



## **Franklin Public Schools**

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### **Superintendent's Report to School Committee May 22, 2018 School Committee Meeting**

#### **Administrative Searches**

We continue with our administrative searches and I am happy to provide you with the following updates:

##### *Remington Middle School Principal*

Finalists completed visits to the Remington Middle School last week, following a thorough paper screening and interviews of candidates with the Interview Team. I am in the process of conducting reference checks and anticipate announcing a new principal by the end of this week. I want to thank all participants of the interview team and the parents, students, and faculty/staff who participated in site visits. I also want to thank Peter Light who chaired this Interview Committee.

##### *Oak Street Elementary School Principal*

The Interview Committee conducted a first round of interviews and chose to repost the position in order to expand the candidate pool. Interviews are scheduled for this week and we hope to have finalists move forward for site visits with the Oak Elementary School community during the first week of June.

##### *Davis Thayer Elementary School Principal*

I am in the process of putting together what this search will look like, including communicating out to the community. I anticipate more information will be forthcoming by the end of the week.

##### *Assistant Superintendent Search*

I want to thank the Interview Committee who completed interviews last week and forwarded three candidates as finalists for the Assistant Superintendent position. We had over 70 candidates apply for this position and the committee interviewed 8 experienced and viable candidates. After much thoughtful discussion, the committee came to consensus that there were 3 candidates who rose to the top as exceptional leaders and who we recommended to move forward in the process. We are pleased to announce that the finalists for the position are Richard Drolet, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Uxbridge Public Schools, Jennifer O'Neill, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning at Norton Public Schools, and Lucas Giguere, High School Principal at Bellingham Public Schools.

As we continue through our process, Lucas Giguere will visit the District on Friday, May 25th, Jennifer O'Neill on Tuesday, May 29th and Richard Drolet on Thursday, May 31st. All of them will have the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff. They will also tour several of the schools with Superintendent Ahern. Additionally, as a part of this process, the candidate will meet with Central Office Administration, Principals/Assistant Principals from across the district, School Committee members, and Superintendent Ahern.

### **FY 19 Budget**

I would like to thank the Town Council for their thoughtful questions and engagement last week at the town's budget hearing. Of note to the council was our position relative to the use of revolving funds, having an opportunity to explain to the broader community about special education funding and how it is sometimes unpredictable, our continued concerns around supports for students related to mental/behavioral health needs, and the impact of our instructional coaches to provide professional development to our staff to ensure high quality instruction. Ultimately, the town's allocation to our budget was voted by the council on the second evening, May 17.