



Take Five Briefing
Board of Education Meeting
April 26, 2022

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.

For additional reference, please refer to the current and past [Board meeting agendas](#), [MPS Education Updates](#), and [Take Five Briefings](#).

- 2022-23 Public Budget Hearing:** The MPS administration provided its [public budget hearing](#) for the 2022-23 school year to the Board and public. Superintendent Mark Schwarz introduced the presentation and in-depth commentary was provided by Business Administrator Danielle Mancuso and Assistant Superintendents Dan Ross and Dr. Frank Santora. The presentation outlines the estimated tax increase for the 2022-23 school year, which is approximately 1.16%, and provides detailed information about the budget process, revenues, expenditures, and reserve accounts.
- Final Budget Resolution:** The Board adopted the final budget resolution for the 2022-23 school year as described in the presentation linked above. The resolution, noted at item 16a in the agenda, includes information about a number of items related to the budget and has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent.
- Donations:** The Board accepted a number of [generous donations](#) that will benefit students and staff. The Madison Education Foundation (MEF) supported 17 donations from the Spring grant cycle to improve student experiences throughout the district. The Board also accepted two donations from athletics booster organizations to support a new batting cage for softball and apparel for lacrosse teams. Finally, the Board approved a donation of \$2700 to the Mocko family on behalf of the MHS Athletic Fund from the gate ticket sales of the Go Gold Jake basketball games on February 25th and 28th.
- Summer Programs:** The Board approved a variety of programs to support student learning during Summer 2022, including the district's Extended School Year (ESY) programs, which are supported through district funds, and a number of academic support programs and supplemental programming for English language learners supported through federal grant funds.
- Academy for Government and Leadership Agreement:** The Board accepted the [agreement with the Morris County Vocational School District](#) to formalize the terms for the Academy of Government and Leadership, which will begin at MHS in Fall 2022. The Academy is a new career and technical education program taught by MHS faculty that is open to students from across Morris County. In the 2022-23 school year the district anticipates welcoming 14 students to the Academy.