



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee April 23, 2019 School Committee Meeting

Update on Helen Keller-Annie Sullivan School Complex

Repair of classrooms occurred over the April school break. Walls were repaired and cabinetry was reinstalled. A large amount of finish painting in classrooms was also completed. We still have carpets and vinyl coated baseboards to be installed, which is planned for this coming weekend.

We now understand that the source of the issue came from the proximity of the sprinkler head to heat coming from a nearby heating duct. This specific sprinkler head and others situated like it at the Helen Keller and Annie Sullivan school complex were relocated over the break to create more distance between them and the ductwork.

I want to extend our appreciation to faculty, staff, and administration as well as our students, who are demonstrating their resilience and adaptability. I also want to thank our custodians who are going the extra mile to support our staff.

TED Talk Style Lecture Series at Franklin High School

On Thursday, April 11, I had the pleasure of attending the TED Talk-Style speaker series at Franklin High School. While there, I saw three presentations from faculty members speaking on a varied group of topics of interest to them. They included:

- A teacher shared personal stories of perseverance in a humorous and accessible way
- One teacher shared his passion of astrophysics
- A teacher shared a life perspective on aligning one's choices and priorities by sharing personal experiences of him and his family

The high school lecture hall was packed. Students were able to attend as an in-school field trip. And while a departure from our core curriculum, the students were learning so much and engaged deeply with different speakers at the conclusion asking follow-up questions and exploring more deeply. I thought it was fantastic!

Annie Sullivan Middle School Search Process Update

“Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice”
Equal Opportunity Employer

The interview process has begun for the next principal of Annie Sullivan Middle School. Lisa Trainor and Paula Marano are chairing the interview committee (comprised of faculty, parents/guardians, and administrators), which began its work last night interviewing the first round of candidates. We have a second evening of interviews and selected finalists will be invited back to the district for site visits. I do want to make the School Committee aware that there will be a parent/guardian meet and greet, to which you will be invited. More details to follow.