



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee

January 9, 2018 School Committee Meeting

Welcome back to everyone and Happy New Year 2018!

Update on Keller/Sullivan Building Complex

Over vacation, the Keller classrooms and hallways, which were impacted by water with the faulty sprinkler head, were rebuilt. After the space was certified as treated properly to prevent mold growth (by OccuHealth, Inc.), construction began. Over vacation, walls were repaired and carpets were replaced.

Yesterday, educators worked to set up their classrooms once again and students were moved back into the rooms today.

Cubbies will take a little more time to install. In some rooms, cubbies were destroyed and new cubbies have been ordered and will take approximately 10-12 weeks to arrive, after which they will be installed over a weekend. Students are able to use cubbies in nearby rooms.

The response from the Keller community has been stellar -- demonstrating both flexibility as well as a resolve to get classrooms back up and running. Kudos to our administrators, our faculty, our students, and the Facilities department!

In the long term, we are concerned about sprinkler heads at this complex. Our insurance company is investigating the situation in order to be proactive in the future.

School Start Times Advisory Committee Applications

The School Start Times Advisory Committee to the School Committee is in the process of forming and applications are being collected via a Google form, which was sent out twice to the community via our e-mail list. Community members are invited to apply as well. To date, 40 people have applied. A new webpage has been created detailing the purpose of the committee and the application form can be found there. More resources and information will be posted there as the committee begins its work.

Link to webpage: http://franklinschool.vt-s.net/pages/FranklinCom_StartTimeAdvCom

Link to form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnxNB9GP4071cvnsaKZQgPpEL9RZOLv7t8Z3IWVhpgQGwQ2w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Applications are due Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Anticipated appointments of committee members will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at the regular school committee meeting.

Snow!

I'd like to commend the effort of the town's Department of Public Works and the Facilities Department in their efforts towards clean up in Franklin after last week's monumental snow storm. A lot of work and effort went in to keeping the community safe, including our schools. Custodians and DPW workers worked long hours to contend with the snow, struggling with difficult conditions with the extremely low temps and high winds. I want to be sure to extend our gratitude for their efforts on Thursday and Friday so that we could open on time yesterday morning.

School and District Report Cards

Part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA, formerly No Child Left Behind) requires that we issue "school and district report cards", which are state provided reports that provide parents and community members with an indication of how our students are performing as a district on measures such as attendance, graduation rates, and state standardized assessments. Those report cards, where applicable outline level status for our district and schools and they invite parents to participate in their children's education. Schools are issuing school report cards this week via our e-mail distribution lists. For your reference, the district's report card overview can be viewed here:

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/reportcard/districtreportcardoverview2015.aspx?fycode=2017&orgcode=01010000&>

