



BOARD BUZZ

MERCER ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Watch the recorded September 23 regular meeting on the MISD Communications YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/mys4ZPJkpVM>

BOARD HEARS HEALTH UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESPONSE

During the Superintendent Report portion of the meeting, Deputy Supt. Fred Rundle and Karla Rimmer, COVID-19 response coordinator and nurse at Islander Middle School gave a health update on the District's continuing response to COVID-19.

Highlights from the [presentation slides](#):

Why widespread screening and surveillance testing has not been implemented at this time:

- Low numbers of COVID-19 occurring in school setting
- High vaccine rates for eligible students, staff and community members
- Low transmission of COVID-19 due to mitigation layering
- Required diagnostic testing for symptomatic students and staff
- Required diagnostic and screening PCR testing with COVID-19 for close contacts
- Easy access to community testing throughout King County
- We will continue to evaluate our testing protocols and resources as we move through the school year and adapt to any increased trends.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

During the Superintendent Report, the Board heard an update on the September 2021 enrollment, the first of the 2021-22 school year. The report shows the district is now below projections, with enrollment of 185 less students than projections. The district has surveyed families as to their reasons for leaving. The school district is projecting an additional \$1.6 million impact to revenue, but the October count is the official one and the District will be closely monitoring the situation in the coming months.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH THOUGHT EXCHANGE OPEN NOW

At the Sept. 23 regular meeting the Board voted to move forward immediately with a Thought Exchange seeking public input regarding the next superintendent. The ThoughtExchange is now open through Oct. 8. Click here to participate: <https://tejoin.com/scroll/653671880>

MISD School Board Health Update

September 23, 2021

Karla Rimmer, BSN, RN, ESA

The School Board received an update linked above from IMS nurse and COVID-19 response coordinator Karla Rimmer at the Sept. 23 Board meeting

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

[Mercer Island School District Improvement Plan](#)

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

[Staff Evaluation and Instructional Practices](#)

[Long-Range Facilities Master Plan Services Update](#)

**NEXT MEETING, OCT. 14, 2021:
6 P.M. ADMIN BLDG. BOARD ROOM**