



## **Franklin Public Schools**

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### **Superintendent's Report to School Committee January 11, 2022**

#### **Professional Development Day Preview – January 14, 2022**

We are excited to share the January 14th Professional Learning Day offerings. The half day PD will consist of sessions facilitated by colleagues along with roundtable discussions.

Sessions will be hosted **virtually**.

Educators are being invited to “Build Your Own Conference (BYOC)”. A huge amount of thanks and recognition go to our DLIs - Allison Finley, Kate Merten, Chris Penza, John Leighton, and Marianne Zogby as well as Tina Rogers, Linda Ashely, and Lucas Giguere for bringing this vision to life.

There are three sessions offered on January 14th, but faculty and staff will attend only two, depending on their level.

<b>Session 1 12:00 - 12:50</b>	<b>Session 2 1:05 - 1:55</b>	<b>Session 3 2:10 - 3:00</b>
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Wide variety of topics will be included: content pedagogy, curriculum development using Understanding by Design, Effective Co-Teaching practices, Understanding Dyslexia, Instructional Technology, Incorporating SEL and DEI into units of instruction, Mental Health and Substance Abuse trends, Writing Effective College Letters of Recommendation, Keys to Literacy, MTSS and Learning Acceleration, SEI Strategies, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Mindfulness, Speak Up at School to Confront Bias, Supporting Students with ASD in the Inclusion Classroom, and more.

We have 58 speakers and most are from within FPS, sharing their expertise with colleagues.

**Davis Thayer Facility Update**

I know many in the community are wondering about what's going on with Davis Thayer.

This fall, building principals walked the building and identified items that are being repurposed throughout the district.

At this time, the building is currently in use for some much needed storage throughout the district. It is holding all of the district and town PPE at this time. Additionally, many cafeteria tables are stored there.

While we don't believe that there is use for it as a school any longer, given some of the areas outlined in the facilities study, we are seeking input from MSBA regarding deeming it surplus and turning it over to the town. This has implications for the Master Facilities Plan.

As for Master Facilities Planning, I will return in a few meetings with some suggestions on framing a path forward to get that work underway in late winter or early spring.

**School Committee Tours**

School Committee tours of our school buildings, which we were originally being planned for January, are being postponed due to the COVID surge. We will aim for visits after February vacation.