

Approval of Facility Master Plan (FMP) Tops DPSCD Board of Education May Meeting

*Approval Will Drive Start of Improvements to Buildings and Infrastructure
Across Much of the District*

Following years of extensive study and intentional staff, teacher, student, and community engagement that yielded more than 80% support, Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) Board approved 5-0, the 20-year Facility Master Plan (FMP) at its Regular Board of Education meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022, opening the door to address an estimated \$1.2 billion in repairs; this is the start of the investment in the most immediate facilities priorities using \$700M in one time funding. This historic move sets a foundation to catalyze facility investment across the District through a 20-year plan.

“The investment includes about 90% of our current operating buildings,” said Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti prior to the historic vote by the Board. “It includes some new buildings, some new wings or additions as well as reactivation of some other buildings to address overcrowding.” Following further discussion, the Board approved the \$700M investment as part of the 20-year Facility Master Plan. Visit detroitk12.org/fmp for information.

Other Board Actions

The Board also voted to approve the tentative 2022-23 academic calendar which was developed in alignment with state statute. The tentative calendar complies with the required 180 days of instruction requirement and includes a pre-Labor Day start of the 2022-23 school year on August 29, 2022. In addition, the Board approved the consent agenda item to rename Detroit College Preparatory Academy at Northwestern back to Northwestern High School.

The May meeting also marked the first time Board student ambassadors Perriel Pace and Brooke Snow made presentations to the community. During her remarks on behalf of the entire board, President Angelique Peterson-Mayberry took a moment to acknowledge DPSCD teachers in conjunction with last week’s Teacher Appreciation Week. She also provided a timely update on the District’s position on illegal substances. President Peterson-Mayberry also reminded the community of the first DPSCD [Alumni Come Home Gala Weekend](#), May 19-May 22, 2022.

Superintendent’s Report

In his monthly report to the Board and the community, Superintendent Dr. Nikolai Vitti opened with Board Recognitions. He highlighted Tanya Wyatt-Dennis; her work reflects the District’s Core Value of Student’s First. Wyatt-Dennis is a deaf and hard of hearing social worker at Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School. She is the first African American deaf female school social worker of Detroit Public Schools Community District.

This year, Tanya was named Region D’s School Social Worker of the Year by the Michigan Association of School Social Workers. She consistently finds ways to reach students and provides them with the tools needed to take on their daily challenges. Congratulations, Ms. Wyatt-Dennis!

Dr. Vitti's report also included academic data and COVID updates, and an overview of the [22-23 state education budget](#). He endorsed Governor Whitmer's proposed budget that includes potential FY 23 funding increases. Dr. Vitti also reviewed Summer Learning Experiences 2022, noting that registration is now open. Students and families can receive details and register at detroitk12.org/summerlearning. Families are also encouraged to attend parent information sessions on Monday, May 16 and Monday, June 6 to get more information on programming and expanded enrichment opportunities for Summer Learning Experiences 2022.