



Take Five Briefing
Board of Education Meeting
April 20, 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. **2020-2021 School Calendar Revised:** The Board approved the minor change to the [2020-2021 school calendar](#) based on the need to allocate one remaining snow day. The change extends the Memorial Day weekend so that schools are closed for students on June 1st and 2nd. Staff will be off on June 1st and the staff-only professional development day will be held on June 2nd. MHS graduation and other end of year events are unaffected by the modification.
2. **DEI Services Consulting Agreement Approved:** Dr. Karla Manning was approved to provide consulting services related to diversity, equity, and inclusion through the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Manning will assist the central office team, building principals, and faculty members in pursuit of meeting the district's mission to create an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. Additional information about Dr. Manning and her work can be found at [her website](#).
3. **MEF Spring Grants Cycle Approved:** The Board welcomed grants from the Madison Education Foundation worth over \$35,000. The grants include items related to mindfulness, software to improve student engagement, new machines for the STEAM courses, and many other items. The Board thanks the MEF for its incredible ongoing support, especially during this challenging year!
4. **Athletics Donations Accepted:** The Board accepted donations from the Bullpen Club and the Girls Lacrosse Booster Club for use with the MHS athletics program. The Bullpen Club provided a pitching machine and storage shed for the baseball teams, while the Lacrosse Booster Club provided support with a variety of equipment that can be used during team practices. The Board appreciates the generosity of these organizations!
5. **Panorama Education Introduced:** The district welcomed Panorama Education into its suite of software solutions that will be used to provide structures and supports for students. Panorama will be used to help the district deliver student surveys, create support plans for students, and aggregate and analyze data to monitor student thriving. The district will share more about how Panorama will be used in the next few months.