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## **Share your Priorities in MPS Budget Spending!**

The costs of the programs and services we offer at MPS continue to be more than available dollars. MPS is facing a \$33M shortfall for next year's budget. For MPS to build a path to financial sustainability, there will need to be program changes/reductions. The district is asking for participation in a parent survey to understand the community's values.

**\*\*LHCS Parents\*\*** Please take the survey! It is important that the district hear our priorities as they decide upon cuts for next year's budget.

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MPS Message: \*Share your Values\*

We want to know what you value for your child and for all children in Minneapolis Public Schools. If you had to make difficult budget and programming decisions, what would you do?

Please take our survey and send other input to the district from October 23 through the end of November. MPS will post related links on our website (<http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us>) for the following:

- MPS Budgets including information on how school budgets are created and how MPS got where we are today [http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/mps\\_budget](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/mps_budget)
- The "MPS Values Survey" - [https://k12collaborators.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3OcCtneQS818PHf](https://k12collaborators.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3OcCtneQS818PHf)
- Opportunities to send us your ideas and questions
- Scheduled "MPS Values Focus Groups" to participate in.

Results of the survey and other gathered community information will be posted on the MPS Website later this year.

Our budget should reflect our values. Let's find our common values and put them to work for

our students. Let's be MPS Strong - together!

### **ALC at Upper Campus Has a New Approach (Before/After School Extended Learning)**

ALC at upper campus, the before/after school extended learning program, has been given a makeover! Teachers are offering students new and interesting ways to approach extended learning before and after regular school hours. With the idea that we teach the whole child, there are course offerings that engage students mentally, physically and creatively in ways they can relate to and find interesting. Along with literacy and math support, students can choose course offerings such as: Coding, Service Learning, Making a Democracy and Weight Training...to name a few! These classes have limited space, but are open to all students as space is available. Sign up soon to reserve a spot! Some classes have already started, but may still have openings, others start in November and January. Click here for links to registration and class descriptions. [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/alc\\_programming](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/alc_programming)

### **Pledge Drive November 1-30**

It's time for The LHCS Annual PTA Pledge Drive! Each year, the Pledge Drive gives LHCS families and friends a direct and efficient way to support the programs that enrich every student's experience at LHCS. Envelopes will be available in the school office. To pledge online via School Pay and answers to other questions see: [http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Annual\\_Pledge\\_Drive489](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/Annual_Pledge_Drive489) Give \$200 dollars or more before November 30 and receive a special LHCS gift.

### **Club's Choice Available On-Line**

Do you miss the Club's Choice fall fundraiser we've done in years past? Then you're in luck – you can order year round from Club's Choice for wrapping paper and gifts (including Innisbrook wrapping paper) – great for the holidays! The Club's Choice sale is completely online and runs year round. Our school earns up to 40% of all sales. Profits earned will DIRECTLY benefit your children through PTA funding for staff grants, enrichment programs and education grants. Online ordering is easy, simply visit [www.clubschoicfundraising.com](http://www.clubschoicfundraising.com) and set up an account for your student(s). Our school code is LAK248. <http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/clubschoice>

### **MPS School Request Opens November 15 for the 2018/19 School Year**

If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten or High School next year, it's time to start thinking about the school request process for the 2018/19 school year. Minneapolis Public Schools school request lottery opens November 15, and the deadline is February 3, 2018. All students entering kindergarten, middle school (unless at a K-8) and high school will need to complete the school request process. If you or someone you know is interested in touring Lake

Harriet Community School (LHCS) please sign up for one of our scheduled tours. In an effort to cause as little distraction in the classrooms as possible, we cannot accommodate drop in tours. Visit our school website to sign-up for a tour.

[http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/visit\\_lake\\_harriet\\_community\\_school.html](http://lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/visit_lake_harriet_community_school.html) Lake Harriet has experienced substantial waiting lists for those students out of the attendance area or trying to enter after the Kindergarten year. To help you better understand the school request and placement process, please follow the link to the Minneapolis Public Schools Website - School Placement Process at [http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/request\\_a\\_school](http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/request_a_school) If you are unsure of your school area zone, please follow the link to Minneapolis Public Schools Website - School Attendance Zone

Map. [http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/attendance\\_areas\\_zone\\_boundaries](http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/attendance_areas_zone_boundaries) If you have questions about school request or enrollment, contact MPS Student Placement Services at 612-668-1840.

### **MPS Special Education Department Presents "Let's Talk"**

Join us for culturally relevant conversations about special education with parents, teachers and social workers. MPS wants to share information with you AND we want you to share your thoughts, concerns and celebrations with us in a safe forum. We will have focus groups for African American, Somali, Latino, Native American and Hmong families.

November 16, 6-8 pm at 1250 W. Broadway. Light meal and child care provided. Interpretation available upon request All families are welcome!

For more info contact Sara Stack at 612.668.0914 or [Sara.stack@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Sara.stack@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### **Community News:**

#### **Southwest High School Performing Arts**

Support the Arts! Support the kids! Come see what's happening at Southwest High School. Main Stage Fall Play "Romeo and Juliet" - **November 16 -19**. Revisit this romantic tragedy between the feuding Capulets and the Montagues in steampunk style. Retro-futuristic technologies and familial tensions tear at the heart of Romeo and Juliet's forbidden love. Tickets go on sale November 1, 2017 – Don't Miss Out and pick your seats on line <https://southwest-high-school-theatre.ticketleap.com/romeo--juliet/>

Other upcoming SW High school events:

- December 5-8, 7:00 pm "Private Lives" (a play by Noel Coward) at the Black Box Theater – tickets available at the door

- December 11, 7:00 pm Basilica Concert: Choirs, Guitar Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra – at The Basilica of St. Mary – concert is free
- December 14-15, 7:00 pm Dance Concert at the SW High School Auditorium, donations accepted at the door
- December 19, 7:00 pm Choir Concert: 9th Grade and Men’s Ensemble (teachers/alumni/parents) – at the SW High School Auditorium

### **Sign Up for SWAC Wrestling!**

Looking for a fun (and low cost) winter sport? Check out SWAC Wrestling! Develops coordination, balance, fitness and strength so a great complement to all sports. Focus is on learning and fun with optional match opportunities available. K-8, boys and girls welcome, pairings based on size and ability so a good fit for everyone. Registration begins Nov 1, program fee is being waived this year so sign up for FREE! Please contact [mvandermyde@msn.com](mailto:mvandermyde@msn.com) with any questions. Hope to see you on the mats! <http://www.swac.info/>

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