

Highlights from the Board of Education Meeting September 14, 2021

The Detroit Public School's Community District (DPSCD) Board of Education [approved a two-year agreement](#) between the District and the Detroit Federation of Teachers (DFT) during its Regular Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, officially solidifying DPSCD as one of the highest paying employers of new teachers in metro Detroit.

In addition, the Board further cemented [DPSCD's leadership position](#) in COVID-19 safety strategy by approving the purchase of assorted Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) for District students, teachers, and staff. Also, the Board approved an increase in transportation costs providing families with more options for their students to receive instruction in person as well as being able to participate in after school activities.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Vitti opened his report by sharing how the District's comprehensive safety mitigation plan which includes universal mask wearing among other preventive steps, continues to result in a low infection rate (less than one percent) districtwide. He said data is updated on a weekly basis and can be found on the District website at www.detroitk12.org/returntoschool under tracking.

Dr. Vitti said that the number of enrolled students, roughly 53,000, was higher than it was one year ago. For those students who are enrolled and have not yet shown up to school, the District is starting to conduct home visits to ensure students are attending school. Dr. Vitti added that there are about 1,200 students in DPSCD's new Virtual School, a number that he said may grow. He noted that if you are a parent or guardian of a student interested in the new Virtual School, you have until this **Friday, September 17, 2021** to make your decision. Enrollment information for the Virtual School can be found by visiting www.detroitk12.org/enroll. If families have further questions concerning enrollment to the new Virtual School, they can call (313) 748-6853 or send an email to virtual.school@detroitk12.org.

Upcoming Dates

The District is hiring Security Officers and will hold a Security Officers Hiring Fair this **Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** at DPSCD Police Department headquarters, located at 8500 Cameron in Detroit. If you are interested in this job opportunity, please visit <https://bit.ly/3tMiUhr> for more information.

Vaccination event: **Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.** at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Rd. or at Ben Carson High School, 571 Mack Ave. You can also get COVID-19 vaccinations at these sites as well. To register, please visit [Wayne Health](#). For more information on health resources visit www.detroitk12.org/health.

Board Member Vaughn also reminded the community of an upcoming Parent Listening Session on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.** More information can be found on the District's social media pages.