion, at least two of the strategies will be implemented following the January Organizational Meeting. The draft survey was discussed and feedback was provided to the communication team for further edits. An agreed upon survey will be sent to stakeholders in various formats: email, postcard, fall newsletter. Initial results to be discussed at the November board retreat.

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

Director of Communications Wendy Webster presented to the board. One of the Standards of School Board Leadership is Advocacy and Accountability. Included in this standard is the need to engage and build relationships with both public and private stakeholders as well as advocate on local, state, and national levels. The School Board, with the assistance of administration and the communication team, have developed specific ISD282 priorities for the local and state legislators to address in the 2021-2022 legislative session. This is a first reading of the legislative platform; it will be brought to a vote at the Nov. 4 Regular Meeting.

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

Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille presented to the board an update on positive COVID-19 cases and quarantines at SANB:

- Total number of positive cases since the start of the school year: 6
- Total number of quarantine cases since the start of the school year: 13
- Total number of cases who were infectious while at school: 4
- Resulting in 13 people quarantined.

COVID Testing At SANB-Testing Coordinator job posting has three applicants so far and interviews are beginning Monday, Oct. 18. We have begun Cue testing with staff with the following priority: Symptomatic staff members; Staff who have been exposed to COVID-19; Staff who need a test for another reason; Working on a biohazard waste removal contract; Dispensing Vault Zoom enabled kits to quarantined kids and catching asymptomatic cases. Once we hire a Testing Coordinator, we will also use CUE to test students who are symptomatic and prepare for pooled testing as a surveillance tool. All of these mitigation strategies allow for the district to prioritize and maintain in-person learning.

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### **NE Metro 916** Strategic direction: *strong communication*

Superintendent Dr. Renee Corneille presented to the board information regarding the current Joint Powers Agreement with NE Metro 916. This agreement dates back to 1969.

The updated agreement is moving towards modernizing the agreement and better addressing the process implemented when a member district decides to withdraw from the agreement. St. Anthony-New Brighton joined Metro 916 six years ago (at that time it was an integration district, versus an intermediate district as it is now). Becoming a member allowed for the district to have guaranteed space for student support, as needed. This is the first reading of the agreement; it will be brought back to the board at the Nov. 4 Regular Meeting for a final vote.

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