

Regular School Board Meeting
Duluth Public Schools, ISD 709
Agenda
Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Denfeld High School Media Center
401 N 44th Ave W
Duluth, MN 55807
6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
5. **School and Community Recognition**
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Reading Communications, Petitions, Etc.**
8. **Report of the Superintendent**
 - A. Reports from Student School Board Representatives
 - B. Superintendent's Report
 - C. Schedule of Meetings and Events
9. **Report of Standing Committees**
 - A. Committee of the Whole
 - 1) Monthly Committee of the Whole (*October 5, 2021*)
 - B. Policy Committee (*October 7, 2021*)
 - C. Human Resources/Finance Committee (*October 12, 2021*)
10. **Consent Agenda**
11. **Special Resolutions and Action Items**
12. **Questions / Other**
13. **Adjournment**

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Superintendent's Report

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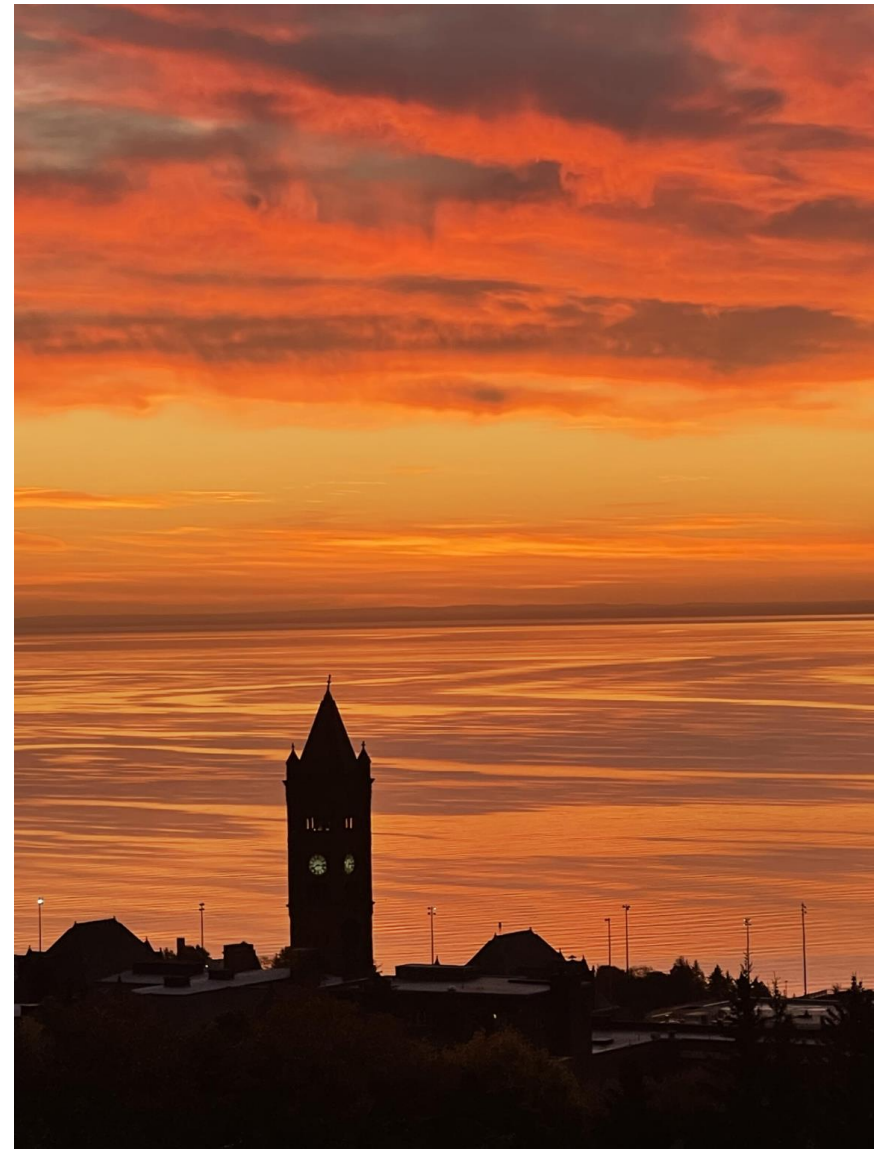
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Agenda

- District Properties Updates
- Quick Updates
- Safe Learning Plan 2021-22 Updates

District Properties Updates

Move from HOCHS to UHG



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- Nearly all departments have transitioned to United Health Group Building at 4316 Rice Lake Road, home for ISD 709 District Support Services
- ALC / AEO is transitioning this week and will begin instruction at Tech Village on October 26th
- Many people have shown a great amount of flexibility and have worked hard to make this transition happen and we are very grateful for their efforts

Up the Hill Before and After

Nate Brice

Saturday Properties Development Analyst



- PARCEL 1**
 estimated **5.5 Acre**
 usable **0.91 Acre**
 Row Homes 2 Levels
24,000 GSF
- PARCEL 2**
 estimated **2.09 Acre**
 Row Homes 2 Levels
52,800 GSF
- PARCEL 3**
 estimated **1.71 Acre**
 Higher density 4 Levels
132,360 GSF
- PARCEL 4**
 estimated **1.59 Acre**
 Town Homes 2 Levels
55,860 GSF
- PARCEL 5**
 estimated **1.46 Acre**
 Higher density 4 Levels
114,400 GSF
- PARCEL 6**
 estimated **1.9 Acre**
 Town Homes 2 Levels
51,020 GSF
- PARCEL 7**
 estimated **15.95 Acre**
 usable **4.09 Acre**
 Row Homes 2 Levels
87,456 GSF
- PARCEL 8**
 estimated **3.98 Acre**
 Amenities/Park
 Votech Building
15,260 GSF -estimated
- PARCEL 9**
 estimated **14.37 Acre**
 usable **2.02 Acre**
 Row Homes 2 Levels
42,000 GSF

SCALE 1"=150'



Quick Updates

- Celebrating National Principals Appreciation Month
- New Human Resources Director recommendation
- Many amazing, positive activities
- Focusing on positive behavior as some students face challenges returning to school after 18 months away

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Current COVID rates:

- 7/11-7/24 - 4.49
- 7/25-8/7- 8.82
- 8/1-8/14 - 11.15
- 8/8 - 8/21 17.47
- 8/15-8/28 - 20.39
- 8/22-9/4 - 25.30
- 8/29-9/11 - 35.62
- 9/5-9/18 - 42.02
- 9/12-9/25 - 41.27
- 9/19-10/2 - 46.92 (Updated)
- 9/26-10/9 - (Increase Projected)

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Testing Updates:

We have received our state provided home test kits and are finalizing our communication and procedures for use. We have also applied for additional funding for testing for staff and plan to share more information for both of these programming in the near future.

Vaccine Update:

We anticipate new guidance in the coming week related to vaccines for 5 to 11 year olds. We are optimistic that vaccinations could be up and running by the end of November. We will plan for voluntary vaccine clinics at our schools

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Quarantine Updates:

As the COVID pandemic continues, our schools continue to review and update response to ensure health and safety. The [Safe Learning Plan](#) reflects current local planning and is subject to change based on local, state and national guidance.

Quarantine of Classrooms/Activity Groups: Following MDH Close Contact Guidance, MDH quarantine exceptions, current mitigation strategies in place, the impact of notification letters in raising awareness and with the current mask mandate in place, quarantine of individuals and/or the entire classroom/activity group and will be assessed and supported on a case by case basis.

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Close Contacts:

- Students and staff identified as a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and do not meet the quarantine exception criteria must quarantine for 10 days from the last date of exposure to that person.
- If symptoms develop during the quarantine period, the person identified as a close contact must be tested for COVID-19. A negative COVID-19 test will not shorten the quarantine period. Positive test results must be reported to the school health office. (Page 6)

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Household Contacts:

- If a household member has tested positive for COVID-19, unvaccinated household contacts must stay home and quarantine during the positive person's 10 day isolation period.
- The quarantine period for the unvaccinated household contact will extend past the 10 day isolation period for an additional 10 days.
- If symptoms develop anytime during the quarantine period, the household contact must be tested for COVID-19. A negative COVID-19 test will not shorten the quarantine period. Positive test results must be reported to the school health office.
- Vaccinated household contacts do not need to quarantine unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, the vaccinated household contact must stay home and be tested for COVID-19.

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Education During Quarantine

Members of the ISD 709 Teaching, Learning & Equity/COVID subgroup met to refine and clarify expectations for quarantine in regards to instruction. Providing educational services for students will be addressed in a way similar to an excused longer term illness.

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Elementary (K-5):

- Students will be considered having an excused absence while in quarantine.
- Teachers will initially offer up to 3 days of learning opportunities for students on any length of quarantine.
- Learning opportunities could consist of worksheets, activities, or at home suggestions and will be based upon reviewing prior content only.
- Students will not be required to return the work to school unless otherwise directed by the teacher.
- Students will not be participating in synchronous learning while quarantined with an excused absence.

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Secondary (6-12):

- Students will be considered having an excused absence while in quarantine.
- Use of Learning Management System (LMS) to continue learning opportunities (i.e. posting/turning in of assignments, discussion, etc.).
- Teachers should accommodate as needed for students/families requiring paper-based materials.
- Students will not be provided new instruction (synchronously or asynchronously) while in quarantine.
- Quarantined students will have accommodations for extended deadlines.

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Special Education Services

Homebound:

In situations where an individual student or entire classroom or school is quarantined, homebound services may be offered to students receiving special education services by the case manager.

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Additional considerations:

- Employee and supply chain shortages continue in several areas are at critical levels
- Paraprofessionals, food service, transportation and custodial needs
- Use of spaces:
 - We considered expanding use of gym space at elementaries, but are unable to do so at this time