

June 1, 2021

Special Board Meeting

Action on the MPS Roadmap to Readiness Plan to Return to In-Person Learning for the 2021-2022 School Year

Motion by Director Peterson

I move approval of the Administration's recommendation and I move that we further direct the Administration to proceed with planning and implementation for a full in-person, face-to face, five -days a week return to school for students for both August and September start dates. The planning and implementation should start immediately and include, at a minimum, the following parameters:

- 1) No concurrent teaching.
- 2) The option for students to have full participation in fall sports and other extra-curricular ~~programs~~ activities.
- 3) Professional development for staff in culturally relevant, anti-racist, social-emotional social-emotional teaching strategies and school-based sharing and planning on social-emotional lessons and practices.
- 4) Adherence to CDC recommendations, such as three-foot distancing between students and no mask requirement when students are outside, with the understanding that such recommendations might change based on local and CDC guidance.
- 5) Continuation and expansion of efforts with community partners to encourage vaccination of eligible students, staff, and families.
- 6) A "return to school" district-wide social media launch, to include both print and person-to-person marketing campaigns, inclusive of interpretations of languages of MPS families, encouraging each school to focus on increasing school enrollment including at least one open house.
- 7) Creation of a standalone K-12 virtual option for families with a limited-enrollment that requires pro-active registration by June 21, 2021, to allow for informed decision making relative to the overall return to school planning. .
- 8) Issuance of a Request for Proposal to contract with a public relations firm to assist MPS in developing a strategic plan for improving our public relations and marketing efforts.
- 9) Continuation of the Road To Readiness work group meetings, and expansion of the work groups when necessary, to get additional professional advice.

This should include a meet and confer sessions with MPS unions and other interested stakeholders, with a report to come back to the Board no later than the June 24, 2021, Board meeting, that includes a written plan containing details of the June 1, 2021 presentation, inclusive of student voice, made to the Board and any additional recommendations such as the role of COVID-19 testing, protocols for contact tracing, quarantining of students and staff, details on a virtual component (staffing, duration of virtual learning and protocol for virtual students to return to face-to-face instruction), use of plexiglass barriers, and other matters concerning a safe return to school.