



Media Release Highlights of October 13, 2020 Board Meeting

CHSS Octa System

The Board of Education received a presentation on the Charles Hays Secondary School from school principal Carla Rourke. Vice-Principals Aja Lihou and James Zlatanov were also in attendance.

CHSS selected the Octa system for the school timetable in response to the public health's direction to keep students in smaller cohorts. This system provides for one class, all day long, for 5 and one-half weeks. 8 courses are taken over the course of the year. Small cohorts, combined with health screening, hand sanitizing and facemasks in public areas, provide layers of protection for students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Classes have spent more time outdoors, and in classes like textiles students can complete much larger projects.

"It is encouraging to hear positive feedback from students on the new Octa system," said Board Chair James Horne. "The Board could see from the faces of the students in the pictures and video that they are truly engaged in their learning. Thank you to the administrators and all school staff for their ongoing efforts to meet the needs of students during these challenging times."

Policy Committee Work

2 policies were approved for distribution to the district's partner groups for their review and comment:

1440 Diversity and Inclusion Policy
2360 Employee Conduct and Political Activities Policy

2 policies were approved by the Board of Education for the district policy book:

6130 Role of the Board Policy
6140 Role of the Trustee and Trustee Code of Conduct Policy



Upcoming Events

Friday, October 23, 2020	Non-Instructional Day
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	Board of Education Meeting for Board Elections
Tuesday, November 10, 2020	Board of Education Meeting
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday

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