



Take Five Briefing **Board of Education Meeting** **June 15, 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.

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- 1. Educators of the Year Celebrated:** The Board celebrated the 2021 MPS Educators of the Year, which included both a Teacher of the Year and the Educational Services Professional of the Year from each school. The annual award is determined by nomination, with input from a wide variety of stakeholders at each school. Teacher of the Year recipients are: Mr. Chris Monaco (MHS), Ms. Kate Ferris (MJS), Ms. Stacy Trilling (CAS), Ms. Sally Lembo (KRS), and Ms. Suzanne Pelkey (TJS). Educational Services Professional of the Year recipients are: Ms. Diane Fastiggi (MHS), Ms. Karen Bessin (MJS), Ms. Dana Esposito (CAS), Ms. Ann Guzewicz (KRS), and Ms. Ashley LoBrace (TJS).
- 2. Board Innovation in Teaching Award Conferred:** The Board conferred its second annual Innovation in Teaching (IIT) Award, which highlights staff members' unique contributions that have helped pique curiosity, a love of learning, and a spirit of discovery. For 2021, the IIT award recipients are: Ms. Kerilyn Stockdale (TJS) for spearheading the development and publication of bilingual books written by ESL students in grades K-5; Ms. Mary Ann St. Jacques (MJS) and Mr. Jason Erdreich (MJS) for the creation of the interdisciplinary MJS CREATES elective block; and Ms. Karen DeTrollo (MHS) for developing walking field trips and designing virtual field trips for her biology students.
- 3. Retirees Recognized:** The Board recognized retirees from the 2020-2021 school year and celebrated their service to the district. The Board thanks those who have served in the district and wishes them a happy and healthy retirement.
- 4. MJS Assistant Principal Hired:** The Board approved the hiring of Mr. Frank Perrone as the next Assistant Principal of MJS. Mr. Perrone comes to Madison after serving for six years as the District Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts in Randolph Public Schools. Mr. Perrone fills the role left vacant by Ms. Brooke Phillips, who will formally begin her tenure as MJS Principal on July 1st.
- 5. TJS PTO Donation:** The Board accepted a donation from the TJS PTO in the amount of \$80,000 to provide a new play structure and two spinners for the TJS school playground. The Board appreciates the generosity of the PTO and is looking forward to the newly-designed space and structure of the playground!