



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee November 14, 2023

PD Update

Tuesday, November 7, was a full professional development day for staff focused on deepening our collective understanding of UDL with a focus on student engagement. Our staff also learned about the new IEP, SEI strategies that support multilingual learners, the K-5 literacy curriculum, and more. Educators were provided time to collaborate with grade-level or course-alike partners, and we offered training for new teacher mentors. Thank you to the Offices of Teaching and Learning and Student Services for planning these professional learning opportunities.

MASC/MASS Joint Conference.

The MA Association of School Committee and the MA Association of School Superintendents hosted their annual joint conference from November 8-10, 2023. I was able to attend the first two days and was joined by your MASC SC Rep, Mr. Al Charles, and Ms. Erin Gallagher. In addition to over sixty-panel sessions, the event featured various keynote speakers, including DESE Commissioner Jeffrey Reilly and MA Secretary of Education Mr. Patrick Tutwiler.

Newcomer Update

As we previously shared with our community, the Town of Franklin is one of the communities where families are placed in a Franklin hotel as long-term, temporary housing. By the end of this week, we anticipate having 56 school-aged children enrolled across all levels. As with any student who enrolls in our schools, we must protect our students' privacy. As a public school district, we are responsible for providing education and educational services for all the children in our community, regardless of their backgrounds or circumstances.

The recently approved funding through the legislature will provide \$104 per student per day enrolled. DESE will collect this data through the Homeless and Foster Care application on their website within the Security Portal. This payment will be for students housed in Emergency Shelters enrolled in the Franklin Public Schools. Payment will be received as soon as possible after Dec. 1 for those students enrolled between Oct. 3 and Dec. 1, 2023.

We continue to work with our other Town Departments and local community organizations, including weekly meetings to share updates and identify resources and supports.

Inclimate Weather/Snow Update

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

As this is New England, we are apt to have days when the weather is inclement, and it is important our families understand how the process works to be as prepared as possible. We will send a letter to families with details regarding inclement weather procedures. This information can also be found on our website under the "About Us" tab - [Inclement Weather Notice](#).

Thanksgiving Game Update

A reminder to our community that our Franklin High School football team will play its Thanksgiving day game at Fenway Park against King Phillip on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, in the night game at 7:30 p.m.

General admission tickets are available and can be purchased for \$20 through the Red Sox website at www.redsox.com/highschoolfootball.

Happy Thanksgiving

As we pause for a break this Thanksgiving, it is the perfect time to thank our staff and administrators for all the work they do every day for Franklin's children. I also want to thank our Franklin School Committee, our families, and our community for their support throughout the year and wish our community a peaceful Thanksgiving with friends and family.