



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee October 29, 2019 School Committee Meeting

Franklin's Got Talent(ed Educators!)

Food Service Director *Colin Boisvert* recently attended the School Nutrition Association Fall Conference. He was part of a panel. This panel presented on communicating with parents about Food Services including nutritional standards, school breakfast, program funding, and student debt. You may also note that there are some innovative selections being offered to our older students. I hear the salmon and shrimp scampi have been recent hits.

Erin O'Leary, Reading Specialist at Horace Mann Middle School, recently presented at the International Literacy Association conference. She presented with former AP Mary Cotillo:

- Books Build Bridges: Using Young Adult Literature to Promote Social-Emotional Learning in Middle School
- Facilitated a discussion of the movie/book "Ashes in the Snow" with the author
- Led the Young Adult author session with seven authors
- Emceed the luncheon and awards show
- Presented a workshop on Family and Community Engagement

Franklin High School Science Department Head *Bill Bobrowsky* was honored by being inducted into the Massachusetts Science Educator's Hall of Fame for his work in science education across the Commonwealth.

We are very proud of our excellent faculty and staff!

Connect with Us!

We have been promoting the numerous ways in which families and community members may remain informed about FPS. In addition to the methods posted on our website:

https://www.franklinps.net/sites/franklinmaps/files/uploads/connectscreensubscribelink9_10.pdf

We are announcing the launch of a new podcast series -- FPS Voice. We recognize this medium is an effective, alternative way many access information, particularly when commuting or perhaps when cooking dinner.

The format of the podcast will include some sharing of information that should be relevant to our community, followed by a Q & A segment. Our [initial trailer](#) is currently available, where we share more about the vision of the podcast and enlist input. It can be found on:

Google Podcasts
Breaker
Spotify
Anchor
Pocketcasts
Radio Public

And it will be coming soon to: Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, and Castbox

Our first episode is planned for November and we will share some of the major take-away points from the Social Media night panel with our community.

Davis Thayer Update

We have contracted with a demography consultant who will be engaging in a projection of enrollment across the entire district, inclusive of Davis Thayer as well as all elementary and middle districts and Franklin High School. We will be receiving a report and a presentation to forecast to 2030. We anticipate that this work will be complete in January.

We are in the process of working with the Facilities Department to develop a project scope and seek proposals related to facility study of Davis Thayer and a functional capacity study of all other buildings.

Professional Development Day Preview -- November 5, 2019

The following topics will be addressed at the Full Day Professional Development Day on Tuesday November 5:

1. Jane Hardin will return to the District and work on effective inclusion practices with elementary classroom and special education staff. They will apply their learning from the morning session with actionable outcomes at each building. Some areas of focus include planning prioritized units of study with differentiation, development of tiered accommodations within current units, and incorporating formative and summative assessment data to meet students' needs.
2. Middle school educators will be meeting by departments in the morning to focus on content specific development. They will apply their learning from the October 11 Jane Hardin workshop by co-planning differentiated instruction among classroom teachers and special educators.

3. Franklin High School educators will be meeting by departments in the morning to focus on content specific development. They will be furthering their understanding about development of cultural proficiency in the afternoon.
4. Nurses will be in a workshop on helping students with anxiety. In the afternoon, they will be collaborating with the Franklin Police Department related to Narcotics.