

## **DPSCD Board of Education February Meeting Highlights**

*The District is working to navigate back on the path of reform with a focus on in-person learning, academic achievement and facilities that are up to standards*

More than 95% of Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) students and families have submitted their COVID-19 vaccination consent forms which signals a path to uninterrupted learning while focusing on safety for all in school, reported DPSCD Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti and the Board of Education during the Board's Regular Board meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

In addition, Dr. Vitti and the Board highlighted academic improvements made during the pandemic which is a primary focus as referenced in the updated strategic plan, Blueprint 2023. Dr. Vitti also provided an overview of the community engagement sessions being planned for the Facilities Master Plan (FMP).

### **Superintendent's Report:**

During the academic section of his comprehensive monthly report, Dr. Vitti noted the growth in literacy proficiency from the start of school in the fall until now as compared to the rate at the close of the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Vitti also proudly shared that the District has only one Exceptional Student Education (ESE) teacher vacancy, a testament to DPSCD considering the demand for ESE teachers. He also said that the majority of DPSCD schools are fully staffed with teachers, a significant accomplishment in the District's reform plan as well as a tribute to the District's strategy of investing in its teachers.

Dr. Vitti also shared details of the community engagement sessions that will be rolled later this month for the Facilities Master Plan (FMP). Backed by federal COVID relief funding, the FMP engagement sessions will invite the community to learn more about the District's vision to provide a plan that includes both short-term and long-term positive impact. Dr. Vitti outlined the expected timeline for the process, saying the community sessions will take place in February and March, followed by a review period in the early spring, culminating with a recommendation to the Board, likely in May or June.

### **Board Notes:**

With [Black History Month](#) in full swing, Board President Angelique Peterson-Mayberry, on behalf of the entire board, shared details of the various events and activities that are ongoing all month long. The Board also noted its study session planned for Thursday, February 10, 2022, to delve into the Facilities Master Plan and make recommendations. The plan is not set in stone, but the proposal will guide discussions leading to a final product in the late spring or early summer to impact the next 20 years.