

# School District 12 Update

January 11, 2023

*From the Desk of  
Dr. Mary Henderson*



## Calendar Events

[2022-23 School Year Calendar](#)

**Regular monthly Board of Education Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**SMART day: Wednesday, January 11**

[District 12 website](#)

Dear D12 Families,

Happy 2023! It has been great to see the buzz of activity back in the buildings after Winter Break. The mild weather has certainly been welcome as well.

## *HB 5188, Senate Amendment #1*

The latest legislative session in Springfield ended without the amendment on the National Sex Education Standards coming to the floor for a full vote. It was shared at a meeting I attended this morning that legislators heard from over 500 superintendents (there are 853 school districts in the state) regarding the removal of local control on these types of curricular decisions. This may return in the spring legislative session, and I will continue to update our community when I receive information.

Currently our district has exercised the opt-out option and has not adopted these standards.

### *Mr. Girmscheid's Retirement*

The district administrative team will be identifying a hiring process to fill the principal vacancy that will exist when Mr. Girmscheid retires in June of this year. The process will include input from staff and parents. Please watch for more details.

### *Supporting the Whole Child*

Please join us for a virtual parent education event, held in collaboration with our other feeder districts. Tom Hierck will be presenting on a variety of topics to support the growth, development, and success in school for children. The informational flyer is attached.

As a reminder, we schools are closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday next Monday, January 16.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent



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