



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee

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MASS Legislative Breakfast

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (TriCounty Districts) hosted Legislative Breakfast on March 3, 2023. School Superintendents were joined by School Committees Chairs and Legislative Representatives to learn about the successes and challenges facing school districts and to ask for their continued support related to the 14% tuition increase to out of district special education schools, circuit breaker reimbursement threshold. Some of these topics will be discussed later as budgetary drivers in our presentation.

Redistricting Information

As we continue to update the community regarding the redistricting analysis process this year to help us identify the short and long-term needs of the District.

- Redistricting Analysis Advisory Committee has met monthly since November with AppGeo to workshop scenarios to present to the community.
- A district working group represented by School Committee, the District has met with AppGeo to process feedback, refine the recommendations, and structure the redistricting analysis process, which is outlined into six stages.
- Last week we conducted the public input stage, consisting of several public forums to present three proposed scenarios refined by the Redistricting Advisory Committee for review.
 - **March 7th, 2023** in-person
 - **March 13th, 2023** virtually
 - **March 15th, 2023**, virtually for all elementary and secondary staff

Our Space Needs and Facilities Subcommittee met last night and is in the process of reviewing the information to arrive at a recommendation for the school committee's consideration and vote in April.

Thank you to our RAAC and working group members for their participation and input. We anticipate the April timeframe to finalize the recommendation.

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong Learning has an exciting summer planned for students with a lineup of engaging, interactive, and fun activities! Summer STEM has opportunities for students entering Grades 1-10.

- Math Academy, Grades 1-6 July 10–21

- Catch Me if You Can - An Overview of Forensic Science, Grades 6-9 July 10-14 or July 17-21
- NEW - Tinkering with Technology, Grades 6-9 July 10-14
- NEW - Engineering with Newton, Grades 6-9 July 17-21
- Financial Literacy for Teens, Grades 8-10 July 10-14

All programs are 8:30 am-12:30 pm. Please visit the [Lifelong Learning website](#) for more information. We hope to see you this summer!

Track & Field Nationals

This past weekend, Franklin High School Track and Field participated in the New Balance Nationals Indoor in Boston. Both the Girls' and Boys' teams competed in multiple events, with athletes placing. Our Boys 4x200 team set a new school record. Congratulations to Sarah Dumas, who placed 4th overall in the Pentathlon earning all-American honors! What an incredible end to the winter season.

FHS Cheer

Congratulations to the Franklin High School Cheerleading team on taking 1st place at the New England Championship. This is on the heels of their most recent wins of the Division 1 Winter 2023 State Championship, the 2023 Winter Cheerleading D1 South Regional Championship, and the 2023 Winter Hockomock Championship. We are so proud of the athletes and their coach, Doni Gill.

FHS Swim

Congratulations to our FHS Swim Team athletes for competing in the State Championships. Hope Xayaveth is the 100-meter butterfly state champion, setting a new meet record with a time of 54:43. Hope and her teammates Harikalal Birali, Christine Tang, and Emma Ferreria won the 200-meter medley while setting a new school record of 1:50.81.

[FHS DECA](#)

FHS DECA took on the **Massachusetts State Career Development Conference (SCDC)** this weekend at the Hynes Convention Center. Several students placed top 10 in the following categories:

- Integrated Marketing Communication (Event and Product)
- Entrepreneurship Team Decision Making
- Business Growth Plan
- Finance Operations
- Research and Sports & Entertainment Marketing Operations Research

Congratulations to DECA members Sid Chandra, Jay Gorgas, and Aayush Srinivas, who won the Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research event, and to FHS Chapter President Nihara Lijan for winning the Innovation Plan event!

The entire FHS DECA team represented Franklin proudly at the state level. Going forward, seven students were chosen to compete at the International Career Development Conference in Orlando. Congratulations to Sid Chandra, Jay Gorgas, Aayush Srinivas, Nihara Lijan, Jack Hagerty, Kieran Mitchell, and Anurag Kavishwar for qualifying! Special thanks to Paul Cadenhead, the Franklin DECA club advisor

I'd like to invite one of our state champions to a future meeting which will be a great segway to our student guest joining us this evening.

Art Clay

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards were announced late last week. The FHS Clay Program, under the teaching of Ms. Brenna Johnson, received some recognition which is very exciting.

Scholastic is hosting its traditional art events for the first time since pre-covid, so students that received either a gold or silver key will have the opportunity to go to Tufts University for an awards ceremony, and their work will be exhibited on campus at Breed Hall in March.

This is an incredible opportunity for students. Four students from the FHS Clay Program were juried into the 2023 Massachusetts Recognitions Virtual Art Exhibition. Then, two seniors, Margo Savage and Kyla Miller, received some additional awards.

1. Kyla Miller, Senior

- A. Silver Key, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- B. Two Honorable Mentions, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- C. Juried into the Massachusetts Art Education High School Recognitions Online Exhibition - \$100 Blick Award

2. Katie Sawyer, Senior

- A. Juried into the Massachusetts Art Education High School Recognitions Online Exhibition
- B. President of the Empty Bowls Clubs:)

3. Ella Kabat, Sophomore

- A. Gold Key, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- B. Juried into the Massachusetts Art Education High School Recognitions Online Exhibition

2023 MAEA Recognitions Juried Virtual Exhibition

 <p>Student: Margo Savage, Senior Title: Gourd, Teapot Media: Low Fire Clay & Glaze Award: Art for All Award \$250</p>	 <p>Student: Katie Sawyer, Senior Title: Care Suspended Media: Raku Clay & Glaze</p>
 <p>Student: Kyla Miller, Senior Title: Bargain with God Media: Medium Fire Clay & Glaze Award: Blick Art Award \$100</p>	 <p>Student: Isabella Kabat, Sophomore Title: Rainbow Mosaic Media: Low Fire Clay & Glaze</p>

Unable to Attend

4. Julia Spanek, Senior

- A. Honorable Mention, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

5. Margo Savage, Senior

- A. Silver Key, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards
- B. Juried into the Massachusetts Art Education High School Recognitions Online Exhibition
 - Art for All Award \$250

2023 Massachusetts High School Journalist of the Year by the Massachusetts Scholastic Press Association.

Franklin High School Senior Ryan Martin has been named the [2023 Massachusetts High School Journalist of the Year by the Massachusetts Scholastic Press Association](#). Ryan has an undeniable passion for Journalism, which he has nurtured through his time with the FHS Pantherbook as senior editor and as a freelance contributor at publications such as the Boston Globe, MetroWest Sports, and other media outlets.

The All-State High School Staff awards recognize seniors at Massachusetts high schools who have compiled exemplary work in at least one area of journalism. His hard work has also earned him a spot as one of nine journalists on the All-State High School Journalist Team.

Ryan will represent Massachusetts at the Journalism Education Association national competition this Spring.

Congratulations to Ryan on this outstanding achievement!

Press release:

<https://maschoolpress.org/1357/news/maspa-names-9-member-all-state-hs-journalism-staff/>

Special thanks to our FHS Art Department staff and the leadership of Mr. Adam Gooder, who, through their teaching, allow for these amazing moments to happen for our students.