



Mt. Blue High School Board Update 9.28.21



School Year 2020-2021

We felt very lucky to be able to have a portion of our students on campus each day after our full remote exit at the end of 2020. Staff and students were able to make connections with each other and maximized the opportunities that were available. Some of our celebrations included the availability of technology, adherence to masking and other health and safety protocols, reduced discipline referrals, our one-size remote platform on Fridays, modified involvement in athletics and extracurricular activities, and overall resilience and tenacity on the part of all on campus. In spite of our efforts, some of our struggles included attendance, connecting as a full community and with some individual students, full curriculum coverage, and consistent intervention. Similar to our current year, we remained flexible as circumstances could change overnight. We appreciated the commitment of all on campus to remain student-centered and supportive of each other.



Class of 2021 Graduation!

With much planning and coordination from the Graduation Committee and administration, the Class of 2021 was able to celebrate in person on a beautiful Sunday in June. After 16 months of modified learning arrangements and impacts to all aspects of their education, our seniors, their families and our school community were so pleased to be able to celebrate Commencement together. So many smiling faces and accomplishments!

What We Learned From COVID

- Being in person is what we do. Relationships matter.
- Not being in person left some students disengaged and not as successful as we would have liked. We are doing all we can to ensure we remain full in person this fall.
- Students and staff rise to the occasion.
- Clear and consistent communication to all stakeholders is vital, even when you don't have all the answers.
- We particularly valued our connections with parents, guardians and families in support of student success.
- We are stronger, more flexible and more resilient than we imagined we could be.
- We are most successful when we work together as a school, campus, district and community.





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We are so pleased to have all students on site this fall! In addition to our focus on welcoming them back and working on our curriculum goals, we are also fortunate to be back in the swing of things with athletics and extracurricular activities that make Mt. Blue High School and Mt. Blue Campus such a special place. We continue to encourage our students to be involved and to be connected to the grander purpose of our incredible campus.

Two Fall Shout Outs

Food Services: Andy Hutchins and the Food Services Team have welcomed students and staff back in fine fashion with an excellent variety of meal options. They are kind, flexible, dedicated and they do not disappoint! Our campus thanks those involved in providing all students the option to enjoy both breakfast and lunch at no cost.

MBC International Student Program: Under the leadership of Lisa Dalrymple, with support from many on campus and our host families, we are pleased to welcome 15 international students to MBHS/MBC. Our families who provide homestays are the faces of the program; without them we could not have the program we have. Our international students represent six different countries: China, Finland, Japan, Mexico, Senegal, and Spain. We have five boys and 10 girls. Eight of the students are pursuing a diploma and intend to continue their studies in the U.S. In addition to offering these students the incredible opportunity to attend a year of high school at Mt. Blue Campus, the program is also dedicated to enriching the school community and the community at large.



Welcome New Staff!

We are pleased to welcome the following new staff members and those in new positions. They are off to a wonderful start!

- ★ Jake Turner-Social Worker
- ★ Mimi Henshaw-Math
- ★ Jaime Dalrymple-Science
- ★ Vicky Gerstenberger-Nurse
- ★ Kimberly Foss-Nurse
- ★ Kendra Moran-Art
- ★ Derek McLaughlin-Physical Education
- ★ Kiana Thompson-.25 Physical Education
- ★ Randelle Dyke-Special Education
- ★ Avalon Amador-English
- ★ Frank Giampietro-English
- ★ Craig Smith-Custodian
- ★ Julia Lent-Special Education

- ★ Debbie Warren-Food Services
- ★ Mike Hanson-Special Education Coordinator Grades 6-12
- ★ Matt Brann-School Resource Officer

