



TO: Members of the Board of Education
FROM: Jane Belmore, Interim Superintendent
DATE: August 8, 2019
RE: Weekly Update

Dear Board Members,

My first seven days have been very busy indeed. We had a great two-day Leadership Institute, with all Principals, Assistant Principals and School Based Leadership Teams. The Departments of Professional Learning & Leadership and the Department of Equity, Partnership & Engagement did a wonderful job of designing and delivering the work of these two days. The focus was on developing leadership capacity and school plans for infusing the goals of the Strategic Framework with an emphasis on racial equity into each school's planning for the 2019-20 school year. School teams returned to schools on Wednesday to continue planning.

On Thursday the Legal Team and the Chief of Operations department masterfully engaged school leaders in reviewing the updated BEP and related processes, safety planning and protocols and legal considerations that need to be refreshed or are new for the upcoming school year. Our Principals and Assistant Principals are truly impressive and they, along with their school-based leaders and central office partners are preparing to make this a meaningful year for all students.

Sincerely,

Jane

BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

Fund 80 Legal Summary

“Establish and maintain community education, training, recreational, cultural or athletic programs and services, outside the regular curricular and extracurricular programs for pupils, under such terms and conditions as the school board prescribes. The school board may establish and collect fees to cover all or part of the costs of such programs and services. Costs associated with such programs and services shall not be included in the school district's shared cost.” See the attachment for more detailed information.

English Language Learner (ELL) Information Responses

Please see the attached information that was shared with the Board via email on Monday, August 5, prior to the Instruction Work Group meeting.

Attendance/Truancy

Attached you will find an overview of the Wisconsin Statute on school attendance, along with an overview of our own attendance and truancy process, including school-based truancy court and citation data as requested by a Board member. We continue to monitor the impact of our attendance systems and interventions including all elements of our truancy process.

OTHER INFORMATION

Community Events:

All dates for community announcements are posted on the [Board Community Activities Calendar](#)

- The Urban League is hosting the **Education Career Fair** today **Thursday, August 8**, from 3-6pm at 2222 S Park St. MMSD is looking to hire for many positions along with other Dane County school districts.
- A reminder that the **100 Black Men of Madison Back-to-School Celebration 2019** is on **Saturday, August 10**, at 9 a.m. at the MATC Truax Campus. The Stuffing Party will take place on Thursday, August 8, also at the Truax Campus (time TBD).
- A reminder that the 3rd annual **MMSD's Employee Health & Wellness Fair Including a Family Fun Run/Walk** will take place **Wednesday, August 21**, from 2:30-7 p.m. at Memorial High School in the cafeteria. There will be several presentations from 3-6:30 p.m. and the Family Fun Run/Walk will begin at 5:30 p.m. There will also be free flu shots for ages 12+, mindfulness demonstrations, and a guest appearance by the Mallard Duck. Sign-up information can be found [here](#).
- A reminder that the Rainbow Project is hosting the **Rhumba 4 Rainbow Benefit** event on **Friday, September 13**, from 7-Midnight at Varsity Hall in Union South. At this event the Extra Mile Awards will honor the work and dedication of community members that advocate for children and families dealing with trauma. Our MMSD Assistant Director of Integrated Health Dr. Armando Hernandez is the recipient of this year's Extra Mile Award for School Representative. Tickets can be [found here](#).

Media Updates:

- Mayor Satya's Blog: [Mental Health and Emergency Response--8/6](#)
- Madison365: [11th Annual Back 2 Skool Bash Will Make Sure Kids Are Ready for School--8/5](#)
- *Wisconsin State Journal (WSJ)*: [Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway focusing on building relationships, staff--8/4](#)
- Madison365: [Food for Success Coalition Seeks Volunteers for School Food Pantries--8/2](#)

- *Isthmus*: [Lessons from Mike Hernandez: The departing principal connected with all students at East--8/1](#)
- *Capital Times*: [Positive messaging early in the school year can help sixth graders transition to middle school, UW study says--7/31](#)

OUR UPCOMING BOARD CALENDAR

You can find these calendars [here](#) in BoardDocs (internal documents requiring log in)

- Mon., Aug. 12, 9 a.m. Board Officers
Supt's office
- **Mon., Aug. 12, 4:45 p.m. Photo of the Board**
- Mon., Aug. 12, 5 p.m. Special meeting in open session WORKSHOP
Doyle, 103
- Wed., Aug. 14, 5 p.m. City Education Committee
Madison Municipal Building, Rm. 302
- **Week of August 19 BOE Briefings**
- Mon., Aug. 19, 5 p.m. Special meeting in closed session followed by open session
WORKSHOP
Doyle, 103
- Mon., Aug. 26, 11:30 a.m. Board Officers
Supt's office
- Mon., Aug. 26, 6 p.m. Regular BOE meeting
Doyle, auditorium

ITEMS ATTACHED FOR INFORMATION

1. Jane's weekly schedule
2. Fund 80 Detailed Information
3. ELL information:
 - a. Friday counts percentage by school
 - b. Friday counts of students by school
 - c. Responses to questions raised via email prior to Work Group meeting on 8/5/19
4. Attendance/Truancy Process Overview