

# PĪTĀCEMOW

*"He or she who brings stories/news"*

## MIHS Project Update

Over the last month, the design process of the new MIHS was focused on exploring, learning and listening. The goal of the design team is to fuse modern learning spaces, sustainability and the Menominee Indian culture.

For inspiration, the design and construction team arranged tours for district representatives. The group toured Menasha High School, which was recently renovated to preserve the history of the original 1920's building and its culture, while incorporating modern learning spaces.



The group also toured the Indian Community School (ICS) in Milwaukee County. This tour was the most insightful because of the parallel missions of each school. The mission of ICS is to cultivate an enduring cultural identity and critical thinking by weaving indigenous teachings with a distinguished learning environment. ICS was built to

integrate native culture into every aspect; starting with connection to the land, water, acknowledging our Native community by recognizing where we came from, affirming who we are today, and our hopes for future generations.

The school brings the outside in, creating an ideal learning environment. For example, not only is there an abundance of natural daylight and local materials such as wood and stone, but the structural steel is positioned to mirror the migratory patterns of birds and the medallions placed in the flooring artistically represent where the various Native American Tribes originated in Wisconsin. The signage outside every classroom not only includes the English word but is also inclusive of four indigenous languages including Ho-Chunk, Ojibwe, Oneida and Menominee. The exploring and learning provided by these tours inspired creativity and discussion, that will be incorporated into the design of the new high school. *(continued on page 2)*



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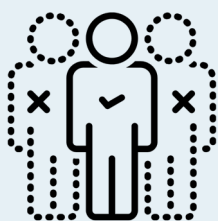


### MISD VISION

Enriching the lives of  
our children through  
education

## A New Approach to Improving Attendance

During the two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, chronic absenteeism in school districts nationwide doubled. It was a trend that impacted many Wisconsin school districts, including MISD. In order to turn the trend around, MISD recently launched a 90 Day Community Action Plan, leveraging a network of collaborative agencies and organizations in the area, as well as community members.



“We need to get things back on track for all students; ensuring they come to school each and every day, explained MISD Superintendent Wendell Waukau. “Attendance is a key to student success.”

Waukau explained that traditional, punitive methods for battling chronic absenteeism – such as suspensions, court action and the like – don’t solve the problem. This effort takes a different approach by trying to identify the core reasons a student isn’t in school and then developing solutions that provide resources and services not just to the student, but to the entire family.

## Welcome New Teachers & Staff

You’ll notice some new and familiar faces this school year. Be sure to say hello and welcome the following teachers and staff to MISD.

- Bradley Gammon - KPS Custodian
- Marissa Bahr - KPS Elementary Teacher 4K
- Jenny Mailahn - KPS Math Interventionist
- Neva Vogt - KPS Elementary Teacher Gr. 2
- Ruth Tucker - KPS Elementary Teacher Gr. 2
- Cassandra Busche - KPS Special Education Teacher
- Joseph Zuniga - MIMS Reading Interventionist
- Brandon Frechette - MIMS Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher
- Camilo Perez - MIMS Science Teacher
- Amber Chaplin - MIMS English Teacher
- Holly Ashton - MIMS School Counselor
- Brandon Miller - MIMS Custodian
- Angela Bahr - HS English Teacher
- Joel Verchay - HS English Teacher
- Jason Martinez - HS PE/Adaptive PE/Health Teacher
- Jory Gladue - HS Custodian
- Kara Besaw - Immersion School Menominee Language Lead Teacher
- Jaycee Tourtillott - Immersion School Menominee Language Lead Teacher
- Linda Delgado - Immersion School Menominee Language Paraprofessional
- Danielle Coffey - SHC Teacher K-8
- Tammi Poppe - SHC Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher
- Luis Kakkak - MISD Custodian

Welcome

## Project Update *(con’t. from page 1)*

The project team also hosted numerous programming sessions with the MIHS teaching and administrative staff to ensure the functionality of new classroom spaces will align with 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning styles. A cultural listening session was also held; attended by two school board members, nine staff members and two administrative members who shared their cultural insight and history as well as providing personal perspective on how culture could be inherent in the design of the new high school’s site, building and classrooms.

The project team will continue to listen and learn, with the district hosting another cultural listening session with students in September.

## Menominee Indian School District | 2022-2023 CALENDAR

15-16 New Teacher In-Service

22-25 In-Service

30-31 In-Service

AUGUST '22						
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FEBRUARY '23						
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17 No School; Teacher Work day

20 No School; President's Day

1 First day of school

5 No School; Labor Day

SEPTEMBER '22						
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13-17 Spring Break

5 No School; Teacher Work day

31 Halloween/End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

OCTOBER '22						
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5 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

6-7 No School

1 No School; Teacher Work Day

21-22 No School; Teacher Work days

23-25 No School

NOVEMBER '22						
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10 No School/Teacher Work Day

29 No School; Memorial Day

22-30 No School; Winter Break

DECEMBER '22						
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2 Last day of school

5-6 Teacher Work Days

02 No School

16 No School; MLK Day

27 No School; Teacher Work Day

JANUARY '23						
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# September 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 First Day of School	2	3
4	5 Labor Day. No School.	6 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 School Bd. Mtg. @ 5 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	