



School District 12 Update

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*From the Desk of
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Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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Dear D12 Families,

It looks like we are coming out on the other side of the deep freeze. I want to give a shout out to our staff who always rally when we need more hands on deck to rotate staff in and out of the cold temperatures, step in when lunch supervisors are out, and on and on. A shout out also to our school secretarial staff who navigate these challenges daily and make it look so easy!

2025-26 Registration

While I realize it is still January, it is time to think about next year, and today we begin the registration process for the 2025-26 school year. If you take nothing else from this newsletter, please take this: ***It is critical that we have accurate numbers of who is enrolling and returning for the 2025-26 school year!*** Students can only be counted when the registration process is

complete. You may recall that, due to enrollment, we went from four classes of kindergarten to three classes this year. The domino effect of that means that next year will be three classes of first grade. Districts must make decisions on retaining staff by April 15 of each school year, so we need accurate numbers. The last thing we want to do is release valued staff members due to enrollment only to need those positions when families enroll late over the summer.

If you have friends or neighbors with kindergarten aged children, please have them contact Ms. Dumelle at the District Office to register.

The Safety of Student Data

You have read many messages from me this year about safety. One aspect of safety is the protection of student information. All school districts use a third party product for their student information system. In our district we use Skyward. It is our expectation that they provide the highest level of protection of our data, but we do not control their processes.

One aspect of student enrollment we have used is parents uploading student health records into Skyward. It is not required that this information be in our system. Therefore, we are no longer going to have uploading forms as an option. There is no reason to have this information electronically as we print them off and keep them in students' health records. Parents will be able to drop those forms off at either the school or district office and they will be placed in your child's health record.

We continue to monitor the controls our third party vendors use and consider that when making decisions with whom to partner.

2025-26 School Year Calendar

At the January Board of Education meeting last night, the Board was presented with two calendar options for the 2025-26 school year. After surveying families in the fall, our teachers in December, and reviewing the needs of our buildings, the Administration is recommending the calendar option for an August 18 start. The Board of Education will vote on a calendar at the February meeting. Both calendar options are attached.



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As I look at the pictures of communities in Louisiana, Alabama, and other parts of the Deep South with 6-10 inches of snow, I'm a bit jealous, but also grateful not to be the superintendent there knowing that they will likely be out of school for a week as they try to navigate a snowstorm!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson

Superintendent

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