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Dear MPS Families and Staff,

Last night, the MPS School Board voted to approve the Comprehensive District Design (CDD). I want to thank everyone for their input and hard work to help us develop an ambitious design to provide a well-rounded PK-12 education so every student in every part of the city is equipped with the academic, social/emotional, and technical skills to be successful in college and/or career.

Now the real work begins. We know our school community has been divided over the CDD. My hope is that we can now reunite in an effort to protect, support and educate all students to ensure that they *all* reach their highest potential. It's time now for us to model how a caring and committed community can withstand and even thrive during change on behalf of student success.

Please remember that NO STRUCTURAL CHANGES, such as grade reconfiguration or staff moves, WILL GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL FALL OF 2021. Structural changes will begin to occur in the 2021-22 school year. We will, however, begin making needed updates to our academic programming in the upcoming school year, including purchasing new math curriculum and fine-tuning our K-2 literacy focus.

We realize there are many questions you are eager to have answered and we will address those in the coming weeks. We plan on sending each school community information on how their school will change, if at all, for the 2021-22 school year. By this fall, we also plan on unveiling a new school choice timeline so families will have plenty of information and time to consider their school options for the 2021-22 school year.

Most importantly, we look forward to sharing ways in which the MPS community and its partners can take active roles in planning and implementing the many elements of the CDD over the next 2-3 years.

But right now, our number one priority is to stay focused on Distance Learning and the remainder of the current school year, followed by a refreshed and reimagined summer school, and – depending on direction from state officials – a successful re-entry into our schools and classrooms in the fall. We will share more details on all of this as soon as we can.

I hope that as we move past last night's vote, each of you will continue to work with us to make MPS a district that works well for all families.

Sincerely,

Ed Graff
Superintendent