



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee September 28, 2021

Professional Development Day Preview

October 1 is a half-day professional development day for faculty and staff in the district. It is a half-day of school for students. Plans are as follows:

ECDC faculty and staff: CPR and First Aid Skills Training and engagement in school improvement goals.

K-5 Educators: Exploration of the MAP Growth Reports and identification of resources to support students

Middle school educators: Exploration MAP Growth Reports

High school educators: Follow up from September 3 - department heads leading areas of focus on curriculum, instruction, and assessment

School nurses: Narcan training; Food services about food allergies; SPOT tester review

Information Being Presented to Town Council - October 6, 2021

Miriam Goodman and I have been invited to attend and present at the Town Council meeting next Wednesday, October 6. This is an opportunity for us to follow up with the Town Council following the budget hearings last spring. The focus of the presentation will largely mirror the School Committee workshop from this summer in discussing school finance, school enrollment trends, where we are with the retirement of the Davis Thayer facility, and how we are thinking about the Master Facilities Planning process. We will share the information with the School Committee in advance of next Wednesday.

Late Buses

Our bus contractor, like many across the state, continues to struggle to provide enough bus drivers to support our transportation needs. We do hear that there are some drivers recently hired and are in training for the various towns the vendor serves.

We ARE able to transport students to and from school. We are not, however, able to run late buses at this time. We intend to begin clubs in some fashion and will try to work with families to

provide access, despite these transportation issues. One thought is that perhaps families can connect with each other and carpool.