



# Board of Education Recap

Dear Vikings –

May 19, 2020

## Questions?

We are regularly updating our COVID-19 [FAQ page](#) as information becomes available.



Registration is still open – but we need you to please sign up soon! Please [click here](#) for the details!

It was “down to business” when your Board of Education met last night. Here are a few highlights:

COVID-19 Update: Despite the Supreme Court’s overturning of the “Safer at Home” order, provisions related to the closure of school through June 30 remain fully in effect. Monday’s [order from Public Health Madison and Dane County](#) has further cemented this. PHMDC’s newest order will remain in effect, “until PHMDC determines that criteria to implement Phase One has been achieved.”

Our attention more readily turns to summer school and the fall. First, summer school. As a result of PHMDC’s new order, both summer school sessions will shift to online (June 22-July 3 and July 13-24) and **only Kindergarten Kick-off and Skills Booster classes will be offered. All enrichment classes are canceled.** (There are many reasons for this. Due to the timing of the DPI’s summer school guidance, we do not feel that we can realign and re-vision enrichment classes to a virtual platform, reach out to families to finalize continued interest, order needed materials, and distribute organized materials to families in one month). Students who enrolled in enrichment classes will be automatically unenrolled in Infinite Campus. Infinite Campus enrollment will remain intact for students registered for either Kindergarten Kick-off or Skills Booster classes. Academic classes will continue online for previously enrolled students.

Secondly, we remain committed to beginning school on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Of course, we all want school to resume full time in our buildings; however, if there are limitations on our ability to do that – in the interest of the safety of your children and staff – we need to develop a contingency plan. We want/need your input in what that looks like

(all virtual? a blend?) In the coming days we will be sending out a survey to families that will permit us to discern your insights. *Very preliminarily*, I am interested in exploring an avenue that offers interested families a virtual synchronous experience. I am assembling a team of staff and leaders with a penchant for being solutions-oriented. Lastly, as of this writing, we intend to follow the [same 2020-21 school calendar](#). If we have a hybrid system in the fall, this may be subject to change.

School Fees: The Administration proposed rolling over the same [fee schedule](#) for the 2020-21 school year. As it relates to the \$75 fee paid by high schoolers who sought to participate in spring sports, we are in the process of refunding those. Those will be in the mail by the end of May.

Information and Advocacy Reports: The Board heard two reports about the status of the goals related to their strategic plan, [Vision 2023](#):

- Goal II: Well Being, Indicator 1: [Improve the Practices and Policies Related to School Safety](#) and Indicator 2: Improve Confidence and Knowledge of School Safety
- Goal IV: Community Engagement, Indicator 3: [Explore joint ventures for adult learning in our schools.](#)

In the name of accountability to you, our generous taxpayers, I have placed [all these reports on our District’s website](#). (Simply, click the goal and the reports will appear on the right side.) Of course, if you have questions about the contents of these reports, please feel free to email me at [salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us](mailto:salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us).

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



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