



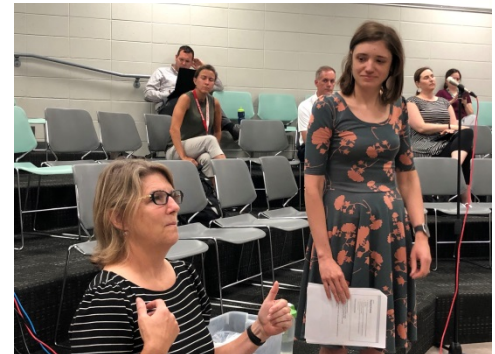
# Board of Education Recap

July 16, 2019

Hello, Viking Fans – It is the middle of summer and preparations are already underway for 2019-20 school registration. If you didn't receive an email that I sent to families last Wednesday, [you can find it here](#). Preparations for the start to the school year was also top of mind for our Board of Education at their meeting last night. Please read on...

**Strategic Plan Update** – One indicator of success the Board laid out for its staff is the extent to which our students are meeting/exceeding life ready indicators. Directors **Sarah Straka** and **Brian Johnson** were on hand to provide an update on this topic. [We call these Information and Advocacy Reports](#). Tangentially, the Board took action to approve the District's Education for Employment Plan, [which can be found here](#).

**Science Curriculum** – Among the key responsibilities of any Board of Education is to ensure we offer a rigorous and relevant curriculum. Our elementary science curriculum is foundational to students experiencing success in professions that have yet to even be imagined. Upon inviting two amazing teachers, **Annalyce Dower** (R) and **Sue Gorski** (L), to present, the Board understood the purposeful steps we are taking to enhance our curriculum, instructional delivery, and assessments of students' performance. [Here is a link](#) to the presentation they provided. Heck, even our Board got to participate in a typical science activity!



It got us thinking: in order to provide a fuller picture, we thought it might be helpful to provide a link to data we chart related to our science performance (longitudinally within the Badger Conference and between similarly sized school districts). Please click the individual links for Advanced Placement test results: [Biology](#), [Chemistry](#), [Environmental Science](#), and [Physics](#). Mount Horeb High School offers more Advanced Placement Courses than many districts of similar size. In addition, AP recognized MHHS for the number of students, from all demographics of our enrollment, sitting and passing the test. While the Wisconsin Forward Exam is relatively new, here are the Spring 2018 results for grades [4](#) and [8](#). (We will continue to gather results in order to lay out our performance in a longitudinal format.) While the results are fairly solid, we can do better. In that spirit, an item analysis can be conducted to determine thematic areas in which we can shore up. One constant, we have an exceptional group of K-12 professionals ready and able to advance us to breakthrough levels.

**Dress Code Policy** – The Board's 12 month study of this topic culminated in the passage of [this final version](#) of the policy. During that time, students have met with administration, surveys of staff have been analyzed, and review of other policies have been explored. In the end, a policy has been collaboratively developed which represents our community's standard for appropriate dress at school/activities. Thank you to all involved in this effort. The new policy will become effective with the first day of school.

Thank you for taking time to read this edition of the *Board of Education Recap*. If I can be of service to you or your student please do not hesitate to let me know ([salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us) or 437-7010). In the meantime...

I am proud to be a Viking, and I hope you are too!

Steve

Last year, the Clothes Closet provided school supplies for 140 area students in need!

If you'd like to donate supplies to help students start their 2019-2020 year off right, we would be grateful! Supplies are needed by Sunday, August 4.

**New this year!** We have set up a SignUpGenius sign up to target specific supplies/quantities. We hope this will be an easy way for people to know what we need and how many we need. You can view it [here](#).

Supplies that you purchase can be dropped at the Clothes Closet on our open dates of: July 13 (10am-12pm), July 18 (5pm-7pm) or July 27 (10am-12pm). If you need other arrangements to drop off or have questions, please email us at [cclothescloset@gmail.com](mailto:cclothescloset@gmail.com). (2 c's is correct at the beginning)!

Can't shop, but would like to donate money and we will do the shopping? You can send a check to:

Clothes Closet - School Supplies

c/o ELC

315 E Main St

Mt Horeb, WI 53572

The distribution dates of the school supplies to those in need are:

Saturday, August 17 - 9am-12pm

Tuesday, August 20 - 6pm-8pm

If you or someone you know need supplies, please leave a message by calling the Clothes Closet at 608-437-6114 and let us know the number of students and the grades they will be in. Your generosity is appreciated!

Thank you!

Lori Burns - Community Clothes Closet Liaison