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**Take Five Briefing**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**November 17, 2020**

We understand that members of our school community may not be able to attend Board of Education meetings. To help keep stakeholders informed, the Take Five Briefing has been developed by the administration to touch upon five key topics discussed at the most recent public Board meeting.

Please view the meeting documents [here](#). The most recent MPS Education Update can be found [here](#).

1. **COVID Update Provided:** Superintendent Mark Schwarz provided an update regarding the pandemic and the district's health data and procedures. Community members and student liaisons shared their perspectives on in-person schooling and other considerations given the uptick in positive cases throughout the state.
2. **District Goals Presentation:** The Board welcomed [a presentation](#) by Mr. Schwarz regarding the development of the 2020-2021 District Goals. The draft goals were framed by a wide range of data gathered by the district over the recent years, including academic outputs on state testing and self-reported survey responses regarding the student experience. No action was taken on the goals, which will be presented for adoption at the December 15th Board meeting.
3. **Donations Accepted:** The Board accepted two large donations for use in the current school year. The first, for \$25,000, was presented by an anonymous donor. Mr. Schwarz noted that the donation would be used to support the purchase of high-interest texts throughout the district. The second, for \$13,950, was presented by the Madison Education Foundation, and will support the purchase of 155 portable speaker units that will help facilitate instruction and student interaction at each school. The Board and administration noted its sincere appreciation for the generosity of the parties involved.
4. **Students Recognized:** Asst. Superintendent Mr. Ross highlighted a number of students for their successes over the past weeks. Rachel Nollkamper (12th grade) and Elise Hart (10th grade) were recognized for their achievement in the "World Without Racism" [art contest](#). Scholar-athletes Shea Baggett, Kathryn Christos, and Kiley Selquist were congratulated for their participation in the Division I Early signing day. Quentin Gerard-Saroul (6th grade) was also acknowledged for winning a [Judge's Award](#) in a statewide competition centered on engineering principles.
5. **HIB Grades Report and School Safety Data System Reports Approved:** The Board approved two required district reports related to safety and wellness. The first, a [self-assessment](#) for the 2019-2020 school year, outlines items related to compliance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act. The second [collects information](#) from January 2020 to June 2020 on a variety of items related to the student safety data system.