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Superintendent's Report to School Committee July 14, 2020 School Committee Meeting

MASS Executive Institute

Dr. Edwards, Mr. Giguere and I are attending the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Executive Institute, being held virtually July 14-15, 2020.

The focus of the first day has been on reopening school. Topics include technical aspects about opening such as safety standards, scheduling, legal matters such as collective bargaining and situations with employees. A bigger focus of breakout sessions include aspects of social and emotional well-being of students and staff as well as empathetic communication from district leaders. Today's keynote address was delivered by Dr. Romei Rushtaq, a traditionally trained neurologist with board certification in integrative medicine. She led the group through a focused discussion on self-care.

Tomorrow's professional development is focused on Equity and Racial Justice. The keynote will be delivered by Douglas Brinkley, [the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and professor of history at Rice University](#). Brinkley is the history commentator for CNN, and a contributing editor to the magazine Vanity Fair. Breakout sessions and panel discussions will occur later in the day.

[The conference concludes with remarks from Commissioner Riley.](#)

Update from Franklin TV

Video on Demand is up and running for Franklin TV and can be accessed at the following link:
<https://franklintv.vod.castus.tv/vod>

All government meetings that are recorded can be accessed here. Additionally, the final version of the Class of 2020 FHS graduation can be viewed from there. Later tonight, I will give an update on the 2020-2021 school year, which will be clipped as a single topic for community members who wish to view it at a later date/time specifically.