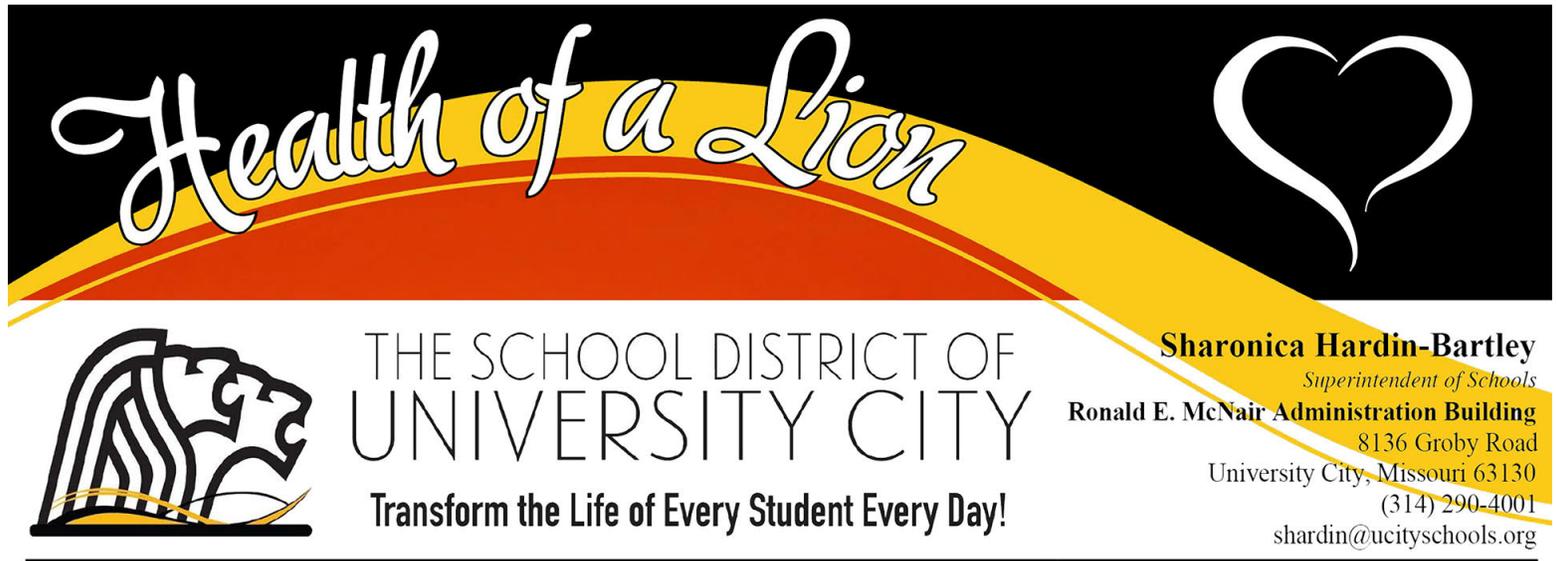


## Friday news and updates

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Dear U. City Schools Community:

Happy Friday! As we close out a chilly week, I have a few updates and reminders for you.

Our Board of Education recently sent [a letter](#) to our state legislators that, among other things, urges them to avoid legislation in support of charter schools and tax mechanisms that dilute public school funding per child. Missouri Senate Bill 55, currently up for debate, falls into this category. The Board has been closely following the bill, which they believe would cause both financial harm and further inequity in public schools. The Board asks you to please consider learning more about the bill and voicing your concerns about it to your lawmakers.

Next week is a busy week! Please mark your calendars for the below virtual events.

- Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.: **All-Elementary Parent Webinar**. [Click here to register](#) for a link and password to attend one or both sessions.
- Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.: **Brittany Woods Middle School All-Parent Meeting**. [Click here to register](#) for a link and password to attend one or both sessions.
- Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m.: **Virtual Ubuntu Community Conversation** with students and the community. Join us in a restorative circle as we check-in with one another, process recent events and move forward in unity as a community. [Click here to register](#) for a link and password to attend.



I also want to share two bits of news with you. First, congratulations to our Pershing Elementary Co-Principals Deitra Colquitt and Jessica Hawkins who were recently praised in a Washington University [article](#) for their powerful team leadership at the school. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently announced new findings suggesting that COVID-19 transmission in schools is scant with masking and social distancing safety measures in place. This is hopeful news, and you can read more about it in this [Washington Post article](#).

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at [shardin@ucityschools.org](mailto:shardin@ucityschools.org) or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

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