



# WEEKLY UPDATE TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 4, 2020

## A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT JANE BELMORE

Dear Board Members,

For the past two weeks the Senior Leadership Team has focused many hours a day, diving deep into research and plan development to prepare us for reopening school this fall. As this work continues, we have leaned on our experiences and the many lessons learned during our transition into district-wide virtual learning, preparing for end-of-year events, and creating a virtual summer school model.

This learning continues, as we continue to engage staff and families to provide us valuable feedback on their experience with virtual learning. We are committed to providing families and staff a timeline that will give them as much advance notice as possible to allow for family planning, as there may be the need to arrange for child care and adjust work schedules.

We are hoping to take this opportunity to create a better, more racially equitable way of serving our students beginning this fall. We are finalizing the timeline tomorrow and will keep you updated on this important work early next week.

As I look at the attached calendars for the next two months, you will be very busy addressing the superintendent search and the referendum. We hope to provide you the support you need in both these areas as well as keep you updated on planning for the fall.

On another note, today is the first time we will be using the refreshed format for the *Weekly Update*. The format remains largely the same so that we can let you know about important information concerning the district, respond to board member questions, and provide up-to-date board calendar and community events. We will continue to share this communication with the board on Thursday evenings as part of your packet. The additional step we are taking will be to post these to the board's web page **one week later** to increase our transparency for the public.

Hope you have a good weekend,

Jane

## OTHER INFORMATION

### ➤ **Fund 50 Food Service Update**

In line with trends across the country, and earlier predictions, we are seeing significant revenue losses in our Fund 50 Food Service for year end. We will be utilizing fund balance from within Fund 50 to balance their budget. In addition to this, we are predicting significant revenue losses for 2020-21 due to the assumption that we will not be running school as usual. These losses are due to our reliance on funding from paid students and staff lunches. Without these full-paying students right now, we face a significant revenue loss. We will talk more about this in the June Operations Work Group meeting, however, here is a very good news article about [nationwide Food Service concerns](#) that really hit our concerns here in Madison.

### ➤ **End-of-Year Celebrations**

Leopold will be having a car parade Friday June 5.

For families and students safety guidelines:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1A2n06mVUvNQRcxXFpQs5wrzqkINPQHC1/view>

Routes (there are 5):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/10kXaeG2s4SY0wqm2ckzDdomonAIQpTCbjqnbS-DCFxk/edit>

[Lapham 1st grade yearbook](#)

### ➤ **Virtual Presentations by MMSD Staff:**

- ❖ The City of Madison and the Healthy Kids Collaborative are hosting **free online Learn to Ride webinars beginning Thursday, May 28**. These one-time sessions are offered weekly on Thursdays from 1-2 p.m. in English and Spanish. This class is intended for parents and adults who want to teach children or first-time riders how to ride a two-wheeler. For more info. contact Pepe at 414-242-7064 or [jbarroshoffens@cityofmadison.com](mailto:jbarroshoffens@cityofmadison.com) for more details.
- ❖ The **2020 Black Girl Magic Conference** is going virtual on **Friday, June 5**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rosa Thompson, Advanced Learning Teacher Leader - Schenk Elementary, is coordinating the virtual conference. Details on how to access the conference will be sent to the contact person from each school and posted on the [MMSD](#) and [Black Girl Magic social media Facebook page](#). Please look for more information within the next week. If you have any questions, please email [mmsdblackgirlmagicconference@gmail.com](mailto:mmsdblackgirlmagicconference@gmail.com).
- ❖ Performing **Ourselves**, a local dance outreach program for youth, is hosting a **watch party of Better Together**, the 2018 Showcase on Tuesday, June 16, from 7-8:30 p.m. featuring 100 youth from 8 groups from schools and community centers in Madison. Further info. can be [found here](#).

- ❖ Participate in the **Safe Outdoors (SO Fun) Challenge** with other families across Dane County by taking a daily walk or bike ride for the next 30 days (**beginning whenever participants choose to begin**). The Healthy Kids Collaborative has organized a menu of SO FUN-themed walks and bike rides for people of all ages, along with social distancing information and reflection questions for kids, families, and students. For more info. contact *Shawn* from UW Health ([skoval@uwhealth.org](mailto:skoval@uwhealth.org), 698-2366).

➤ **In-Person Community Events:**

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

No updates right now

## OUR UPCOMING BOARD CALENDAR

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

- Mon., Jun. 8, 5 p.m. Special meeting in closed session  
Virtual
- Tues., Jun. 9, 5 p.m. Special meeting in closed session followed by open session-WORKSHOP  
Virtual
- Fri., Jun. 12 Virtual Graduation Ceremonies
- Sat., Jun. 13 Virtual Graduation Ceremonies
- Mon., Jun. 15, 5 p.m. Operations Work Group Public Input Session  
Virtual
- Mon., Jun. 15, 5:15 p.m. Operations Work Group  
Virtual
- **Week of June 22 BOARD MEMBER BRIEFINGS**
- Mon., Jun. 22, 5 p.m. Special meeting in closed session  
Virtual
- Mon., Jun. 29, 9 a.m. Board Officers  
Virtual
- Mon., Jun. 29, 5:30 p.m. REGULAR Meeting Public Input Session  
Virtual



Mon., Jun. 29, 6 p.m.

REGULAR Meeting  
Virtual