



# Mountain Lakes School District

SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

## **Welcome Newly Elected Board Members:**

- Dr. Aruni Don
- Ms. Meghan Leininger
- Mrs. Erinn Tucker

## **School Board Vacancy**

- 1 candidate interviewed tonight for the vacant position.

# COVID Related Updates



- COVID activity in our region is very high (see [CALI Report](#))
- CDC has updated and shortened recommendations for isolation and quarantine periods for the general public; they are NOT YET applied to the K-12 setting.

We will follow the recommendations of the NJ Department of Health and implement conventional isolation and quarantine timeframes:

- 10-day isolation for COVID positives;
- Unvaccinated: 7-day quarantine for COVID exposures with negative test or 10-day quarantine for COVID exposures without negative test;
- Vaccinated: no need to quarantine for COVID exposures; monitor for symptoms.

- Provided here is the comprehensive document of [Public Health Recommendations for K-12 Schools](#) based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19.
- These recommendations are used by our local health department to aid us in developing a layered strategy to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Details related to home-based testing can be found [HERE](#).
- **As always, please keep your child home if s/he is ill or has COVID-like symptoms and reach out to your school nurse with any questions or concerns.**

# Strategic Planning Update



# Strategic Planning Progress

- On 12/14, we developed goal statements with aligned objectives using input from the two previous sessions.

To create a learning environment and programs that provide a solid foundation for all and that supports students of all abilities and interests to achieve their potential in whatever learning path suits them best.

To create a safe/nurturing, supportive and healthy environment where collaboration and diversity are encouraged and celebrated for inclusive learning both within and outside the walls of the classroom.

To develop and maintain an environment that values and empowers all staff which will lead to PASSIONATE educators who feel supported in their positions.

To foster meaningful relationships between school, family, and community that promotes a sense of unity, tradition, and shared responsibility for enriching the lives of all community members.

To increase revenue, decrease/manage costs, and balance the budget by collaborating with stakeholders and local and state resources.

# Strategic Planning Next Steps

- The administrative team will identify action steps for each stated goal area and/or objectives.
- The action steps will specify how the district will work to ensure the goals/objectives will be met.

**Expected Completion Date:** Tuesday, March 1st



# MLSD Support Programming



# Parent SEL Workshop Series

- **Workshop Information:**

- **Title:** Stress Management for Parents in 2022: How to Regain Your Balance.

- [Program Specifics](#)

- **When:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022

- **Location:** [Microsoft Teams](#)

- **Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm

- [RSVP](#)

# General Updates and Reminders



# LinkIt Parent Portal

- **What is the LinkIt portal?** Platform to access student achievement on a variety of standardized assessments.
- **What assessments are available?** The available assessments vary by grade level and/or course enrollment. The assessments shared on the LinkIt Parent Portal are NOT classroom generated assessments and will not appear on PowerSchool or equated in your student's marking period grades. A list of assessments organized by grade level can be viewed [here](#).
- **How do I access the portal?** <https://mlschools.linkit.com/parent>  
A specialized access code was sent to the email addresses of parents/guardians on Tuesday, December 21st

# MLHS Academic Program Survey

- As we begin our preparation for the 2022-23 school year, we would like to elicit student feedback on both current and prospective elective courses at MLHS.
- A survey will be administered to current 8th-11th grade students at RVS, Briarcliff and MLHS later this week.
- Students will be asked to rate the likelihood that they will enroll in the identified elective courses during their time at MLHS.
- All courses listed on the survey are proposed elective offerings for the upcoming school year. This survey does not include core courses that are required for graduation or Advanced Placement courses.
- Parents/guardians were provided with a copy of the survey via email to allow time for them to discuss the courses shared with their child(ren).

# Superintendent Coffee Talks for 2021-22

**Wednesday, February 9th - 7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, April 27th - 9:00 AM (VIRTUAL)**

**LOCATION: MLHS Media Center**