



BOARD MEETING RECAP

From the Board Workshop:

Enrollment Analysis Report Robert S. Schwarz, founder of RSP and Associates, presented an enrollment analysis conducted for the Shawnee Mission School District to the Board.

[Click here to view the presentation.](#)

The presentation included several discussion points including enrollment and demographics, residential development, projections, and next steps.

One item noted in the presentation was the enrollment level at Briarwood Elementary School. The school is projected to have 643 students enrolled in the 2022-2023 school year, over the maximum school capacity range, which is 525 to 575.

Superintendent Dr. Hubbard noted that a change will need to happen at Briarwood, and Tomahawk will be rebuilt in part to accommodate the overage at Briarwood. District leaders will be evaluating the presentation information, and plan to present details - including a proposed timeline and details about a committee that would work to bring a plan to the Board of Education - during their regular meeting on April 25, 2022.

Food Service Presentation Dr. Christy Ziegler, chief of student services and diversity, equity, and inclusion, and Grace Liss, director of food services, provided an update on the food service department.

Liss shared how the food service department serves the district mission by serving education every day. She provided an update on the food service program prior to, during, and in the current stage of the pandemic. She took time to extend thanks to food service staff who have navigated numerous challenges and have worked to keep SMSD strong, one meal at a time. [Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Liss highlighted that the food service department has opportunities for members of the community to join the team; interested community members are encouraged to [apply here](#).

Security Presentation Chief Mark Schmidt, chief of police, led a presentation on district security. He was joined by Tony Woollen, district resource officer from Shawnee Mission East, Seth Myers, school resource officer from Shawnee Mission East, James Carmody, district resource officer at Shawnee Mission West, Philip Lofflin, district police officer, and David Ewers, Shawnee Mission North principal, who spoke about the role of district security in schools.

[Click here to view the presentation.](#)

Charlie Moren, SM East junior, Nyna Stewart, SM West freshman, Myshon Mitchell, SM West freshman, Malikye Johnney, SM West

senior, and Jazmyn Huaman, SM East senior, also addressed the board. The students spoke about how they interact with the officers during the school day and about the support officers have provided to them during their school experience.

From The Superintendent Report:



National Merit Finalists Shawnee Mission is proud to celebrate all students who have been named 2022 National Merit Finalists. This is one of the highest honors for high school seniors in the United States. These 13

prestigious SMSD students are among 15,000 finalists, placing them in the top 1 percent of more than 1.5 million students in the United States. They first qualified by taking the 2020 PSAT, and are able to advance to earn scholarships, worth about \$30 million. [Click here to see the names of the finalists.](#)



Presidential Scholar Candidates The SMSD is also proud to recognize another outstanding group of seniors. Nine members of the Class of 2022 were named Presidential Scholar candidates. These

students, representing all comprehensive high schools, are among about 5,000 named candidates out of nearly 3.6 million high school seniors across the country. They were selected based on exceptional scores on the ACT or SAT, were nominated by a school administrator based on demonstrating superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character,

and demonstrated commitment to high ideals. [Click here to learn more about who received this honor.](#)



Kansas Teacher of the Year Honors

Shawnee Mission celebrates its Kansas Teacher of the Year nominees! Amy Sachse, fourth-grade teacher at Corinth Elementary, recently was named a Kansas Teacher of the Year semifinalist in this region. The state also honored Wraye Royle, a seventh-grade math teacher at Indian Hills, who also represented the Shawnee Mission School District. This program honors 109 educators each year for their outstanding work. It also invites them to be a part of a network of exemplary teachers in Kansas who lead on school improvement and performance.



Pawnee Groundbreaking

Pawnee Elementary School is now being rebuilt. Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard shared the joy she had in joining the elementary school community as they held their groundbreaking last week. Students, staff, families, and members of the community gathered to turn the dirt and celebrate how the new facility will support the Pawnee Panthers for many years to come.

“This is part of the \$264 million bond issue that Shawnee Mission voters passed last year, and we thank everyone in our community who made this possible for our students,” Dr. Hubbard noted.



R&D Forum Starting next week, the SMSD community is invited to join the 60th annual Research and Development Forum. A series of open houses will be held for the entire community to attend starting on April

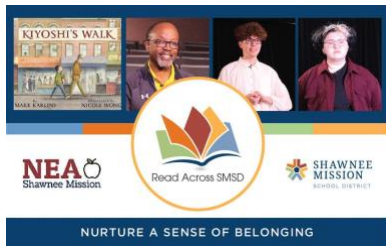
18 at the Center for Academic Achievement. Attendees will get to see student artwork as well as science and career and technical education projects. [Click here for a full schedule](#). Shawnee Mission also invites everyone to watch The Next Great Idea pitch competition, which will be held on April 30. The link to the livestream will be shared on the district website. “Thank you to all students and staff who are putting this event together,” Dr. Hubbard expressed. “I know our community enjoys seeing all of the work you have done. We also thank the Regnier Family who has supported the R&D Forum for all 60 years it has been in the Shawnee Mission School District!”



Third Quarter Art Show The Shawnee Mission School District is highlighting student artwork from the third quarter in the district’s newest digital art show. This features artwork created by students in Pre-

K through 12th grades from across the district. “Thank you to all of the students, their art teachers, and Megan Ellis, visual arts coordinator of curriculum and instruction, for sharing this artwork with the community,” Dr. Hubbard added.

[Click here to view the art show.](#)



Read Across SMSD We continue to Read Across SMSD! This initiative, hosted in partnership with NEA Shawnee Mission, continues to promote reading in SMSD schools and honors the district belief that a community's strength is derived from its diversity.

Dr. Hubbard highlighted some of the most recent themes.

In February, Dr. Jarius Jones, director of classified human resources, and students at Rising Star helped SMSD Explore Families and History – and showed us how to dance the Electric Slide. [Click here to see a video.](#)

In March, Dr. Leigh Anne Neal, chief of early learning and sustainability, joined Pre-Kindergarten students who reminded us of the many ways we can play with stories to help us all learn and grow. [Click here to see a video.](#)

This month, David A. Smith, chief communications officer, joined student poets at West who shared some of their original works. April is National Poetry Month and they are helping the community focus on how poems can help “Nurture a Sense of Belonging.”

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

Challenge Awards

Superintendent Dr. Michelle Hubbard led a recognition of two Shawnee Mission School District schools that have received an exclusive state honor for academic excellence. Crestview Elementary and Merriam Park Elementary are 2021 Challenge Award recipients. Challenge Awards recognize Kansas schools that are making a notable difference in student achievement despite facing significant challenges in their school population. Only 100 schools in Kansas are recognized with this award, administered by the Confidence in Education Task Force.

“We are so proud of these schools for being recognized for all they are doing to ensure students are achieving at high levels,” Dr. Hubbard expressed.

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