



Take Five Briefing
Board of Education Meeting
March 16, 2021

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](#) and previous versions can be found [here](#).

1. **Tentative Budget Adopted:** The Board approved the tentative 2021-2022 budget, which outlines the total operating budget, anticipated revenues, and local tax levy. The budget includes reserve account withdrawals to help update ventilation systems at Madison High School and throughout the district. A tentative budget presentation was held publicly on March 9, 2021, and can be [viewed at this link](#). The final budget adoption is scheduled for April 27, 2021.
2. **Organizational Chart Published:** The Madison Public Schools [organizational chart](#) for the 2020-2021 school year was reviewed and approved. The organizational chart outlines the reporting structure for staff and administration and is used to help clarify communication both within the organization and for the benefit of the public.
3. **Summer Support Programs Approved:** The Board approved a variety of summer programs designed to provide additional learning opportunities for students. The programs include an academic support program at MJS, a bridge support program for incoming 9th graders taking English 9 or Algebra 1, an ESL summer program, and the Extended School Year Program for eligible students with special needs. Programs will be funded through a combination of Federal funds and the district budget.
4. **2021 STEAM Academy Program Updated:** The Madison [STEAM Academy](#) has been updated for Summer 2021. The STEAM Academy is in its fourth year of operation and will offer both in-person and online course programming during the weeks of June 28th, July 5th, July 12th, July 19th, July 26th, and August 2nd. Half-day and full-day programs will be available and families can select before or after care options to extend the day. Information about STEAM Academy enrollment and courses will be distributed this week.
5. **Spring Athletics Coaches Approved:** The Board approved the final group of athletics coaches for the 2020-2021 school year, following a successful yet challenging year of sports during the pandemic. The appointments include coaches and support staff for Spring sports including baseball, softball, golf, lacrosse, track, and boys' tennis. Safety protocols for Spring sports were developed by the NJSIAA and have been reviewed for implementation by the MHS administration.