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Franklin School Committee's Third Annual Legislative Forum February 4, 2020

# Franklin Public Schools

**Superintendent's Opening Remarks** 

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### **Vision and Mission**

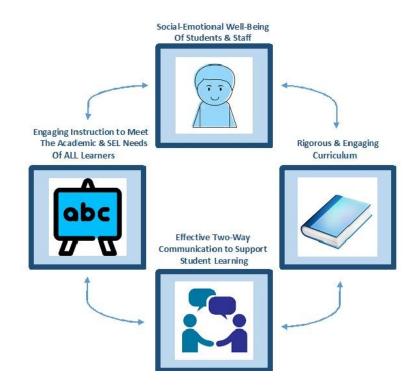
#### Vision

The Franklin Public Schools will foster within its students the knowledge and skills to find and achieve satisfaction in life as productive global citizens.

#### Mission

The Franklin Public Schools, in collaboration with the community, will cultivate each student's intellectual, social, emotional and physical potential through rigorous academic inquiry and informed problem solving skills within a safe, nurturing and respectful environment.

## **Strategy for District Improvement 2018-2021**



## **Student Opportunity Act**

- Groundbreaking legislation aimed to address adequacy of funding (as identified, in part, through recommendations of the Foundation Budget Review Commission)
  - Additional funding to support students with special needs, English learners, students from low socio-economic backgrounds, and address rising healthcare costs
  - Additional Circuit Breaker funding for high cost special education services including out of district transportation
  - Full funding of Charter School tuition reimbursement transitional aid over a three year period
  - Other measures including accountability to DESE
- Governor's Budget released January 22, 2020
  - Additional funding to Franklin for Chapter 70 aid
  - Anticipate additional support for Circuit Breaker
- SOA will be implemented over time

### Thank you to our elected officials for ongoing support!

- Substance Abuse Task Force -- \$58,000 earmark for substance abuse prevention
- Vaping Detection and Prevention -- \$50,000 earmark for vaping detection and prevention

SEL -- Annual forum for Parents/Guardians

- Ongoing collaboration and contributions
  - Portrait of a Graduate
  - Personalized Learning and the National Conference of State Legislatures
  - Explicit Images Legislation and Awareness Event

## **Themes for Tonight**



Student Opportunity Act

Supporting the Social-Emotional Needs of Our Children and Our Staff

Trends in Higher Education

College, Career, and Civic Readiness