



BOARD BUZZ

MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Watch the recorded September 9 regular meeting on the MISD Communications YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/LVSB8KI3eOw>

BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

During the Superintendent Report portion of the meeting, Supt. Donna Colosky, Deputy Supt. Fred Rundle and Executive Director Erin Battersby gave an update on the District's continuing response to COVID-19.

Highlights from the [presentation slides](#):

- The District follows but does not exceed DOH recommendations.
 - Why? Our Challenge: Educate students while keeping them healthy.
 - School needs to still feel welcoming and like schools.
 - DOH has struck a careful balance based on the current understanding of COVID-19.
 - Cognizant of our resources and site specific variables.
 - We will adjust our practices throughout the year consistent with DOH or PHSKC updates to the K-12 guidance.
 - The MISD COVID-19 Dashboard is updated on Fridays.
 - Current use of BinaxNOW rapid testing is limited to athletics, symptomatic staff and students, and students returning to school in certain circumstances.
- The District's COVID-19 response plan is [here](#).

LEVY RENEWAL PLANNING

The current four-year Enrichment Levy, six-year Capital Projects / Technology levy and Transportation levies will be up for renewal in 2022. The Board heard a presentation and discussed the renewal of these levies. There was discussion around a Transportation Levy that incorporates the needs of converting a portion of the bus fleet to electric vehicles..

Please view the presentation slides [here](#).
View the Transportation Levy rate options [here](#).

SUPERINTENDENT SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Board will hold weekly study sessions on Tuesdays beginning at 3:15 p.m. On Sept. 8 the Board held a preliminary discussion of what questions to ask in soliciting community input on the superintendent selection via Thought Exchange. The president and vice president will generate a draft for the Board to review at its next study session. Any needed action will occur at a regular board meeting.



The School Board welcomed new junior student representative Andrew Howison

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

[Facilities and Capital Assets - Capital Projects / Technology and Transportation Levies](#)

[Instructional Program - Transitional Bilingual Grant Application Approval](#)

[Governance Commitment - Superintendent Succession](#)

[Legislative Priorities for WSSDA Legislative Assembly](#)

**NEXT MEETING, SEPT.23, 2021:
6 P.M. ADMIN BLDG. BOARD ROOM**