



## Mount Mansfield Unified Union School District

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Superintendent Report  
John R. Alberghini, Ed.D., Superintendent

### **2021-22 School Opening Plan**

The District shared its 2021-22 school opening plan with the school community on Tuesday, August 17th. Due to an increase in COVID-19 cases in VT and our area we need to take precautions to do our best to keep students and staff safe. To this end, our COVID Committee and Administrative Team have developed a 2021-22 school opening plan that aligns with the recommendations currently being offered by the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) and Vermont Agency of Education (AOE). Additionally, there has been significant collaboration with local districts in an effort to have consistency in our region. Please go [HERE](#) to view MMUUSD's plan. Please **note** this is an evolving situation with conditions changing daily, therefore, this plan is subject to change at any time.

We are very excited to have students and staff back in our buildings. The first day for students is August 25th (9th graders on the 24th)!

### **2021-22 School Year Priorities**

To view some of the key priorities for the 2021-22 school year, please go [HERE](#).

### **Summer Professional Development Highlights**

We had a number of teachers engage in some summer curriculum development, facilitated by our amazing curriculum coaches. Jane Mekkelsen focused on reviewing the social studies curriculum, auditing it through an equity lens, while Beth Moore worked with elementary teachers on phonics instruction. Our curriculum coaches will continue to work with teachers throughout the year on a wide range of curriculum refinement efforts.

### **Inservice PD Overview**

On August 11th & 12th, all school and district administrators got together to reconnect and strategize for the upcoming academic year. We engaged in lots of amazing conversations and participated in an insightful professional development session on the topic of multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS). On August 16th and 17th we held our new employee orientation at Camels Hump MS. This was a fantastic onboarding experience and we are excited to be welcoming so many new educators to MMUUSD. Friday August 20th was our first official day of inservice, with a virtual convocation held in the afternoon. Monday and Tuesday (August 23rd & 24th) will be building-based, providing a mix of teacher classroom time and specific professional development that is school context aligned.

### **Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Council (ABAR) Updates**

Diversity, equity and inclusion will continue to be a central priority for MMUUSD. Over the past several years MMUUSD has partnered with Rebecca Haslam of Seed the Way, but she is focusing on tenure at St. Michael's College and was unavailable to continue working with us. Thankfully, we will be partnering with Dr. Luvelle Brown, who is quickly gaining notoriety in New England and nationally as an expert in diversity, equity, and inclusion in schools. Dr. Brown will be working with our PK-12 leadership team, the MMUUSD school board, the district ABAR council and our PK-12 educators during certain early-release days. Using the Year 1 Audit recommendations from the ABAR Council, we will focus on examining our curriculum through an equity lens and we will continue to audit our physical spaces. The full ABAR council will meet a few times throughout the year, with most of the work occurring within the school-based ABAR committees. Rebecca Thibault and Andrew Jones will be the ABAR council co-facilitators and are the main contacts for this work in the district.

### **New MMUUSD Employees**

We have a great group of new MMUUSD employees and we are grateful and excited to have them on our team. Please go [HERE](#) to meet our new staff members.

### **Thank You 15 and 25 Year Plus Employees!**



**Thank You For Your 15+ Years of Service!**



## Thank You For Your 25+ Years of Service!



For a list of employees with 15 + and 25+ years of experience, [click here](#).

See our Convocation Video, [HERE](#)

### Other Links

- [2021-22 School Opening Plan](#)
- [August 6th Summer Update](#)
- [August 13th Community Communication](#)

### School Board Member Workshop

To view upcoming VSBA professional development opportunities for school directors, click [HERE](#). To view New Board Member Tool Kit, please go [HERE](#).

### School News & Information Links:

- [VSBA Member Newsletters](#)
- [Links to MMUUSD & Events](#)
- [MMCTV Link to view MMUUSD Board Meetings](#)
- [Smilie Memorial School](#)
- [Brewster-Pierce Memorial School](#)
- [Jericho Elementary](#)
- [Richmond Elementary](#)
- [Underhill Central School](#)
- [Underhill ID Preschool](#)
- [Browns River Middle School](#)
- [2021-22 MMUUSD School Board Meeting/Work Calendar](#)