



Take Five Briefing
Board of Education Meeting
January 18, 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](#).

- 1. Start Strong Assessment Data Presented:** Assistant Superintendent Dan Ross provided a presentation on the Start Strong assessment, which was administered to students in the Fall. The [presentation](#) includes a wide range of data and analysis, as well as commentary regarding how the staff and administration are using the data in their current and future planning. The Start Strong assessment satisfied Federal testing requirements from the 2020-21 school year, during which testing was postponed. During [Spring 2022](#), the district will administer the NJSLA in English language arts and mathematics to students in grades 3-11 and in science to students in grades 5, 8, and 11.
- 2. Donations Accepted:** The Board accepted a number of [generous donations](#) from the Madison Education Foundation. The donations, which totaled nearly \$50,000 in books, software, SEL enhancements, and student experiences, will allow the district to continue its innovative practices and plan for future programming. The Board is thankful for the creativity of the staff members who wrote the grants and for the incredible generosity of the MEF in its ongoing partnership with the district.
- 3. Addendum to MOA with Madison PD:** The Board approved an [addendum](#) to its Memorandum of Agreement with the Madison Police Department. The [annual agreement](#), which was approved in November, outlines the ways in which the district and MPD collaborate in a wide range of areas. The addendum outlines additional security enhancements including key fob access to district schools and a trunked radio system that will improve communication during a crisis situation.
- 4. Madison District Green Team:** The Board approved the [Madison Green Team](#), which is a working group that comprises members of each school and the central office. Among other items, the Green Team members lead initiatives in support of the Madison Environmental Commission's [Green Vision Forum](#), which occurs each year in the Spring.
- 5. School Calendar for 2022-23 Changed:** The administration approved a small change to the [2022-23 district calendar](#) that changed the status of dates in November due to the NJEA Teachers' Convention. The district calendar remains unchanged in all other respects from the version previously approved in December.