



BOARD MEETING RECAP

Board Activity

Assessment Update

David Stubblefield, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, Dr. Darren Dennis, chief academic officer, and Dr. Dan Gruman, director of assessment and research, provided an Assessment Update to the Board of Education.

Dr. Gruman provided detailed information about Kansas Assessment Results, ACT results, Market Value Assets, and the Kansas Seal of Biliteracy.

State Assessments While providing information about Kansas Assessments, Dr. Gruman shared context for how the pandemic has impacted the administration of state assessments in the Shawnee Mission School District. He also provided an overview of the assessment program and definitions of performance levels.

He also shared research related to how strong of a predictor the Kansas State Assessment is for college and career readiness. He provided evidence showing that students performing at any level of the state assessment can succeed in post-secondary programs. For example, when looking at the class of 2019, 68.5 percent of students enrolled in college. Of those students, 90.1 percent persisted in college from year one to year two. He then

provided graphs detailing English Language Arts and Math performance results. They can be viewed on slides [11-14 of this presentation](#).

ACT Results Regarding ACT results, Dr. Gruman reported on the increase in student participation in the ACT and detailed how often ACT scores are used among state standards for undergraduate admissions. Shawnee Mission's composite score in 2021 is 21.5, which is higher than the state and national scores. Dr. Gruman shared further information about ACT scores for SMSD student groups and details regarding college readiness benchmarks. [These details can be viewed on slides 16-23 of the presentation](#).

Market Value Assets Dr. Gruman then provided baseline data for Market Value Assets (MVAs) obtained in the Shawnee Mission School District. MVAs are work opportunities or accreditations that contribute to student success in work and learning beyond graduation. These are obtained as part of Shawnee Mission's effort to provide [Real World Learning](#) opportunities to prepare students for college and careers. As of November 2021, 23.2 percent of seniors have completed at least one MVA. [Further summarization of this baseline data can be viewed on slides 25-28 of this presentation](#).

Seal of Biliteracy Dr. Gruman then highlighted SMSD student success in obtaining the Seal of Biliteracy. The Kansas Seal of Biliteracy is awarded to a student upon graduation by the Kansas State Department of Education and a local school district to recognize any student who has attained proficiency in English and

one or more other world languages. Dr. Gruman outlined the high demand for hiring employees with bilingual capability. Shawnee Mission obtained the highest number of Seal of Biliteracy certificates in the state. Of these awardees, 23 percent in Shawnee Mission learned English as their second language.

[Click here for all documents presented to the Board for the Assessment Update.](#)

Calendars Approved The Board of Education approved a revision to the 2022-2023 calendar, which noted a secondary early release day on National Testing Day in October.

The Board of Education also approved the 2023-2024 calendar.

[Click here to view both calendars.](#)

MOU Regarding Compensation The Board of Education approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding compensation for secondary teachers assigned to six teaching periods for 2022-2023. This memorandum was developed in the Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) process used by NEA-Shawnee Mission and the Shawnee Mission Board of Education. Dr. Michael Schumacher, associate superintendent of leadership and learning, noted that instances of educators needing to teach six periods instead of five out of seven hours in the school day would be “out of the norm.” [Click here to read the approved MOU.](#)

From the Superintendent Report



Battle of the Brains Finalists A group of elementary students in the Northwest area are Battle of the Brains finalists. Their proposal to build an exhibit at Science City was selected out of 750 entries submitted by 6,400 students in Kansas City. This group, made up of Mill Creek Elementary and Good Shepherd Enhanced Learning students, created a proposal called “A Green Idea - A Pollution Solution.” The Battle of the Brains winner receives a \$50,000 grant and a chance to see their proposal become reality. Our community can support them by voting once a day. [Click here to vote for the Northwest Area team.](#)



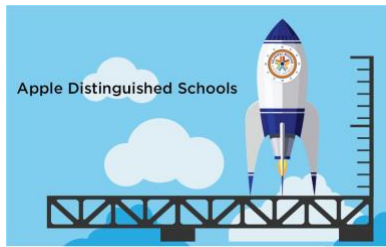
Student Storefront Shawnee Mission West students, taught by business teacher Tiffany Dixon, have started real businesses. Through an innovative partnership with Oak Park Mall, their entrepreneurial startups are now on display. These Shawnee Mission West student businesses feature clothing, accessories, and home décor. Some are using crowdfunding platforms to cover expenses for starting up a business. Shoppers can find their storefront near the JCPenney at Oak Park Mall. [Here is a link for anyone ready to browse and support student entrepreneurs.](#)

Pete’s Garden Shawnee Mission Culinary Arts students have been cooking up a lot of meals to serve a great cause. Last week they prepared 1,000 meals to give to families who need them in

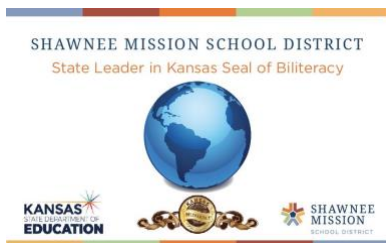


our Shawnee Mission community. Their work, called Kids Feeding Kids, is sponsored by Pete's Garden, the 15 and the Mahomies Foundation, and Lucky International.

“We know our Culinary Arts students are so talented and we are so proud of how they used their skills to help people receive a much-needed meal,” shared Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard. “ We thank everyone who came together to make this effort possible!”

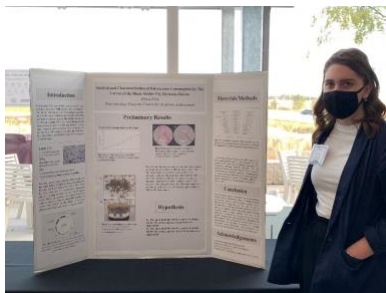


Apple Distinguished Schools Briarwood, Broken Arrow, and Trailwood Elementary have all been recognized as Apple Distinguished Schools. This recognition is given to schools who are centers of innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, especially in their use of technology to support education. This is the third time all three of these schools have received this honor. [Click here to learn more about the designation.](#)



Seal of Biliteracy Our district is the state leader in earning the Kansas Seal of Biliteracy. The Kansas State Department of Education recognized 116 SMSD students as earning this seal, based on their work in

2020-2021. This recognizes any student who has attained proficiency in English and one or more other world languages. The skills students learn in obtaining this certification support our objective that every student have a personalized learning plan that will prepare them for college and career with the interpersonal skills they need for life success.



Biotech Poster Olivia Fritz, a Shawnee Mission West senior and Biotechnology Signature Program student, won first place in the Kansas City One Health Day poster contest. She presented research on polystyrene degradation via black soldier

flies to higher education faculty and scientists. She won top honors in the high school division with a \$200 prize, and she is updating this research as the school year continues.



School of Excellence Broken Arrow Elementary and Shawnee Mission North have both been recognized as National PTA Schools of Excellence. They are the only two schools in our state to be given this honor this year. This recognizes a school's

commitment to building an inclusive and welcoming school community where all families contribute to enriching the educational experience and overall well-being for all students.



COMMUNICATIONS TEAM
Achievements



Communications Honors It has been a strong year for the district's Communications Team. They have received state and national recognition for their work in school communication. They were recognized by the National School Public Relations Association for their work to inform the public about the 2021 bond, the 2020 virtual fall breakfast, and the district-wide quarterly art show. The Kansas School Public Relations Association honored the team for their bond work, their presentation of the Research and Development Forum, and the virtual Foundation breakfast.

All Star Sheila Young, language arts teacher at Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, was honored as a Shawnee Mission All Star.

[Click here to see a video about Young.](#)

Anyone wanting to nominate a Shawnee Mission School District team member as an All Star can do so [by filling out this form.](#)

Test to Stay Update Shawnee Mission School District will begin offering a Test to Stay option starting on January 5, 2022. Students and staff may participate in Test to Stay after exposure to a positive COVID-19 case. The Shawnee Mission School District will continue to support testing through partnership with MAWD Laboratories as an option. Testing is by appointment only.

Dr. Hubbard provided further detail because the Shawnee Mission School District received new guidance from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Their guidance allows for every-other-day testing for Test to Stay and Learn when using PCR tests. SMSD staff confirmed with the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) that they will provide updated guidance to the district in support of this change. The school district will be working with the health services team to fully implement this into plans and practices for positive case exposures for when students and staff return from Winter Break. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

This publication, provided after each Shawnee Mission Board of Education meeting, provides a recap of some actions taken by the Shawnee Mission Board of Education and information about activities happening in the school district.

An archive video of the workshop and regular meeting [can be found here](#). Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes [can be found here](#).