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WINTER 2023

AROUND MINNETONKA

NEWS FROM MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022-23 SCHOOL BOARD GOALS SET

Each year, the Minnetonka School Board sets goals for the school district. For the 2022-2023 school year, Minnetonka Public Schools is focusing on three goals.

GOAL: Excellence in Well-being, Belonging and Connection

The District will foster and promote positive student well-being, connection and belonging efforts and will identify and remove barriers that have a detrimental effect on these areas. The District will strive for fair treatment, opportunity and advancement of all students to pursue their highest levels of academic and personal achievement. The Board's vision for child-centered excellence will be the foundation for these efforts.

GOAL: Excellence in Student Learning and Support

Excellence in student learning and support is a foundational principle guiding the Minnetonka School Board and District Administration in their work. The continuation of the District's excellence will be driven through deep implementation of educational frameworks and strategic programs to support student learning. The District will also broaden the reach of the Minnetonka experience through the Tonka Online K-12 e-learning program and will assess the program's successes and challenges to make recommendations for future adjustments. And, the District will utilize space strategically to accommodate its growing innovative programming. This includes long-term facility planning for the programming needs in all academic and co-curricular programs.

GOAL: Excellence in Leadership and Organizational Support

The District strives for excellence in all aspects of leadership and fiscal management. It will increase engagement opportunities for District leadership to build even stronger community trust, keeping constituents informed and engaged. The District will take steps to further maximize long-term financial stability and sustainability. And, there will be an enhanced focus on recruitment and retention of exceptional teachers and staff, including efforts to create a representative workforce that will enrich the learning environment for all students.

Staying Up-to-Date on Goal Progress

Throughout the year, the District administration will update the School Board and community at School Board meetings, on the District website and in District publications on the efforts made to achieve these pursuits. In May, the School Board will revisit and update the goals for the 2023-24 school year.

If you'd like to sign up to receive monthly School Board News emails, which summarize the content of the School Board's regular meetings, click the QR code to the right and fill out the contact form.



MINNETONKA SCHOOLS IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY 2023

- 9.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17.....Dream Makers, Foundation Event at Bavaria Downs, 7-11 p.m.
- 17.....2-Hour Early Release K-12, Professional Learning
- 20.....No School K-12, District Offices Closed, President's Day
- 23.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m.

MARCH 2023

- 2.....P/T Conferences, 4-8 p.m.
- 3.....No School K-12, P/T Conferences, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 9.....Parenting with Purpose Event: Reaching for Success, MHS Arts Center, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 9.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 23.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m.
- 30.....End of 3rd Quarter
- 31.....No School K-12, Planning and Grading/PLC

APRIL 2023

- 3-7.....No School K-12, Spring Break
- 7.....District Office Closed
- 10.....Classes Resume, Start of 4th Quarter
- 13.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17.....2-Hour Late Start K-12, Professional Learning
- 27.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m.

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ENGAGE WITH THE MINNETONKA SCHOOL BOARD

As your elected representatives, School Board members welcome questions and conversations related to governing the District. Board members actively engage with the community, attending advisory council meetings, serving on committees and attending school and community meetings and events. Board members welcome invitations to your events and will make an effort to attend.

The School Board website at minnetonkaschools.org/schoolboard includes meeting dates, agendas, minutes and video recordings of each regular Board meeting. In addition, the District sends the School Board News email to currently enrolled families and staff after each regular meeting. This communication includes a summary of Board action and a link to the video recording for each agenda item.

The School Board carefully reviews the results and comments submitted through the annual parent survey; in 2022, the Board evaluated more than 9,000 comments. This critical feedback informs the Board's planning and decision making year round.

You may communicate formally and informally with the School Board through:

Let's Talk: Use the Let's Talk form on the District website to submit questions, comments, suggestions, concerns or compliments.

Email: If you wish to communicate with the entire Board, please email: schoolboard@minnetonkaschools.org. All Board members will receive your correspondence and the Board Chair or Vice-Chair respond to emails on behalf of the Board. Board member email addresses are published on the District website.

Telephone: For more complex or emotional topics, a phone call meeting may be most effective. Board member phone numbers are also published on the District website.

Personal Meetings: Constituents who wish to meet with individual School Board members may contact them directly to make arrangements.

Public Meetings: The Board meets at least monthly to conduct business and provide opportunities for public input. Meetings and study sessions are held at the District Service Center. Here are the different public input options for meetings and study sessions:

- **Community Comments** is a standing agenda item at each regular meeting of the School Board. Community Comments is an opportunity for you to address the Board regarding an item included on the agenda of the meeting in accordance with established guidelines for public comment.
- **Citizen Input** is a standing agenda item at each School Board study session. Citizen Input is an opportunity for you to address the Board regarding any topic (regardless of the agenda) within established guidelines for public comment.

For Community Comment and Citizen Input, you will be asked to keep remarks to three minutes, and no remarks may be of a personal nature or address anyone aside from the School Board. Personnel concerns will not be heard by the Board at a meeting or study session. Personnel concerns should be directed first to a principal or the Executive Director of Human Resources, then to the Superintendent and finally, in writing, to the School Board.

A MESSAGE from the Superintendent

Throughout the year, our theme here at Minnetonka Schools has been 'Excellence in How We Live, Lead and Learn.' As we continue to lean into that theme to guide our steps, I would like to invite you to help us lift up and honor the teachers, staff members and volunteers who make our school district truly an exceptional experience for our students.

Whether you are a parent, student, staff member or community member, please consider nominating a school employee or school volunteer for a Minnetonka Schools Celebration of Excellence Award this year. Nominations are open through March 5, 2023.

Award categories include:

- Bradley G. Board Award for Excellence in Elementary Education
- Minnetonka Employee Award for Child-Centered Excellence
- Minnetonka Award for Child-Centered Excellence in Teaching
- Minnetonka Award for Child-Centered Excellence in Teaching E-learners
- Team Award for Child-Centered Collaboration
- Joyce Gustafson Memorial Award
- Judy Erdahl Memorial Award
- Spinnaker Award (for Exceptional Volunteers and School District Contributors)

Celebration of Excellence award honorees, selected from the pool of nominations by a committee of past award honorees, will be recognized at the District's annual Celebration of Excellence Awards ceremony on May 11, 2023.

Please take a few moments to learn more about the award categories at www.minnetonkaschools.org/celebration-of-excellence and acknowledge a school employee or community member who volunteers in the school district for their dedication and impact.

Thank you for your support of Minnetonka Public Schools. It is wonderful to be part of such an engaged and collaborative community.

David Law, JD
Superintendent of Schools

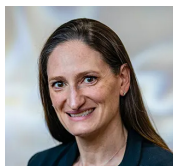
A Celebration of
EXCELLENCE



Scan the QR code to the right to nominate a school employee or volunteer for a Celebration of Excellence Award!



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