

Franklin Public Schools

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Dear Invested Community Member,

The Franklin Public Schools is engaging the community in an exciting VISIONING process of developing our "*Portrait of A Graduate*". This visioning process is an initiative stemming from our District's <u>Strategy</u> for Improvement.

We seek to engage the community -- families, business owners, community organizations and members, elected officials, faculty/staff, students -- in the identification of the essential skills <u>each and every</u> Franklin High School graduate will develop so that they can be competitive in the workplace, civic life, and future studies. Once our Portrait of a Graduate is developed, the school department will seek to align its goals in the direction of fulfilling that vision.

Please note -- this is a **PreK-12 effort** and is not limited to our high school. We need to vision and plan for not only what our 2019 graduates need, but also for the class of 2032 (incoming Kindergarteners) and beyond!

We invite interested members of the community to join us in a focus group designed to elicit your thinking about our hopes and dreams for our students. If you are able to come, we ask that you RSVP for **one** of the following times:

Thursday, April 4, 2019 from 7:00 -- 9:00 PM at Franklin High School OR Monday, April 8, 2019 from 7:00 -- 9:00 PM at Franklin High School

Please RSVP on this form: <u>https://goo.gl/forms/AXh84eK8Ycyd5X4T2</u>

Space on each date is limited. If we end up with more interest than we can accommodate, we will be delighted to add additional focus group sessions.

If you are interested in learning more about Portrait of a Graduate, this background article may be of interest to you:

https://www.nsba.org/newsroom/american-school-board-journal/asbj-august-2018/what-should-your-grad uate-know

If you have any questions, please contact the Superintendent's office 508-553-4819 or aherns@franklinps.net

Sincerely, Sara E. Ahern, Superintendent of Schools

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