



Board of Education Recap

Dear Vikings,

June 2, 2020

As our students and staff prepare to put the finishing touches on the 2019-20 school year, our Board of Education met last night to discuss what the future holds. Please read on...

COVID-19 Update: May 18th's [order from Public Health Madison and Dane County](#) has identified what is/is not acceptable for public education. The name of PHMDC's plan is "[Forward Dane](#)," and you may know we are currently in Phase 1 (see pages 10-15). I love hearing the many suggestions people have for gatherings, fall sports, class/retiree recognitions, parades, etc. As you can see from the plan, we are not permitted to do as other neighboring counties might be. I would love nothing more than to say, "YES!!!" Sometimes decisions are made for us. As we get your thoughtful suggestions, we are carefully reviewing "Forward Dane," calling PHMDC, and speaking with other Dane County superintendents to confirm what is possible. Keep the questions and ideas coming, please.

In order to get your ideas about your feeling related to the start to the school year (September 1, 2020), I want to remind you of the community survey we are administering. If you have not already done so, won't you please take some time before June 3 to [complete this](#)?

Pickup/Drop Off of student/school materials has been scheduled. [This message](#) was sent out to families last week. Due to the pavement projects taking place I ask that students do not walk or ride bikes to obtain/return materials. If the schedule identified in the link does not work for your family, I am confident we can make something else work. Please connect with your student's principal.

On Tuesday, June 9, from 10:30 -11:15 am (ish), we will be hosting our second virtual town hall at the following link: <https://live.myvrspot.com/st?cid=OGJiMm> . If you cannot attend, we will be recording the meeting for distribution. Topics of the fireside chat will include the survey results; any new information we are hearing from governmental agencies; planning efforts and potential timelines for key decisions; your questions, concerns, and suggestions; and any items important to you.



Topic: Fall 2020
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – 10:30 am
Mount Horeb Area School District

Summer School: Due to the "Forward Dane" plan, 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. 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.

In closing, this past Sunday was supposed to be the High School's graduation. I cannot begin to imagine how heartbreaking it has been for our graduates and their families. I received [this video](#) of our Class of 2020 as 8th graders singing Pete Seeger's "One Man's Hands," compliments of Mount Horeb alum Lili Pierce and teacher Mrs. Calli Ingebritsen. [The lyrics](#) are so applicable to the strife born from the world pandemics of COVID-19 and social injustice.

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

Steve Salerno