



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee August 14, 2018 School Committee Meeting

High School Experience -- Another Successful Week Welcoming the Class of 2022

High School Experience wrapped up another successful in welcoming the Class of 2022, our incoming Freshman. This week long experience involved acclimating to Franklin High School, making new friends, getting to know the building and administrators, and engaging in team-building exercises. Unfortunately, due to an unforeseen delay in the shipment of Chromebooks, due to the fires on the West coast, I had e-mailed the School Committee last week that the students would not be issued their Chromebooks. A notice went out yesterday that the technology had arrived and pick up sessions have been scheduled for Thursday.

I want to thank the HSE staff, our students, and their families for the flexibility and being so understanding!

Administrative Retreat

Our District Leadership Team, encompassing our Principals and Central Office Administrators attended the first of a two day retreat today and is working with my entry plan findings, their analysis having been in the district, and feedback from the community and School Committee to develop the district's next Strategy for District Improvement, setting the course for our goals over the next three years. We look forward to sharing this work with the School Community in a few weeks at the next School Committee meeting.

Communications Update

Our new website is launched! We had a soft launch of the new site last week, but earlier today announced that our redesigned website is live. Our former site is still accessible, which is important this time of year but we encourage folks to look at our new site, which is now designed to be mobile device friendly. We will be sending out a brief survey early next week seeking impressions and suggestions. I want to thank Tim Rapoza, Our Director of Technology, as well as all of the principals and the secretaries across the district who provided input and who have been recently trained on updating the new site. Feedback has been positive and it seems as if it will be a bit easier for them going forward.

Hiring Update

I am pleased to share that we are closing in on fully staffing our buildings for the year. We have a few open positions but our administrators are moving quickly, but thoroughly through our process to bring on staff members.

Congratulations to our Baseball Team!

In addition to being State Champions, our team was one of 5 in New England to win the American Baseball Coaches Association Academic Excellence award. This award went to approximately 300 teams across the country for maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the 2017-2018 school year. Congrats!