



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee May 9, 2023

Jazz Band Musicians

The Franklin High Jazz Band earned a "Superior" rating at their MAJE state final, awarding them a Gold medal. With this, they were invited to perform at the Hatch Shell in Boston this past Sunday, May 7th! Additionally, The Franklin High Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, and Repertory Orchestra all demonstrated a "Superior" performance at this year's MICCA Festival. This also earned them Gold medal placements to bring home!

Ahan Shetty	Paxton Rosen	John Kane	Rowan O'Rourke	Adithya Balagurumoorthy
Sydney Lincourt	Maria Zaki	Colin Manocchio	Thomas Bradley	Lauren Curtis
Katie Zercie	Brady Devlin	Peter Bryan	Dan Campbell	Emelia Chambers
Jake Blanchard	Weylan O'Connell	Anton Sackley	Aidan Padula	

Hockomock YMCA's Bernon Family Red Triangle Award

For being a steadfast community partner committed to helping our YMCA provide a safety net for those in need, the Hockomock Area YMCA is honoring the Franklin Public Schools' Food Service Team with this year's Bernon Family Branch Red Triangle Award.

I want to read part of the statement the YMCA shared with me. "The Franklin Public Schools' Food Service Team consists of Colin Boisvert, Director of Food Service; Maura Crowley, Assistant Director of Food Service; Kristine Desmarais, Franklin High Kitchen Manager; Deb Defilippo, Franklin High School Lead, and Greg Debaggis, Food Service Courier. This group has been instrumental community partners over the last three years with our Y in the area of providing more than meals to our childcare programs, including our licensed early learning center in Franklin and remote learning programs from 2020-2021. The Hockomock Area YMCA is proud to have provided more than 500,000 meals since 2020, but that would not be possible were it not for partners like the Franklin Public Schools' Food Service Team. When asked why it was important for their team to partner with the Hockomock Area YMCA, Colin explained, "We wanted to help because of all the Y does in the community. We are all in this together."

Congratulations to Colin and the entire food service team.

New K-5 Tier 1 Literacy Curriculum Resource

As we shared during the February 28th School Committee meeting, the Core Program Review Committee comprised of 24 teachers and four administrators from all five elementary schools were meeting on March 1 to make their final recommendation of a new tier 1 literacy curriculum resource. The committee recommended the adoption of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's *Into Reading*.

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On Friday, May 5, all K-5 teachers participated in a professional development workshop, where they were introduced to the basics of Into Reading and how to access the program. The goal was to allow teachers to thoroughly explore the program and materials in advance of implementing the adoption next year.

ECDC Curriculum Review

ECDC has completed its curriculum review and pilot. A team of five teachers piloted Pre-K On My Way and recommended its adoption. This program incorporates high-quality literature, engaging lessons, and many opportunities for supporting student growth. Professional development continues as teachers will adopt the program this fall.