



Mt. Blue Middle School Board Update



James Black, Principal

A Look Back at 2020-2021

1. 2020-2021 in Review

- a. We had 524 students enrolled at MBMS during the year.
- b. All teachers used Google Classroom as a consistent learning platform.
- c. Technology use and knowledge increased both with staff and students.
- d. All Ed Techs received devices to assist in the learning process.
- e. 6th grade students were able to take laptops home and we saw very little damage to our devices.
- f. Students and staff spent more time in outdoor learning environments.
 - i. Reading Circles, Health/PE classes, Science experiments
- g. Fall and Winter athletics were intramurals, Spring athletics were normal and outside.



2. What we learned

- a. ZOOM is a valuable digital resource which allows for additional school access for students and parents.
- b. Students, parents and staff were all very resilient during our hybrid and remote learning models.
- c. Students did a great job at complying with masks and social distancing rules while at school.
- d. Our smaller class sizes and limited onsite student population decreased behaviors and allowed staff to be more impactful in the learning process
- e. Several of our students struggled with attendance in the remote learning environment as staff worked to include them as best as possible.

A look forward to 2021-2022

1. New Staff Hires for 2021-2022

<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Noah Carroll - Special Ed - Behavior ProgramB. Tess Cote - Health/SELC. Scott Franzose - InterventionistD. Jess Gilbert - 6th Special EdE. Adam Goodspeed - 6th ScienceF. Daniel Greaves - Gifted and TalentedG. Brendan Hickey - Music/ChorusH. JT Nutting - PEI. Kellie Sanborn - 7th ELA - Saddleback	<ul style="list-style-type: none">J. Stacey Schondel - 6th MathK. Kaylyn Walker - 7th ScienceL. Jennifer Frank - Ed Tech IIIM. Trevor Hall - Ed Tech III <p>N. Notable additions are a new interventionist who will be working with Tier 2 and 3 students during our intervention block (MAC/LAC)</p>
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2. Facility updates

- a. New 90 space parking lot has already helped with traffic flow and sporting event parking.
- b. Our new portable classroom is almost completely up and running.
- c. Additional learning space was created by converting a storage area into usable space.
- d. Gym double door replacement.
- e. Cafeteria remodel has been a wonderful addition with paint, furniture and new layout.



2. Programming and Instruction Updates

- a. Read 180 and System 44 will be an additional reading resource .
- b. Interventionist for Tier 1 and 2 students.
- c. Gifted and Talented has a new teacher after having a long term sub last year.
- d. Due to lack of foreign language applicants the position is being covered by an additional SEL/Health teacher.
 - i. The focus will be on social emotional learning along with additional health/SEL related learning targets.
- e. Behavior program is up and running with a teacher and several ed techs.

3. Athletics

- a. Fall athletics are getting going! Kids are excited to participate in sports. Lots of new coaching hires!
- b. Games start next week!
- c. There are currently 104 middle school students signed up to participate in fall sports!
 - i. Cross Country, Field Hockey, Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer.