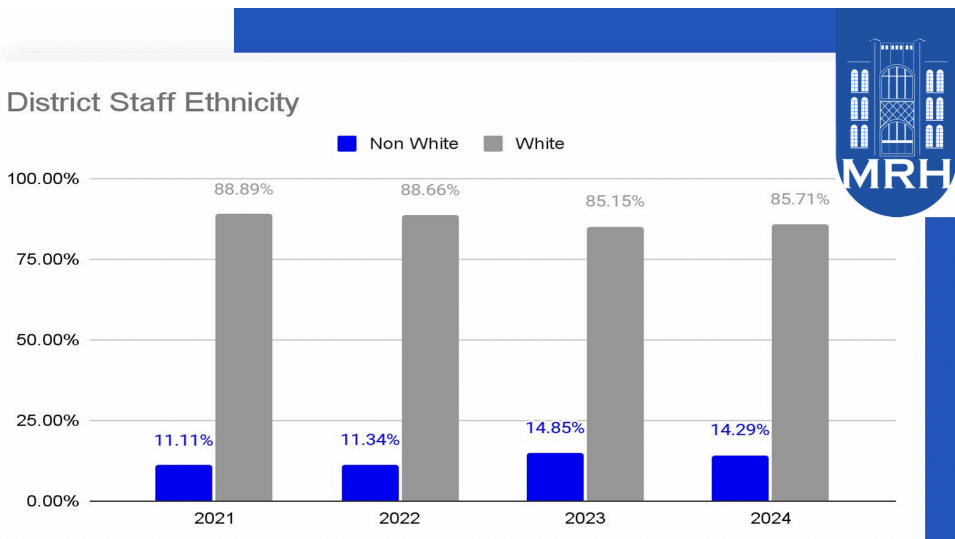




## Board Briefs, February 15, 2024

At its January monthly business meeting, the MRH Board of Education heard but did not take action on tuition proposals by Early Childhood Center Principal Dr. Jill Loyet and Federal Programs Coordinator Dr. Stephanie Bechard. Dr. Loyet (not at the meeting) recommended a preschool tuition cost increase of 5% for the 2024-2025 school year, to result in an additional \$32,490 in additional revenue for the District. Dr. Bechard recommended the same 5% increase in tuition for Discover Club (before/after care) in order to keep up with inflation costs and increases in Discover Club worker wages.

Dr. Shonda Ambers-Phillips, Asst. Supt. for Human Resources, presented racial demographics of MRH staff as part of ongoing recruitment efforts spelled out in the District's 5-year Strategic Plan. The plan states that MRH will implement "proactive diversity recruitment strategies to attract candidates from diverse backgrounds." Dr. Ambers-Phillips reminded the Board that MRH is participating in a multi-district Diversity Hiring Fair at Kirkwood High School on February 24 from 9 a.m. - noon.



Chief Financial Officer Chris Hoelzer provided the Board an [update on construction work](#) under Proposition E.

### Highlights:

- Landscaping work has begun on the High School outdoor commons.
- Demolition work is underway in the former Student Services area of the High School, which will become additional classroom space.
- Installation of the new gym floor is delayed due to concrete moisture.
- Alternative Education and Student Services staff are situated in their new spaces.

Board President Rachel Goltzman reminded the public that the High School Student PAL Board will be hosting a public forum to introduce all candidates for MRH School Board to the community on March 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to the HS/MS Theater, located at 7500 Lohmeyer Ave., Maplewood, MO 63143. The election takes place on April 2.

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