



## **Franklin Public Schools**

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### **Superintendent's Report to School Committee March 26, 2019 School Committee Meeting**

#### **Portrait of a Graduate -- Invites to the Community**

We are excited to be engaging with community members in a VISIONING process, designed to define our *Portrait of a Graduate* and the essential skills we need to develop among all of our high school graduates in order for them to thrive today and in their futures. An invitation recently went out in the district's newsletter, but we'd be delighted if additional individuals would join us, as we still have some spaces.

Thursday April 4, 2019 OR Monday April 8, 2019 at 7 PM

This is a PreK-12 experience and is not limited to those affiliated with Franklin High School.

We are asking for RSVPs for planning purposes:

Please join us! <https://goo.gl/forms/pF5HU5Rou7SxWl3x2>

If you are interested in learning more about Portrait of a Graduate, this background article may be of interest to you:

<https://www.nsba.org/newsroom/american-school-board-journal/asbj-august-2018/what-should-your-graduate-know>

#### **Anti-Vaping Presentation**

SADD is hosting Robert Hackenson (Dynamic Influence) on Monday April 8, 2019 in the FHS Auditorium at 6:30 pm for all 5th grade, middle, and high school parents/guardians. All are welcome, including faculty and staff (they do not need to live in Franklin to attend)!

#### **More about the presentation:**

#### **Come Learn What Parents/Guardians Need to Know About Teen Vaping!**

Have you heard of vaping? Have you heard of JUULing? Because your kids have! The number of High School and Middle School students that vape is exploding. Come to our parent night on **Monday April 8, 2019** in the FHS Auditorium to learn about this trend. Learn the misinformation that your kids are getting and learn the truth to help your child make healthy choices!

The perception of vaping is that it's safe, just vapor. This along with the fun flavors and inconspicuous apparatus (like the JUUL) and vape wear, is resulting in teens flocking to it. But what's the truth behind it? Is it as safe as they think? What do parents need to know?

This highly interactive presentation will enlighten you on the latest trends, informs you about the risks and expose the misperceptions. We touch upon the commonly known dangers and then dive deeper into much less known medical studies and other eye opening information.

**Some of the topics covered include:**

- Marketing messages vs. the Truth
- Latest studies of health effects of vaping
- How to spot if your child is vaping?
- Inconspicuous vaping products
- Teen perceptions of marijuana
- Why age matters – marijuana's effect on developing brain
- How social & emotional awareness can help make healthy choices
- Not Your Typical Lecture

Robert's amazing skills and presentation style has allowed students across the country and around the world to see through certain illusions and misperceptions that surround teen substance use and abuse.

This presentations delivers a captivating, inspirational, and eye-opening experience that infuses magic, eye-catching props, and illusion in a way that engages students while reinforcing the educational lessons.

**Leap into K and Second Registration Event for Kindergarten Families**

Many parents and guardians joined us last Tuesday night for Leaping Into Kindergarten. Ms. Kely Kelty served as the host as several kindergarten teachers, several elementary principals, central office administrators, the nurse coordinator, and Lifelong Learning representatives welcomed K families. Over about an hour, they portrayed a picture of what Kindergarten in Franklin looks like, and answered questions about busing, lunch, K preparedness, and generally easing the very understandable concerns. Families are welcome to register in our Central Office, but we also have another formal registration night for families who missed the initial round on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. For more information:

<https://www.franklinps.net/district/kindergarten-registration-2019-2020>

Also, later this spring, families will be invited to school specific evenings, as noted here:

[https://www.franklinps.net/sites/franklinmaps/files/uploads/copy\\_of\\_2019-2020\\_save\\_the\\_date\\_flyer.docx.pdf](https://www.franklinps.net/sites/franklinmaps/files/uploads/copy_of_2019-2020_save_the_date_flyer.docx.pdf)

We are excited to welcome the class of 2032!