



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee September 14, 2021

Professional Development Day Recap

Friday, September 3 was a full day of professional development throughout the district. Some highlights:

ECDC

Pediatric CPR/AED; Also School Improvement Goals and DECA implementation

K-5 Educators

3 2-hour sessions on Illustrative Math implementation with IM PD providers

K-5 Unified Arts

MAP Growth assessment and using results to inform instruction with Tina Rogers; Collaboration for arts exploration blocks (art and music) or lesson/curriculum development incorporating SEL (PE/Wellness)

Elementary Literacy Specialists

MAP Growth Data analysis, learning acceleration, and intervention/enrichment planning with Linda Ashley

Middle School Educators

MAP Growth assessment and using results to inform instruction with NWEA consultants; elements of an effective advisory program with building principals

Middle School Unified Arts

MAP Growth assessment and using results to inform instruction with Tina Rogers; also advisory in PM

High School Educators

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Kick-off with building administration

Guidance, School Adjustment Counselors, and School Psychologists

Current issues with Substance Abuse among school aged student with Jen Knight, SAFE Coalition

Speech/OT

Learn, Play, Thrive webinar - teaching students with autism new skills ranging from pre-academics, play, and self-care

Nurses

Back to School COVID protocols facilitated by Nurse Leader Patty Elias, Paula Marano, and Lisa Trainor. Included School Physician, Cathy Liberty, and school health unit from DPH.

ELD

Illustrative Math and/or ESL curriculum development

Back to School

This is our first meeting since we've been back to school. It is wonderful to have everyone back. In some ways, it has been a smooth opening. In others, it's not been an entirely easy start to the year.

- Summer optimism left us not thinking we'd be returning to school with the current health metrics. Guidance and information from DESE is coming very late (they shared similar optimism, I think) and we are making adjustments as we are able.
- Navigating a lot (again) and putting the pieces back together. Transportation, facilities rental, indoor gatherings, fundraisers, athletics, educator evaluation, safety -- everything requires some measure of re-evaluation of our practices and re-orientation for everyone.
- We have seen a lot of flux with student enrollment and house sales have been pretty steady through August. 23 overall more students at elementary than expected, but we have flux of about 125 students. 217 single family homes turned over by August 19.

Highlights:

- Classes have commenced and schools have been holding classes and services
- Administrators are hosting grade level and school meetings
- Picture days are starting
- Fire drills are occurring with the partnership of Franklin Fire Department
- Ben Franklin has been visiting
- School spirit days are occurring
- High school athletics is underway at Franklin High School
- Anticipate extracurricular activities and clubs to begin in October
- PCCs are beginning to host back to school events