

**Mitigation Plan Update** Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard provided an update on a mitigation measure change that will go into effect Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Mask wearing will become optional on all district-related transportation, including school buses.

This change is being implemented based on new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) stating the wearing of masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs is no longer required.

Click here for a link to the updated mitigation plan.

**Legislative Update** Dr. Stuart Little, district lobbyist, presented a legislative update to the Board of Education. The update can be viewed at <u>30:39 on this video of the meeting</u>.

## From the Superintendent Report:



**R&D Extended Deadline** Attention all student innovators: The deadline has been extended for the R&D Next Great Idea competition. Pitch applications are now due on Friday, March 4. Young innovators are able to pitch their ideas for a chance to win cash prizes and advance their vision. <u>Click</u> <u>here for a link to the application page</u>. The SMSD is excited for this competition and the student showcase that will be open for the community at the CAA in April. This is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SMSD R&D Forum and sincere appreciation is extended to the Regnier Family for their generous support of the forum since the beginning.



**Transfer Window Reminder** Two transfer windows are coming up soon. A transfer window is the period of time when a student can apply to transfer from their home school (determined by place of residence) to a

different school. All in-district transfer requests for K-11 for next year will begin on March 1. For students in kindergarten for 2022-2023, the transfer window opens on July 8. Those who have a student approved for a transfer to another location already will *not* need to reapply. <u>Click here for more information and links to</u> transfer request forms.



**Classified Job Fair** The SMSD is hosting a classified job fair from 4 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 here at the Center for Academic Achievement. This is a great way to learn about positions in operations and

maintenance, food service, and information and communication technology, and support positions like paraeducators and aides. Attendees can also learn about the benefits we offer like paid holidays, retirement plans, the district fitness center, and onsite health clinic. Attendees can learn how to join our team and be a part of helping every child achieve their personal best.



**KSHSAA Honor** Dr. John Johnson, athletic director at Shawnee Mission South, received a Spirit of Sport recognition from the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This recognizes someone who inspires through activities. Johnson plans to retire in May and he leaves on a high note with his work having led to KSHSAA's first ever

Unified Bowling State Championship. "Johnson is respected across our state and we are so proud he has received this recognition," Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard shared.



**Bistro Gold Medal** Recently a team of culinary arts students brought home the gold at a Johnson County Community College Culinary competition. Each team member won gold medals for their skill in making a salad or appetizer, entrée and dessert in one

hour. They also earned \$500 scholarships. These students were sponsored by Bistro chef and teacher Steve Venne. <u>Click here to</u> <u>learn</u> more about SMSD culinary arts and the Broadmoor Bistro, student-run restaurant.



Shawnee Mission East Swim The Shawnee Mission East boys swim team earned first place at the 6A state championship. At this meet, the Lancer team broke three school records and had three divers place in the top 12 of

competition. The team is coached by Wiley Wright.

All Stars: The Board of Education recognized two Shawnee Mission All Stars. Shawnee Mission's newest All Stars are: Kim Harwood, paraprofessional at Indian Woods Middle School.

Tina Lipari, social worker at Corinth Elementary School.

Anyone wanting to nominate a Shawnee Mission School District team member as an All Star can do <u>so by filling out this form.</u>

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 <u>can be found here</u>. Links to board policies, agendas, and meeting minutes <u>can be found here</u>.