



Take Five Briefing **Board of Education Meeting** **December 15, 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. Facilities Planning Presentation Provided:** Superintendent Mark Schwarz provided a presentation on the district's recent efforts to gather community feedback related to school facilities. The information, which was collected through a platform called Thoughtexchange, is one part in the administration's plan to evaluate the district schools, infrastructure, and grounds to help plan facilities-related initiatives. The presentation can be [viewed here](#).
- 2. Senior Internship Presentation:** The Board welcomed MHS Mathematics Teacher Mr. Chris Monaco to provide an overview of the school's full-year senior internship program. Mr. Monaco outlined the program and then invited three MHS students, Graciella Dressler, Maggie Minogue, and Jessica Brazeau, to discuss their experiences. Mr. Monaco thanked those who are providing support for students and welcomed anyone interested in becoming a community partner in this program to email him at monacoc@madisonnjps.org.
- 3. District Goals Approved:** The Board adopted the [2020-2021 District Goals](#), which were outlined by Mr. Schwarz. The goals, which were introduced for discussion at prior Board meetings, were finalized after a wide range of input was gathered from faculty work groups. Each goal is accompanied by multi-year targets to help the administration and Board track progress towards their completion.
- 4. Technology Updates Provided:** Asst. Superintendent Dan Ross highlighted a number of technology updates aimed at enhancing teaching and learning throughout the district. The first related to the receipt of new Chromebooks for all students in grades K-12, which will be distributed according to a detailed action plan developed by administration. The second focused on the implementation of new portable microphone/speaker units that have been placed in each classroom to help connect in-person students to those learning at home. Mr. Ross thanked Mr. LaPierre, Coordinator of Technology, for his ongoing leadership and support of these initiatives.
- 5. Bylaws Discussed:** The Board discussed three bylaws related to the structure and operation of open public meetings. Board members discussed changes and made recommendations regarding current procedures related to meeting recordings, public participation, and meeting structure. No action was taken on the bylaws, which will be brought forward for first reading in January.