

## Franklin Public Schools

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# Superintendent's Report to School Committee April 9, 2024

#### Food Recycling Program Update

We recently received an update from our Facilities and Water Department regarding how much the compactor tonnage and frequency of dumping have decreased since implementing the food recycling program at Keller-Sullivan, Remington-Jefferson, and Horace Mann. To date, 70.7 tons (all-encompassing) have been kept out of the regular waste stream. The weight also includes compostable paper products in addition to food waste. These are agricycle numbers.

KS 10.4

FHS 11.5

RJ 24.7

HM 16.9

P 1.8

K 5.4

#### **Senior Projects:**

Excited to announce that close to 200 FHS Seniors began their Senior Projects on Monday, April 8th. These seniors will engage in a 70-hour internship demonstrating the knowledge, skills, and maturity they've achieved throughout their school career thus far. Senior Projects students choose an area of study that interests them and work within that area to gain practical experience before graduating high school. Senior Project is a unique opportunity for our students to engage in authentic tasks in an area of their interest. We look forward to the presentations on May 21.

#### **Comprehensive School Facilities Forums**

This week, we have engaged a variety of stakeholders for the purpose of informing the district's comprehensive school facilities planning by gathering feedback in the areas of Portrait of a Graduate Application, Educational Vision, Facilities Planning. We began with a Summary of POG, and Ed. Visioning Workshops to process and outcomes, Facilitated Q and L (question and listening) by tables, Summary share out and Conclusion. We received excellent feedback on people's hopes, concerns, and mitigations. Our master planner and education architect are working on creating a clear picture of the options for consideration, along with the benefits and challenges of each.

### Half Day PD

This Friday, April 14 will be a half day for students. Educators will have time to reflect on their goals from the year and compile evidence to showcase their work throughout the year.

As April break approaches, we want to wish students and their families a safe and restful break and we look forward to having students return to school on Monday, April 22.