

**Citizens' Advisory Committee Notes**  
**January 11, 2021**  
**7:00pm via Zoom**

**Megan Read, Committee Chair**

Megan Read shared a welcome with attendees and a brief overview of the topics for the meeting this evening.

**Board Member report:** Aryn Ziehnert, Board Director

- Director Aryn Ziehnert shared that the School Board is receiving regular updates at each Board Meeting regarding reopening, communication taking place to share information out regarding the upcoming replacement levy, and the Board has a priority focus right now in selecting a firm to help with upcoming strategic planning.

**Reopening Update**

Dr. Adam Swinyard, Superintendent

Dr. Mark Anderson, Associate Superintendent

Dr. Anderson and Dr. Swinyard presented a reopening update for Spokane Public Schools as well as a factual presentation regarding the upcoming replacement levy.

A [Levy FAQ](#) resource was shared with members, which provides various helpful charts and explanations for funding essential services for students in the district.

The Educational Programs & Operations Levy pays for essential services, including:

- Nurses
- Counselors
- Behavior specialists
- Student intervention programs
- Special education services
- Technology support
- Smaller class sizes
- Custodial and Maintenance staff

The levy also pays for a variety of programs and extra-curricular activities that give students the educational experience they deserve, including:

- Highly capable programs for elementary and middle school
- English Language Learners (ELL)
- Elementary specialists
- Librarians
- Curriculum materials
- Advancement Placement, Honors, and other course options
- Athletics
- Music, arts, and drama
- Afterschool clubs

Dr. Swinyard provided further information regarding the phasing plan to return students to in-person learning, starting with Grade 3 on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Information was also provided regarding voluntary rapid testing for those who would like to take advantage of the opportunity. The testing helps with contact tracing and mitigating the length of time an individual would need to spend in quarantine. The results of the test occur within 24-36 hours from the time the test was implemented.

The parent webinar for returning 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to in-person learning is scheduled to take place Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30pm. Access to this public meeting is as follows:

### **Parent Webinar – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Reopening**

Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

Register in advance for this webinar:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_h0C1rj8US\\_-e1W7xoYTvnA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_h0C1rj8US_-e1W7xoYTvnA)

After registering, you will be directed to join the webinar at that time.

Should you have further questions on these topics, feel free to reach out to any of the following contacts for support:

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### **Transportation Update**

Salliejo Evers, Director of Transportation, shared a presentation with updates regarding transportation services in the district. The presentation included information regarding general bussing provided in the district and provided an update regarding a specialized service to begin in the district with company “Hop, Skip, Drive”. This service will allow greater service and efficiency in supporting transportation of students in specialized programs across the district. This district is fully reimbursed for this service.

### **Next Meeting**

February 8, 2021