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Minneapolis Graduation Requirements

Minneapolis Public Schools is in the process of reviewing and proposing potential changes to the minimum graduation requirements. The goal of the review and subsequent recommendations is to:

- Meet minimum graduation requirements set by the State of Minnesota
- Prioritize equity and rigor
- Enable the district to improve graduation rates across the district, especially for students of color
- Include expectations of post-secondary institutions
- Provide time in school schedules for classes designed to accelerate learning
- Increase student access to self-selected electives

The following is a short 6 question survey (link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18UFWcQwhtWWS7Xnk-](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18UFWcQwhtWWS7Xnk-IdGOqn1Acz0EUFAWY2xWFc5zYI/viewform)

[IdGOqn1Acz0EUFAWY2xWFc5zYI/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18UFWcQwhtWWS7Xnk-IdGOqn1Acz0EUFAWY2xWFc5zYI/viewform)) about the proposed changes. Your feedback will be used to help inform the final recommendations. To have your feedback considered, please complete the survey by Friday, October 17th.

Parent/Guardian Survey- SPANISH (link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wrWj8FHQZiInC87ci9EFsDI6IjtgbmMeQGyjpOiVWw4/viewform>):

Las Escuelas Públicas de Minneapolis está en el proceso de revisar y proponer cambios potenciales a los requisitos mínimos para la graduación. La meta de la revisión y de las recomendaciones subsecuentes es:

- Alcanzar los requisitos mínimos para la graduación determinados por el Estado de Minnesota
- Tener como prioridades la equidad y el rigor
- Habilitar al distrito a mejorar la tasa de graduación alrededor del distrito, especialmente para nuestros estudiantes de color
- Incluir expectativas de instituciones educativas "post-secondary" (después de la preparatoria)

- Proveer tiempo en los horarios escolares para clases diseñados para acelerar el aprendizaje
- Incrementar acceso para que los estudiantes pueden seleccionar los cursos electivos que ellos mismos quieren

Lo siguiente es una encuesta corta de 6 preguntas sobre los cambios propuestos. Su opinión estará utilizada para informar las recomendaciones finales. Para que su opinión esté considerada, por favor, completa la encuesta antes de la fecha viernes, el 17 de octubre.

Parent/Guardian Survey- HMONG (link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ne3jyFqAe9SjhBtAfqdtfLju4D2uL8JAwwiqzzj3pIQ/viewform>): Minneapolis Public Schools tab tom los ntsuam xyuas hais txog muaj kev pauv rau kev yuav kawm tas qib kaum ob. Lub hom phiaj los ntsuam xyuas thiab tau pom zoo kom muaj li nram no:

- Raws li kev kawm tas qib kaum ob uas tau npaj tseg los ntawm lub Xeev Minnesota
- Muab tseem ceeb rau kev ncaj ncees thiab txhua
- Pab rau lub district los txhim kho kom muaj kev nce ntawm kawm tas qib kaum ob hauv district, tshaj plaws, cov pab pawg menyuum kawm ntawv txawv nqaij taws
- Nrog rau txoj kev xav tau los ntawm cov tsev kawm ntawv qib siab
- Npaj sijhawm nyob hauv tsev kawm ntawv rau cov hoob kawm kom tau zoo
- Kom menyuum kawm ntawv muaj kev los xaiv lawv kev kawm

Cov li nram no muaj 6 lo lus nug txog qhov tau yuav npaj pauv . Koj kev tawm suab yuav siv los mus kho qhov kev yuav ua no. Xav kom muaj koj lub suab rau qhov hais no, thov koj ua daim ntawv nug no xa tuaj tsis pub dhau hnuv Friday, 10 Hli tim 17th.

Parent/Guardian Survey- SOMALI (link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1hb2aX998HTjSgW9HNQIsR0NniKFuizhZf-Pw7eltOt4/viewform>):

Dugsiyada Dadweynaha Minneapolis waxay ku gudajirtaa hawl ay dib ugu eegeyso si ay u soojeedisoo isbadel ku imaan kara shuruudaha ugu yar ee qalin-jebinta. Ujeedada talooyinka dib u eegista iyo kuwa ku xigaba waa:

In la buuxiyaa shuruudaha qalin-jabinta oo dajisay dawladda Gobolka Minnesota.

In ahmiyadda la saaro sinaanta (waxbarasho) iyo aqoon heer sare

In loo saho degmada si loo wanaajiyo heerka qalin-jabinta degmada oo dhan, gaar ahaan ardayda ka tirsan bulshooyinka laga tirada badan yahay.

In lagu daro arrimo laga rajeynayo jaamacadaha iyo kolleejooyinka qaata ardayda dugsiya sare dhigata (post-secondary institutions)

In lagu daro jadwalka dugsiyada fasallo loogu talagalay in lagu dardar-geliyo horumarinta waxbarashada ardayda

In la kordhiyo fursado ardayda ay ku xulan karaan fasalka ay doonayaan

Hoos waxaa ku xusan 6 su'aalo ee ku saabsan isbedelka la soo jeediyay. Aragtidda waxaa loo isticmaali doonaa inay naga caawiso talooyinka ugu dambeeya ee ku aadan isbedelkan. Si loo tixgeliyo aragtidaada, fadlan dhameystir ra'yi qaadahan ugu dambayn Khamiista, Oktoobar 17. Parent/Guardian Survey (Somali)

Parties Galore Kickoff

It's time to get the parties started! The Lake Harriet Community School PTA Presents: Parties Galore 2014-15

Parties Galore is a collection of parent-organized and hosted events that provide financial support for all LHCS PTA funded programs and resources at both campuses. It also serves as a key community development opportunity for all LHCS families and friends. All ticket sales of these events go directly to the LHCS PTA. If you are interested in attending Parties Galore events, please see the LHCS website for up-to-date information regarding grade-level specific gatherings and all-school events held throughout the school year. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis through the LHCS website under the PTA/Fundraising/Parties Galore menu options.

If you have questions regarding Parties Galore, or are interested in co-hosting any events, please contact Maggie Bebler at magsla@aol.com or Sara Johnson at ssj0116@gmail.com.

Pancake & Waffle Breakfast

Join Lake Harriet families for a great breakfast provided by the Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge on Sunday, October 28th from 8:30am-1pm. Donations of \$8/adult or \$4/children 6-12 years old (younger children eat free!) not only benefits our school but provides your family with a breakfast of pancakes, waffles, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee & tea.

Lake Harriet Masonic Lodge - 4519 France Avenue South.

France Re-Opening

An FYI from Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) regarding the re-opening of France Ave S.:

The revised schedule from our contractor calls for installing a layer of asphalt on France Ave. today and another layer on Thursday, installing the iron manhole castings on Friday, and installing the top and final layer of asphalt next Monday or Tuesday. The goal is to re-open France Ave. by next Wednesday, Oct. 15. Be aware, though, that the schedule is dependent on weather and paving contractor availability, and is subject to change.

Lake Harriet HEROES

Upper Campus is continuing their new monthly award to honor students who are respectful, responsible, safe, and ready to learn. These are students who are making a difference in our school community. Each homeroom/advisory teacher selected a student who is a positive contributor to the school community using the following criteria:

- * Shows respect for others
- * Helps others
- * Is kind to others
- * Is actively engaged in learning
- * Follows school rules
- * Is a positive leader
- * Is a good role model

Congratulations to our September LH Heroes! Sylvi B, Erika P, Paris G, Morgan T, Elsa Y, Connor M, Ava P, Erik A, Noel P, Benjamin T, Aubree P, Saunder S, Grace P, Samantha N, Lucinda E,

Ella H, Ula T, Shukri A, Haley B, Akshay K, Ellie N, Diego L, Bella P, Tyler B, Izzie M, Romey D, and Ava K.

Student Leadership

The Lake Harriet Equity & Diversity Committee (a subcommittee of the Site Council) and the Upper Campus Engagement Team are excited to introduce a new Student Leadership model this school year. We have expanded our former Student Council to include a broader range of leadership roles and responsibilities. This is a model based on similar models operating in other Minneapolis and suburban schools where students have an opportunity to work on specific school issues. Students in grades 4-8 were invited to the one of four leadership groups:

1. Wellness & Environment: Helping our school community “go green” by making choices that are environmentally conscious and personally healthy.
2. Technology Squad: Supporting the LH Community in all of their technology needs—video, audio, Wi-Fi, sound, and assembly/program support.
3. Equity & Inclusion: Raising intercultural awareness and eliminating all forms of racism and bias while helping students understand each other’s racial and cultural identity.
4. Student Ambassadors: Providing community outreach and welcoming new students and families to Lake Harriet (as well as prospective new families).

Students learned about the Student Leadership roles in their homeroom/advisory and were given applications to be signed by parents. Teams of two teachers will lead each leadership group. The teacher advisors will choose two applicants from each grade level for each of the four groups. Thus, there will be 10 students in each group. We will announce the Student Leaders later this month. There will also be opportunities for many other students to be involved in leadership activities throughout the school year, such as planning school dances or community service projects. Lower Campus is working on its own Student Leadership model, which will be shared once it is finalized.

For more information about the Leadership groups, please contact any of the following members of the Equity & Diversity Committee and Engagement Team:

Tiffany Moore: Tiffany.Moore@mpls.k12.mn.us

Lisa Bigaouette: Lisa.bigauette@gmail.com

Walter Schleisman: Walter.Schleisman@mpls.k12.mn.us

Julie Hirsch: Julie.hirsch@mpls.k12.mn.us

Volunteers Needed in UC Media Center

Are you looking for a fun way to spend time with kids and books? The Upper Campus Media Center really needs your help! Staff time in the Media Center is very limited so we rely on volunteers to help kids find books and information. We have a particular need for volunteers Friday mornings, mid-day Thursdays and Fridays, and afternoons Wednesdays and Fridays. But we can work around your schedule. Whether you have 20 minutes occasionally, or can commit to a 2 hour shift, we have a job for you!

If you’re interested, please contact Amy Tibbs, Media Center Volunteer Coordinator, at tibzog@earthlink.net or 612-860-4811.

School of Excellence video

This past June we celebrated our great school with students, staff, dignitaries, parents and even a DRAGON at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. A great time was had by all! We danced, cheered, laughed and watched an awesome video showing why LHCS is excellent.

Click here to watch the video! (Link)

Scholastic Book Fair Volunteers

The Lake Harriet Scholastic Book Fair is around the corner. This event benefits everyone. Families have the opportunity to bulk up their home libraries and select holiday gifts, while supporting the PTA and the incredible programs they provide for our students.

The fair takes place at both campuses over the course of three days-:

October 30th from 4 pm-8 pm,
October 31st from 8 am-3 pm and
November 1st from 10 am- 2 pm.

We need TWO volunteers for each TWO hour shift to help organize books and check out customers. Please click on the SIGN UP GENIUS links below to find a time that works for you.

Lower Campus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084cada729a0f49-scholastic/>
Contact Mekea Duffy at mekeaduffy@gmail.com with questions.

Upper Campus: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d44aea82ea2fb6-lake>
Contact Trisha Power at Trisha@buildwithbella.com

Innisbrook Pick Up Dates

Thank you for your support of the 2014 Innisbrook fundraiser! We've surpassed \$63,000 in sales!

Please plan to pick up orders on Thursday, October 30. Pick up is in the Upper Campus gym after school until 8:00 p.m. If you ordered frozen items (e.g., cookie dough, cakes, pretzels, etc.), they will arrive frozen, but will be thawing in the gym during the afternoon and evening. We do not have freezers to store these orders in, so they must be collected by 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30. Other uncollected orders will be available for pick up on the gym stage on Friday, October 31.

Watch for prize results soon!

Marker Recycling Continues at Lower Campus

Last school year, Lower Campus collected 3900 markers to be recycled into fuel through the Crayola Colorcycle program. Let's try to break that record this school year! A large collection bin is located near the front entrance in the Commons area of Lower Campus and individual collection pails are in each classroom. Please recycle your dried up or unusable markers - any brand, any kind!

STE(A)M Day at Lower Campus

STE(A)M Day at the Lower Campus is scheduled for Friday, December 5th from 2:20-3:30 and we are looking for Presenters as well as Volunteers to help make this day successful. This is an "Advanced Learners Talent Development Program" that gives kids the opportunity to grow and experience Science, Technology, Engineering, (Arts) and Math in exciting ways that they would not typically experience in the classroom. It is a day where volunteers and parents throughout our community come into the classroom and teach about interests and/or jobs that are STE(A)M focused; giving our kids the opportunity to expand their knowledge and grow. Please contact Trisha Power, trisha@buildwithbella.com if you are interested in presenting or volunteering for this event. We would love to have some new presenters i.e. photographer, dance instructor, drama/theater, hydrologist, painter/artist, nurse/doctor/radiologist, marine biologist...let's see what we can come up with. Thank you!

Washburn 8th Grade Tours

Attention 8th Grade Families:

It is time to start thinking about high school! Washburn High School has planned tours for 8th graders and their families. Stay tuned for Southwest and other MPS high school information.

Washburn Tours:

Thursday 12/11 9 - 10am

Tuesday 12/16 9 - 10am

Friday 1/9 9 - 10am

Tuesday 1/20 9 - 10am

Friday 1/30 9 - 10am

Thursday 2/5 9 - 10am

Monday 2/9 9 - 10am

Thursday 2/19 9 - 10am & 5 - 6 PM

Tuesday 2/24 - 9 - 10am & 5 - 6 PM

Reservations are required. Families may either call or email Rebecca Felland-Syring, the Washburn Parent Liaison (refel001@mpls.k12.mn.us, or 612-668-3440), with the following information:

8th grade student's name, school the student is attending now, parent(s) email address(es), parent phone number(s), how many people will be attending, and the date (from one of the above) the family would like to attend.

Space is limited and reservations are required, so please contact her as soon as possible.

MATHCounts NEED YOUR HELP! (note the updated language)

MATHCounts will be starting in early October but before we can get started we need your help!

MATHCounts, a fun math club for middle-schoolers, will again meet Wednesday mornings from 8:25 AM to 9:25 AM from early October through mid-March. Sam White will be coaching and Joanne Kaufman will be doing the administrative work. Please consider shadowing them this year. This is the last year at Lake Harriet for both Sam and Joanne so parents of 6th and 7th graders should consider shadowing both so the program can continue. We also need parent volunteers to help with coaching each week. The more parents we get the less often you have to do it but we do need more than one parent there each week. Registration information will be

coming in the next couple of weeks, once we know we have enough coaches for the upcoming year.

For more information on how you can help please contact Joanne Kaufman at jmktjm@hotmail.com or Sam White at icrewps@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

MPS Goes Mobile: Now you can receive MPS text alerts on your cell. Just Text "YES" to 68453.

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Donate to Free Bikes 4 Kidz

Do you have bikes your kids have outgrown? Bikes collecting dust in your garage? Need to make room for your car before the snow comes? We can help!

Free Bikes 4 Kidz is a local non-profit whose mission is to help all kids ride into a happier, healthier childhood by providing bikes to those most in need. The public donates gently used bikes, we organize thousands of volunteers to clean and refurbish them, and then we work through community organizations to give the bikes to kids in need.

Last year we gave away 5,000 bikes! Please consider donating a bike this year during FB4K school collection day on Saturday, October 25th at Burroughs Community School, 1601 West 50th street, anytime between 10-2pm at the East end of the parking lot. We accept gently used tricycles, kid's bikes and adult size bikes. You will receive a tax receipt for your contribution, and will bring great joy to a child!

Also, if you and your children would like to volunteer on donation day, or you have questions, please contact Maureen Vischer, FB4K School Site Coordinator, at mkvischer@yahoo.com.

Join the Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST)

Calling All 7th and 8th graders!

Join the fastest non-motorized sport in the world!

Do you enjoy downhill skiing? Would you like to learn how to ski race?
The Minneapolis Alpine Ski Team (MAST) may be just for you.

MAST is THE downhill ski racing team of the Minneapolis Public Schools for Minneapolis students and residents in grades 7-12. No racing experience is necessary. We offer excellent coaching and training, a fun and friendly team atmosphere, exciting competitions against other high school ski teams, and the chance to participate in the fastest, non-motorized sport in the world! Our team is very welcoming and supportive of its seventh and eighth grade students, so don't be shy about joining now. Our eighteen coaches are excited to teach you how to ski with perfect technique. Start now and by the time you enter high school you will be on your way to becoming an outstanding ski racer.

Interested athletes and parents are strongly encouraged to attend the MAST Information Meeting at Southwest High School on MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014.

6:30PM NEW Family Orientation in the Southwest HS Cafeteria.

7:15PM NEW/RETURNING Family '14-'15 Season Orientation in the SW Media Center.

Learn more about MAST by checking out our website at www.mplsalpineski.org. You can also contact our Head Coach, Mark Conway, 612-275-8392, or email markrobertconway58@gmail.com.

It is never too soon ---or too late--- to learn to ski race.

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Submissions: email to Mark Fullerton: marksatva@gmail.com or use the online submission form at:

<http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/connection1.html>.

Please try to limit each submission to approximately 150 words in length.