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**Take Five Briefing**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**November 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.

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

1. **Academy for Government and Leadership Presentation Provided:** MHS Principal David Drechsel and MHS Assistant Principal Todd Jensen shared information about the Academy for Government and Leadership, which will be implemented during the 2022-23 school year. The Academy is a partnership between Madison and the Morris County Vocational School District (MCVSD) that educates students in all aspects of governance including public policy, public administration, ethics, and international relations. More information can be found in the [presentation](#) provided and on the [MCVSD program website](#).
2. **Donations Accepted:** The Board accepted a number of donations designed to enhance the student experience. The first set of donations supported funding for an assembly by Stephen Hill, who spoke to MJS students about substance use prevention & mental health awareness. Additional donations included a Yamaha Clavinova CVP with Bench and 7 Piano Labs for use in the MHS music programs. The Board appreciates the generosity of the Madison community members and organizations that provide continued support for the schools and district.
3. **School Calendar for 2022-23 Outlined:** The administration presented a draft calendar for the 2022-23 school year. The proposed calendar maintains the start date of school as the Monday before Labor Day and provides professional development sessions for staff on key dates throughout the year. The Board is planning to take action on the calendar for 2022-23 at the December Board meeting.
4. **Field Trips Approved:** The district approved its first set of field trips for the 2021-22 school year, marking one more aspect of the return to a normal school year. The field trips represent a wide range of excursions and experiences for students at all grade levels and both staff and students are excited for their ability to travel once again after the challenges and restrictions of the last two school years.
5. **Facilities Agreements Approved:** The Board approved three agreements that will allow MHS athletics teams the ability to practice at specialized facilities during the winter sports season. Members of the Swim team will be able to practice at the pool in the newly-redeveloped Madison Area YMCA. The Boys and Girls Ice Hockey teams have secured ice time for their sessions at the William G. Mennen Sports Arena in Morristown.