



Dear Upper Darby School District Families and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the children and families and taxpayers of the school district this past school year. As part of the school board communication plan the board will send periodic updates to the school community.

The information included in these briefs are not intended to be complete and do not replace official Board minutes. Official meeting minutes, agendas and packets are available at <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/domain/976>. Also, the board meetings are now videotaped and are available on our website. You are encouraged to follow the issues the School Board is considering and to attend meetings to stay informed.

Please visit our website at www.upperdarbysd.org for the most updated information available.

On June 4th the school board met for its regularly scheduled meeting of the board of school directors. On June 18th the board met for its regularly scheduled meetings of the Education and Pupil Services and Finance and Operations Committees as well as a special meeting to approve the 2019-2020 budget and other business before the board. All documents and presentations can be found on Board Docs:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/udar/Board.nsf/Public>

2018-19 Highlights

Our amazing Upper Darby School District Team has been hard at work this year working through our comprehensive plan to address the needs and goals of the district. Please note some highlights from board meetings over the past school year:

1. New Teacher and Support Staff Contract
2. Equity Plan Implementation with Corwin Press and Building Equity Leadership Teams
3. Capital Projects
 - a. Hillcrest Roof Replacement

- b. Highland Park and Beverly Hills HVAC replacement
 - c. PA System Replacement, Hillcrest, Westbrook Park and Primos
 - d. Clock Replacement, Westbrook Park and Primos
 - e. Bathroom Renovations- UDHS Summer 2019
 - f. Turf Field and Track Replacement - UDHS Summer 2019
 - g. Fire Door Replacement - UDHS Summer 2019
 - h. Middle School project viability study
 - i. Aronimink Renovation and Addition- Sketch Plan Submitted
 - j. Clifton Heights Middle School Land Development Plan Submitted
 - k. Elementary School - Plan for Senkow to return into the school district boundaries
 - l. Elementary Playgrounds- Hillcrest, Highland Park, K-Center- Summer 2019
 - m. UDHS Locker room replacements- Summer 2019
 - n. Fire Alarm System work at Highland Park, Primos - Summer of 2019
(approximately a \$400K investment)
4. GPS Installed in School Bus Fleet - Summer 2018
 5. Branding Campaign
 6. High School Band and Sports Uniform Replacements
 7. Legislative Grant obtained
 - a. New English Language Arts and Math Curriculum K-8
 - b. New Social Studies Curriculum 6-8
 - c. New 4th Grade Science Curriculum, Space and STEM
 8. High School Pathways to Graduation approved
 9. High School Course Revisions
 - a. Research and Writing
 - b. Personal Finance
 - c. Algebra 2
 - d. New Electives
 - e. System 44 Pilot, Reading Intervention
 10. Superintendent Search Complete

June Board Action Highlights

June 4th - Regular Board Meeting

1. Turn It Around Club - UDHS - Approved
2. Policies – Approved
 - a. 222 Tobacco/Nicotine
 - b. 247 Hazing
 - c. 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - d. 323 Tobacco/Nicotine
 - e. 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - f. 611 Purchases Budgeted
 - g. 904 Public Attendance At School Events

3. Band Uniforms - Approved (Band uniforms were prepaid in 2018/19 in order to receive a 3% discount on total outlay).

June 18th - Special Board Meeting

1. District Calendar 2019-2020 Updated - available here:
<https://pa02209738.schoolwires.net/cms/lib/PA02209738/Centricity/ModuleInstance/33/201920%20UDSD%20One%20Page%20Cal%20062019%20FINAL%20WEBSITE.jpg>
2. Assistant Manager of Facilities, Craig Harnitchek - Approved
3. Permit fees to Upper Darby Township for UDHS Bathroom Renovation - Approved
4. Football Locker Room Replacement - Approved
5. Playground Equipment Replacement for Bywood, UDHS Preschool, Kindergarten Center - Approved
6. Agreement with Under Armor for Sports Equipment and Uniforms - Approved
7. 2019-2020 Budget Adoption - The board approved a 1.9% tax increase and committed \$6,256,070 of the District's Fund Balance to support the 2019-2020 Adopted Budget. All budget documents can be found here:
<http://go.boarddocs.com/pa/udar/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=BCUN7L57DE1B>
8. Budget updates include:
 - The addition of the Safe School Award into the Proposed Final Budget
 - Awarded \$2,252,673
 - Equipment Budget Estimate: \$1,157,891
 - Purchase of retrofitted front doors, airlock entrance systems, surveillance cameras and recording devices, CCTV monitors, and a Crisis Go app. All of these items will be used to make the entrance of our schools safer and more secure. It will allow us to monitor who enters and leaves buildings.
 - Supplies and Operating Budget Estimate: \$968,992
 - Purchase security cameras for the outside and inside of all 14 buildings; closed circuit TV monitors; and information portal for all safe school plans and evacuation site-floor plans.
 - Professional Development Estimate: \$125,700
 - Contract with Restorative Practices to use their model of SaferSaner Schools to help with school climate in our schools.
 - Changes to previous staffing additions in that they became funded through Food Services Operations
 - Seventeen (17) Safety Monitors for Secondary Cafeterias
 - One (1) Instructional Technology Technician
 - Changes to previous staffing additions in that they became federally funded. These positions are:
 - One (1) Lead Teacher at the Kindergarten Center (Title I)
 - Five (5) Elementary Guidance Counselors (Title I)
 - Two (2) Instructional Technology Coaches (Title II)

- Six (6) Classroom Assistants at Highland Park Elementary School (Title I)
- One (1) Instructional Technology Technician
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Residents, parents and teachers can also learn more on the district's building plans by reading the list of Frequently Asked Questions can also be found on the Upper Darby website at: <https://www.upperdarbysd.org/cms/lib/PA02209738/Centricity/Domain/4/Frequently%20Asked%20Questions%20about%20the%20Phase%201%20Facility%20Plan%20April%202023.pdf>

Upcoming Meetings

July 9, 2019	7:30 pm	Monthly Board Meeting	Upper Darby High School
July 23, 2019	6:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Upper Darby High School
August 13, 2019	7:30 pm	Monthly Board Meeting	Upper Darby High School
August 27, 2019	6:00 pm	Committee Meetings	Upper Darby High School

We hope that you and your family have a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,
 Upper Darby School Board of Directors
 udsdschoolboard@upperdarbysd.org