



BOARD BUZZ

MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Watch the recorded April 22 regular meeting on the MISD Communications YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/9dtiZAC9vqY>

STUDENT RECOGNITION OF MI DESTINATION IMAGINATION TEAMS

The Board recognized the Destination Imagination students and their coordinators. Mercer Island DI teams have had a fantastic showing at the state competition with nine out of the 12 teams earning awards and continuing on to the Global Finals competition. DI is a creative problem-solving program that fosters critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and is a forum to showcase science. At the state event, the Mercer Island teams earned a total of 5 first-place finishes, three second-place finishes, and one third place.

BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE SERVICE DELIVERY

Following up on the presentation at the March 25 meeting, the Learning Services Department shared an update on changes the District is implementing beginning this spring - specifically the why, how, and what is planned.

The rationale for the changes includes:

- 1) District Mission, Vision and Values applies to ALL students without limitations to provide equitable and Inclusive Learning Settings
- 2) Student data- quantitative and qualitative
- 3) Recommendations following 2018 Sp.Ed. & HiCap Reviews
- 4) Prepare ALL students for a postsecondary life

In alignment with our District values and our commitment to equity and inclusion, we are shifting away from "programs" and moving towards "services." [Learn more about these changes in the presentation slides shown at the April 22 meeting.](#)

The presentation included interviews with teachers Anne Larson of Island Park and Chris Cocklin Ray of West Mercer in conversation with integration and inclusion instructional coach Julie Newcomer. Watch those interviews [HERE](#).



School Board directors held a community linkage session prior to the regular meeting with members of the Mercer Island PTA Council, discussing many issues, including school reopening plans for fall.

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

[Resolution No. 698 for Emergency Waiver of Instructional Hours](#)

[Fundamental 4 - Analytical/Critical Thinking for Global Awareness \(Selection of Indicators - 2nd rdg.\)](#)

[OE-6 Quarterly Budget Update and COVID-19 financial impacts](#)

[Board Policy 1800 OE-7: Financial Administration - Resolution Nos. 693 \(Reduced Educational Support Program \(Staff\)\) \(3rd rdg.\)](#)

NEXT MEETING, MAY 13, 2021