



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 monthly message from our Board of Education that will include key updates that impact student life at Stevenson. 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** At Monday's board meeting, leaders from the Student Services Division shared results from the division's 2021 Student Surveys, an annual effort to capture student perspectives regarding the effectiveness of student support programs at Stevenson. According to the survey results, students felt counselors were friendly, accessible and knowledgeable in their interactions and felt a sense of belonging, even during remote learning. The division is doubling down on its work to support student mental health and wellness. [To review the full report, click here.](#)
- 2** Tony Reibel, assistant principal for teaching and learning, presented his office's annual Student Achievement Report, which provides data and outcomes on the previous school year's college-level experiences (articulated credit, dual credit and AP classes), assessments and social emotional learning. Of note, the average SAT score, number of college-level experiences and grade distribution stayed consistent compared to previous years. Additionally, data captured through Student Voice Surveys show that students' sense of classroom belonging — a key SEL indicator defined by how much students feel they are valued members of the classroom community — are back to pre-pandemic levels. [To review the report in greater detail, click here.](#)
- 3** Every year, taxing bodies (such as public libraries, public schools, park districts and fire departments) submit a tax levy, which is the amount of property tax dollars a taxing body requests in order to finance its operations. For more information about the role of school

budgets on property tax rates and how they are calculated, [click here](#). On Monday, the board approved a tax levy that would represent an increase of 1.95% over last year.

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The Board of Education also approved a recommendation to issue the sale of \$17 million in working cash bonds to fund the last stages of the second East Building Addition. The Board decided to fund a majority of the construction costs using existing funds and reserves, and reduced the amount of debt that it will issue by almost 50%.