



Take Five Briefing **Board of Education Meeting** **September 14, 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.

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

1. **Education Brief Provided:** The Board invited commentary from Dan Ross, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel, regarding some of the district's academic highlights for the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Ross discussed the alignment between the district goals and the academic priorities for the year and outlined some specific items including the Madison Tiered System of Supports, the MPS Literacy Framework, the district's collaboration with Digital Promise, and a variety of new courses and other initiatives. For more specific information from the beginning of the school year, please check out the most recent [Education Update](#).
2. **Board Certification Process Outlined:** The Board welcomed Charlene Peterson, Field Service Representative from New Jersey School Boards Association, to speak about [Board Certification](#). Board Certification is a professional development process that requires Board members to train together and commit to continuous improvement through reflection and a self-evaluation process. The NJSBA provides technical assistance for Boards that are interested in learning more about certification status.
3. **Staff Salary Advancements Recognized:** The Board recognized 10 staff members who achieved movement on the salary guide through earning a graduate degree or through the accrual of 30 graduate credits beyond a Master's Degree. Continuous education is a hallmark of the district's mission and goals and the Board congratulates those who have achieved this milestone.
4. **NJDOE Attestation Approved:** The Board approved the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Attestation, which is required as part of the pandemic-era changes to school district operations in the state. The Attestation affirms the district's commitment to provide virtual or remote instruction as required by law and details are embedded in the district's [Reopening Plan for 2021-2022](#).
5. **Donations Accepted:** The Board accepted two donations that will benefit Madison Junior School during the 2021-22 school year. The MJS PTO provided funding to support the 6th Grade Social and Visions Federal Credit Union supported the purchase of Classroom Breakout Education Kits for 8th Grade ELA Classes. The Board thanks both organizations for their support of the district!