

DPSCD Board of Education March Meeting Highlights

Board Recognizes Students and Teachers Who Exemplify District Core Values

One of DPSCD's Core Values is putting Student's First. It was among the precepts lauded by the Board of Education as members recognized several students and staff during the Regular Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

To start, the Board welcomed its recently elected Student Representatives: Brooke Snow, a senior at Detroit School of Arts (DSA); Emerson Jeffries, a senior at Cass Technical High School and Perriel Pace, a sophomore at Legacy Academy, she will serve as the alternate. The students will participate in upcoming board discussions and provide a student perspective in its decision making.

"We went through interviews, planning discussions as well as submitting essays," said Pace, following her introduction by Board of Education Secretary Misha Stallworth. "We are very excited to be working with the Board and have a chance to speak for our peers."

The trio will serve until the end of the 2022-23 school year.

Students and Teachers Demonstrate District Core Values

For students who comprise the 4th and 5th grade Student Leadership Team at [Noble Elementary-Elementary Middle School](#) being recognized by the Board for their service work toward the construction of a new skate park behind the school was another step in the process toward its completion. With guidance from their teacher Ryan Bodary, the Noble 4th and 5th grade students diligently worked to assist the Littlefield Community Association by writing grants and doing presentations to help secure the funding for the new skate park.

Meanwhile, [Breithaupt Career Technical Center](#) teachers Tanisha Bronaugh and Rickey Simmons were recognized by the Board for putting Students First through their work in Breithaupt's Automotive Services career pathway. Each teacher inspired and positively influenced several current and former students to pursue their passion to work and advance themselves in the industry.

Board Actions

As part of its administrative work, the Board approved all Consent Agenda items following their extensive review, discussion, and approval at the committee level. The Board also urged the community to participate in the ongoing Facility Master Plan (FMP) engagement sessions. [Read](#) the comprehensive web story that includes background information as well as details and links to upcoming online and districtwide in-person FMP meetings. Board members also shared about their community work as well as scholarship opportunities for DPSCD students.

Health Alliance Plan (HAP) presented a gift of **\$75,000** to the District's to support students and families who are displaced, Board member Bishop Corletta Vaughn led a drive to secure more than **600 coats**. Recognizing the need was greater than expected, member Vaughn sought community wide support. Her efforts resulted in services led by the Office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE).

With scholarship season in full-swing, Board member Sherry Gay-Dagnogo elevated the [Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge](#), an initiative through Wayne State University. It offers free tuition for students of Detroit high schools or Detroit residents who earn a high school diploma. Click the hyperlink for more information. Member Gay-Dagnogo noted the application deadline is **April 1, 2022**. Finally, the Board

took a moment to recognize DPSCD's Deputy Superintendent, Iranetta Wright, who will be leaving DPSCD to become the new superintendent of Cincinnati Public Schools.