Hello Kenny Families,

It is hard to believe we are already at winter vacation! This continues to be an amazing year of learning at Kenny School.

This is a fun week at Kenny School! The kindergarten classrooms built gingerbread houses today. Tomorrow, the third through fifth grade classrooms are having their Winter Options Day. We end the week with a Student of the Month celebration and first grade Sip ‘N Reads Friday morning.

Again, this year our break will be a full two weeks long. With such a long break from school, it is important to make sure children are reading at least 30 minutes every day. I know many families are working to reduce screen time for children, but if the children are working on tablets or computers, DreamBox math is a great resource. All our children know how to access DreamBox through the MPS “Clever” website at: https://clever.com/.

It is very important to be reviewing the information about the Minneapolis Public School Comprehensive District Design reports. Major parts of the plan would work to reduce transportation costs, centralize magnet schools, and push all buildings toward full capacity. I presented the key parts of two school board PowerPoints that effect Kenny at last night’s site council meeting. As the project stands right now, the Kenny enrollment is projected to go from the current 467 to 286 students. Also, the district is projecting a $20 million deficit for next year.

On a happier note, the staff and I would like to take this time to recognize the amazing things the Kenny families do for us. We appreciate all the time you have volunteered this year. We are so lucky to have such amazing and supportive families!

Have a wonderful and safe winter break!
Bill Gibbs, Principal
Dear Kenny Families,

You’ve probably received many updates regarding the Minneapolis Public School Comprehensive District Design. The Site Council wants to ensure families know that the latest round of updates provided more detail on the impact to students and families.

The goal of the Comprehensive District Design is to increase school achievement for all students. The current proposal will establish community schools at Windom and Armatage starting the school year 2021-2022. Students will be placed at their neighborhood school. Families living in Windom and Armatage neighborhoods will no longer be able to attend Kenny, even if you are a current Kenny family and provide transportation.

Kenny Community School will change. Kenny’s current enrollment is 467 students. In the proposal it will decrease to 289 students, which will significantly impact the budget, including the number of classrooms and teachers. Student demographics will change as well. The percentage of students eligible for free/reduced price lunch decreases from 18% to 5%. The percentage of students of color decreases from 30% to 15%.

The School Board is planning to vote in March or April on this proposal. What can you do to impact this proposal and have your voice heard?

- Email or call our school board members. We are in District 6, represented by Ira Jourdain. However, all school board members need to hear our voices. Contact information can be found at https://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/ or follow this hyperlink for emails to the District 6 and At-large School Board Members and Superintendent. There is a template for a letter that can be used on the Kenny Parent Facebook page.

- Attend or stream the school board meeting. The next meetings are January 14 at 5:30 PM and January 28 at 6 PM. For more information visit: https://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/meeting_calendar

- Provide feedback to the District Office by submitting your feedback to: https://mpls.k12.mn.us/give_feedback

- Attend an information session or go online for updates: https://mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd

Now is the time to give feedback. Decisions are being made that will impact our children’s lives and those decision makers need to know how we feel about the current proposal.

Sincerely,

Kenny Community School Site Council
Comprehensive District Design

What is it?
The Comprehensive District Design (CDD) examines how MPS educates students, how they are placed in and transported to our schools, and how we ensure tax dollars adequately fund this important work.

Why is it needed?
MPS's current structure deprives a significant number of students—especially students of color and low-income students—of a well-rounded education.

What does it have the potential to do?
- Eliminate longstanding policies and practices that disadvantage students of color and low-income students
- Ensure MPS follows new federal law about student access to effective teaching
- Increase achievement through more equitable access to rigorous and relevant coursework

When will it happen?
- December 2019 to April 2020
  - Board will vote on major parts of the design
- 2021 and 2022 school years
  - Changes in recommended school pathways or boundaries will be gradually applied

How can I be involved?
- Attend community meetings planned for January and February 2020
- Attend, livestream, or watch recordings of Board meetings
- Send feedback via the link below
- Talk to your school principal
- Request a CDD information session for your school or organization

STAY INFORMED!
THIS COULD AFFECT YOUR FAMILY!

Comprehensive District Design Update
https://mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd

Phase 2: Boundary Study Presentation
https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?iK=45598746

Minneapolis Board of Education Retreat Presentation
https://v3.boardbook.org/Public.aspx?iK=45514005
# Comprehensive District Design (CDD) Timeline

**October 2019**
- School Placement Equity (EDIA) Study
- Feasibility studies begin for Fairview, Heritage, Longfellow, Wells, and Washburn.
- Results to Site Councils in November
- Board vote in December

**November 2019**
- 10-11 Board Meeting • Feasibility studies updates
- 20 Special Board Retreat • Discussion of:
  - School Placement Equity Study (EDIA)
  - School Boundaries/Integration Study
  - CDD Community Values Survey

**December 2019**
- 10 Board Meeting - Board Vote • Districtwide CDD Community Discussions
- 11 Special Board Retreat • Discussion of:
  - Board Vote on feasibility study recommendation
  - Announcement of Jan-Feb opportunities for community discussion
- 12 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

**January 2020**
- 14 Board Meeting • Districtwide CDD Community Discussions
- 26 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting • Continued discussion from Special Board Retreat

**February 2020**
- 10 Board Meeting - Board Vote • Board Vote on feasibility study recommendations
- 11 Board Meeting • Opportunity for public comment
- 12 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

**March 2020**
- 10 Board Meeting • Final CDD recommendations that require Board action
- 12 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

**April 2020**
- 14 Board Meeting - Board Vote • Final Board vote on CDD recommendations
- 16 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

**May 2020**
- 12 Board Meeting • Proposed 2020-2021 budget reviewed
- 26 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

**June 2020**
- 9 Board Meeting - Final Vote • Final Board vote on 2020-2021 budget
- 30 Board Committee of the Whole Meeting

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**mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd**

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**Final CDD Board Vote**
- April 2020
- June 2020
PLEASE COME!
GET INFORMED AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Listening and Info Sessions
about the proposed Comprehensive District Design

The Comprehensive District Design (CDD) examines how Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) educates students, how they are placed in and transported to our schools, and how we fund this important work.

Share your thoughts about the model.

January 2020

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Light refreshments, school-aged childcare and interpretation will be available.
If accommodations are needed, contact Sharifa Urey, 612.668.0128 or sharifa.urey@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Check website for updated info meetings and additional opportunities to share your thoughts
bit.ly/MPSdesign
MISSING SOMETHING?
This is your LAST chance to claim your missing items!

All lost and found items are located on tables outside of the gym. Jackets, hoodies, single mittens and gloves, lunchboxes and more.

ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 so please remind your student to take a look!

Just a reminder...
The LAST day of the fall session for ALC and after school enrichment activities is on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

Winter session will on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 and will run until Thursday, March 2020

Please contact Michelle Rukavina, Community Education Coordinator michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us

Ms. McGovern’s 1st and 4th grader Art classes made cards for the Veterans at the Minnesota Veteran’s Home to enjoy this holiday season.

#kennykidscare
You’ve Got The Cutest Little Baby Face...

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

We need a baby or toddler picture of your student for an end of the year project and for the yearbook!

Please email a digital copy to your teacher with your student’s name on the subject line

- OR -

Send a hard copy photo to school with your student. We’ll make a copy and send your original back home.

Janee Rivard-Johnson: janee.rivard-johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Kathy Horner: kathy.horner@mpls.k12.mn.us
Bruce Iverson: bruce.iverson@mpls.k12.mn.us

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

Winter weather is here! Please make sure your student has winter gear (coat, snow pants, hat, mittens, gloves, scarf and boots) as most days we will be outside for recess!

Indoor recess is based on a temperature or windchill of –5° below zero

Full day school closure decisions will be made by the District no later than 5am the day of the closure.

Visit the MPS website at https://mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing for information on weather-related school closings and find resources to help lessen the impact of school closures

**Crossing Guard will be cancelled if the temperature and/or windchill is below zero, also taking into consideration weather conditions**

We use WEATHERBUG weather app with Seward Montessori School as the selected site to best determine our condition
Jump into the New Year
with the Kenny Parent Foundation!

Get the kids' energy out over Winter Break and join your friends at Sky Zone Trampoline Park for a fundraiser for Kenny School. Bring the flyer and/or mention Kenny School and 20% will be donated back to Kenny School! (Extra flyers available in the front office)

**WHEN:** January 2, 2020 from 4-7pm
**WHERE:** Sky Zone, 7625 Cahill Rd, Edina, MN 55439

Tickets are purchased upon arrival at Sky Zone
$15.99 per child for 60 minutes jump time
$3.00 jump socks

Questions? Contact Gretchen Spear: gkornely@yahoo.com or Tracey McIntire: tamcintire@usiwireless.com

FREE MEAL

**WHEN:** Thursdays from 5:15-6:15pm
**WHERE:** 5025 Knox Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55419

**WHAT'S COOKING?** Soup, salad, fresh fruit, entrée, coffee, lemonade, and water

Open to all; no need to register and there is NO religious influence—Just a meal!

Available every week (except Thanksgiving)

Questions? Contact Katie Marxhausen (612) 767-2219
All Kenny students are invited to enter their drawings in our 2019-2020 Yearbook Cover Contest!

The Student Council will determine a way to involve the whole school in the final voting process!

Two of the entries will be selected to be featured on the front and back covers. All others will be featured within the book!

Good Luck!

SUBMISSION DUE DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

Yearbook Cover Requirements

- THEME: Anything Kenny School related
- 8.5 x 11 inch paper (electronic submissions accepted) - Don’t leave too much whitespace!
- Vertical orientation
- Must include “Kenny Community School” and “2019-2020"
- Any medium accepted (computer drawing, pencil, marker, sharpie, water color, colored pencil, etc)
- Must be SOLE work of Kenny student or a group of Kenny Students!
- Write your name and your teacher’s name on the back

Questions? Contact Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us
Holiday Food and Toy Resources 2019

**Deadlines and Program Capacities Vary**

**Please Note:** A number of Food Shelves may be offering Holiday food or possibly gift programs for their participants. If you are registered with a particular Food Shelf or are otherwise getting food from a Food Shelf, please check with the food shelf staff directly.

**TOYS FOR TOTS AND GIFTS FOR TEENS 2019**

(Covers the following counties only: Anoka, Blue Earth, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Freeborn, Hennepin, Ramsey, Rice, Sherburne, Scott, Washington and Wright.) [https://minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx](https://minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx)

Toys are distributed through participating no profit organizations. The list of agencies will be available Nov. 16th or call United Way at 2-1-1 or (651) 291-0211 to learn which programs have toys for children. A child may only be registered through one charitable organization. Multiple registrations by different family members, at different locations, are not allowed. Only toy requests by family members with custodial responsibility are normally approved. Other requests are considered on a case by case basis. The age limit is 16 years old.

**UNITED WAY 2-1-1**

United Way receives information from organizations that are providing Holiday food, toys or gifts. Call 2-1-1 or (651) 291-0211. They will search for programs within your zip code.

**FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS**

Fresh groceries at discounted prices. (763) 450-3880 Fare for All - Visit website for locations and times: [http://fareforall.org/find-a-site](http://fareforall.org/find-a-site). Sometimes offers a special Holiday package. No registration required. Attend a Fare for All site. Payment includes: cash, credit/debit card, or EBT

Minneapolis Public Schools are **CLOSED** Monday, December 23, 2019—Friday, January 3, 2020 for Winter Break.

MPS has [recommended resources for food, children’s activities, and other needs](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources) during this time.

Visit: [https://mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/winter_break_resources)
ATTENDANCE:

Call the Attendance line (612-668-3346) when your student will be absent.

Doctors or dentists notes should be brought into school when the student returns to the building. Your help with this is appreciated.

STUDENT DROP OFF: Students can enter the building at 7:50am. Please plan accordingly!

Please be courteous of other drivers and USE CAUTION when pulling away from the curb!

All adults entering the building must sign in at the

Cars can only travel south on Emerson Avenue between 57th and 58th streets from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

- Pull your car forward to bus sign “A”
- DROP AND DRIVE. If you need a hug or want to get out of your car to say good-bye to your child, use the parking lot or one of the grey-shaded areas on the map shown
- All students must exit cars from the WEST side (on the school side) or use the crosswalk!
- No student drop-off on 58th street from 7:50am—8:00am. Door #3 is open for busses and walkers until 8:00am and then LOCKED

TRANSPORTATION:
Send Information to School when:

1. You have an address or daycare change
2. If you are picking up your child and they usually ride a bus, they must be signed out in the office even with advanced notice
3. Your student is using a different bus stop
4. Your student is going home with another student.
   (Note: we need notification from BOTH families)

Information will be sent home when:

1. Your student has been added to a bus route
2. The bus stop for your student has had a change in location
3. The IN bus stop for your student has had a cumulative time change of five minutes or more. Changes can become effective any day of the week so watch for the effective dates on the notices sent home with your student

BUS PASSES: Bus passes are REQUIRED to board a bus that is normally not a student's assigned bus. We request notes be turned into the office as early in the day as possible.

We need notes from both sets of parents/guardians. i.e. the parent/guardian of the student taking a different bus or using a different stop and the parent/guardian of the student they are traveling with.

The note should include:

- Student's FIRST and LAST NAME
- FULL name of student they are riding with
- Date of request
- Signature of parent or guardian

A bus pass may not be able to be honored if we have not received two permission forms or if the bus requested is full.
Stay Informed

Bookmark the Kenny Website
for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennypta

To be added to the Wednesday newsletter email list or if you have information you would like to submit to the Wednesday newsletter, please email:
kennyschool.pto@gmail.com
By 5pm on Friday