



WEEKLY UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 11, 2022

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT CARLTON D. JENKINS

Dear Board Members,

This week marks the second week of the interlude between our summer semester and the start of a new school year. During this week, our principals and other administrators have been engaging in a learning institute designed to enhance their capacity to eliminate disparities and accelerate learning for all students. As our district enhances our staff's knowledge base, skill sets, and tool kits, we will be better situated to address the challenges faced by public education: multiple pandemics; unprecedented staffing shortages; supply chain disruptions; racial injustice; social unrest; political partisanship; and historic inflation. Despite these challenges, our staff is preparing to nurture the infinite potential of our scholars as we build on the resilience and determination of our students and families.

As our administrators make preparations for leading our dynamic and diverse students and staff, they will find inspiration through reflection on our Strategic Framework goals. We still believe all our scholars will graduate ready for college, careers, and the community. We are still working to ensure all our schools are places where all students, staff, and families can thrive. We still believe all students can excel in our schools, particularly our Black students and youth, despite the historical and contemporary challenges they face.

As we build momentum for achieving breakthrough moments, we are encouraged by the evidence of collaboration and co-creation abiding in our community. Students are lifting their voices to help shape their academic and co-curricular experience. Families are sharing insights, hopes, and dreams for their scholars with staff. Staff are building their capacity through constructive dialogue with colleagues on emerging and promising practices. Board members are interrogating policies to assist in removing barriers to equity and excellence. Collectively, we are making the critical investments of time, attention, and resources needed to truly make an impact.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. I look forward to providing you with further updates on our district's progress in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Carlton

Carlton D. Jenkins, Ph.D.

OTHER INFORMATION



Darbo Peace Walk

I would like to share some of the pictures from the community peace walk that I attended. Please see below.



Weekly Metrics and Ops Recordings and Agendas:

8.9.22 Weekly Metrics Meeting this week- [Agenda](#) & [Recording](#)
No Biweekly School-Central Office Operations Meeting



Construction Update

Attached you can find construction update West High School. You can expect regular communications here about our progress with the referendum construction projects.

Timing: Findorff provides construction updates weekly, following a four-week rotation between the schools. MMSD publishes these construction updates on their website every Friday and distributes via their staff and family newsletters.

How to access:

1. You can gain quick access to all of the [construction updates](#) via the tile on MMSD's website homepage. This tile is also accessible on each school's website.
2. You can find referenda information, project details, construction updates, and more on the [2020 Referenda – Future Ready](#) page (accessible via the About tab > 2020 Referenda – Future Ready)

3. You can subscribe to school-specific news updates, which includes the construction updates, via MMSD Schools mobile app. Simply visit the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "MMSD Schools" to download the app.
4. Construction updates are included in MMSD's newsletters:
 - a. MMSD staff newsletter (MMSD Connect) are distributed bi-weekly. Upcoming distribution dates: August 12 and August 26
 - b. MMSD family newsletter is distributed bi-weekly. The family newsletter archive is available [here](#). Upcoming distribution dates: August 3 and August 19



Middle School RFP for Literacy/Bi-literacy Update

Title: 6-8 Core Instructional Resources Materials Adoption for the Teaching of Literacy and Biliteracy Process Update

Department: Teaching and Learning: Curriculum and Instruction

Content: The 6-8 Literacy and Biliteracy Material Adoption Request for Proposals (RFP) is expected to go live on August 8, 2022. The RFP can be found on the [Current Requests for Proposals](#) MMSD webpage after it goes live. After the RFP closes, we intend to follow a similar process as used in the K-5 Core Instructional Resources Materials Adoption for the teaching of literacy and biliteracy RFP process. This process includes the following components and estimated timeline:

- *Evaluation Committee (Sept.-Oct. 2022)*: MMSD middle school educators and administrators will be invited to apply to the Evaluation Committee. The Evaluation Committee is charged with evaluating all proposals and materials using a set process and rubric.
- *Selection Committee (Nov. 2022)*: A subset of the Evaluation Committee membership will then form the Selection Committee, charged with making a recommendation(s) to the Superintendent informed by data from the Evaluation Committee.
- *Student Involvement (Oct. - Nov. 2022)*: MMSD 6-8 student reactions to the material will be gathered in a TBD process.
- *Community Involvement (Nov. 2022)*: Community involvement is encouraged through their review and feedback of materials which will be made available to the public.

In addition, we will plan on providing ongoing updates via weekly updates and also through the Instruction Work Group. At this time, we expect Board members to vote on the middle school materials adoption purchase in March 2023. Please let us know if a BOE member is interested in being part of the committee similar to the K-5 involvement.



Articles of Interest

[How Students are recovering from the Pandemic](#)

[Ed Dept: Students show 'significant progress' as staffing woes continue](#)

[Shortage of substitute teachers in Northeast Wisconsin](#)

['It's certainly having an impact on MMSD': Teacher shortage concerns in Madison](#)

[Wisconsin school enrollment stabilizes but fails to recover prior year's losses](#)

[School districts dealing with teacher shortage](#)

[Teacher shortages face NE Wisconsin school districts](#)



Great Things Happening Around MMSD

- Dane County awards districts grants to increase [mental health staffing](#).
- Eighth grade AVID [student from Wright Middle School](#) presented to 5,000 educators at a National Conference.
- Dr. Jenkins spoke with national media on the challenges districts across the country are facing, including the Washington Post, CNN, and Meet the Press Now.
- [School administrators and district leaders](#) engaged in professional learning and [collaboration](#) during this week's MMSD Leadership Institute.
- At Madison's [CampHERO](#), 200 Girl Scouts from kindergarten through high school learned about careers in protective services — including policing, firefighting and emergency medical services.
- [UW Chancellor Jennifer Mnookin](#) and Superintendent Jenkins met to discuss the upcoming school year, teacher education, and K12 partnership.

OUR UPCOMING BOARD CALENDAR

- Mon., August 15, 5 p.m. Instruction Work Group
Virtual and in person for Board Members only
- Mon., August 16, 5 p.m. Special Board of Education Meeting- Closed
In person- Board only
- Week of August 22 Board Briefings
Virtual
- Mon., August 22, 5 p.m. Special Board of Education Meeting- Closed
In person- BOE
- Thurs., August 25, 5:15 p.m. Safety and Student Wellness Ad Hoc
Virtual
- Sat., August 27, 8 a.m. Board of Education Retreat
In person—Location TBD
- Mon., August 29, 5 p.m. Special Board of Education Meeting- Closed
Virtual and in person for Board Members only
- Mon., August 29, 6 p.m. Regular Board of Education Meeting
Virtual and in person – Open to the public

ITEMS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION

1. Construction Update—West High School



Future Ready Construction Update

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This week's update: West High School

We are committed to keeping you informed as we complete construction from the MMSD 2020 facilities referendum.

Summer renovations are wrapping up

As we near the end of summer, most phases of construction are wrapping up as finishes are being installed. Crews are hard at work to ensure spaces are ready for students and staff in the fall.

At the same time, crews are prepping for the fall construction phases, including areas on the first and third floors. Some construction activities from the summer phases are still ongoing, with a few areas slated to be wrapped up during the school year.

New additions are taking shape

The new pool and gym additions are taking shape, with concrete walls being installed along Regent St. and Highland Ave. The elevator pit has been poured and the site is getting ready for new masonry block walls, which will form the corridor and locker rooms for the new gym and pool spaces.

The interior courtyard will include a connecting hallway from the theatre and pool areas to the new addition. Much of the onsite excavation and foundation work will occur in the upcoming weeks and crews will begin to install the structure using large cranes.



The interior courtyard is being excavated in preparation for concrete foundations that will support the new additions



The polished concrete floor in the ceramics room is complete and the space is ready for final coats of paint

DID YOU KNOW?

In the lower level of the Van Hise wing, the original concrete is ground and polished to create a finished concrete flooring. This technique accentuates the small rocks within the concrete, giving the flooring a truly unique finish. In addition to its one-of-a-kind look, finished concrete flooring is also less costly and easier to maintain.

For additional information or questions,
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Future Ready Construction Update

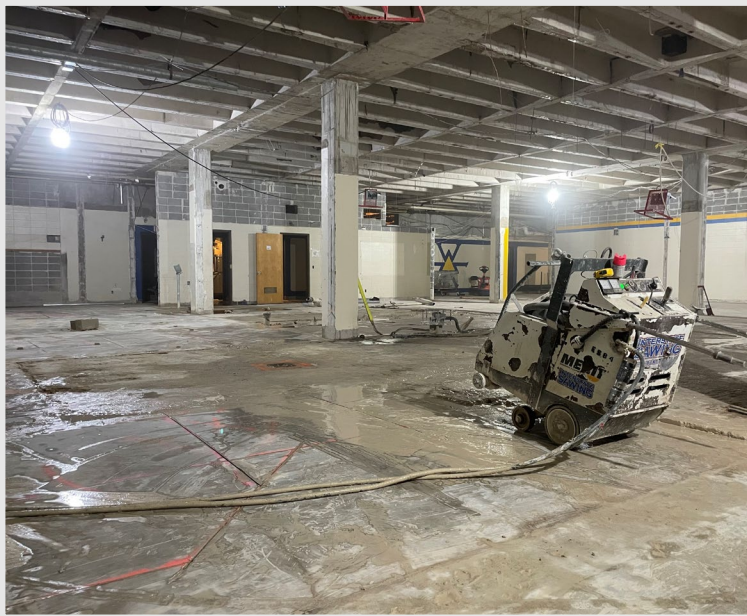
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Bathroom tiling and fixtures were installed and ceiling tile will be installed next week



In the old gym area, workers painted the walls and installed the ceiling grid for the new classroom spaces, and will install the flooring next week



Crews completed demolition work in the old locker room area and will begin cutting and removing the sections of the concrete flooring to install new underground plumbing piping



Walls are painted and flooring is installed in classrooms in the Van Hise wing

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