



Franklin Public Schools

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Superintendent's Report to School Committee April 10, 2018 School Committee Meeting

A Thank You to Our Counselors

Our high school community is in the process of grieving. This type of loss is never easy, and it is heartbreaking to watch young people have to go through this type of bereavement. I want to recognize and acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our counseling faculty and staff, who have been providing support services to students.

Administrative Search Updates

We have posted vacancies for the Oak St. Principal, Remington Principal, and Assistant Superintendent positions. Search committees will be led by Dr. Joyce Edwards, Mr. Peter Light, and Ms. Lisa Trainor, respectively. They are in the process of putting together these Search Committees which will include:

- Teacher representatives
- Administrator representatives
- School Committee members
- Parent representatives

The Search Committees will be tasked with conducting the initial round of interviews for candidates. They will select finalists to be forwarded to a second round of interviews and a visit to our district; these interviews will be with broader groups of faculty/staff and parents/community members. As Superintendent, I will complete thorough reference checks and make the final selections. E-mails went out to the community late last week seeking volunteers to serve on the Search Committees.

I also want to announce that Sarah Klim has recommended that Ms. Kim Booth, who has been serving in an interim capacity, become the Assistant Principal at the Jefferson Elementary School. Ms. Klim sought input from faculty and the parent community about Ms. Booth's work this year. Feedback was very positive and she was pleased to make the recommendation to keep Ms. Booth on as the Assistant Principal.

Concession Stand Construction Beginning

A group of generous community members have donated time, money, labor, and materials to construct a new Concession Stand at the location of the current concession trailer at Pisini Field at Franklin High School. This project received School Committee approval in December, pending sufficient funding. Significant fundraising efforts have yielded results and the project is moving forward, beginning over April vacation.

Community members can expect to see materials being removed from the trailer, its demolition, and the construction of a fence around the construction area.

Construction will begin to occur this spring, with some small projects occurring on weekends, not when school is in session. The majority of the work will be completed over the summer, after school gets out.

All workers, as we do with every construction project, will have verified CORI checks for safety.

Remington Literacy Specialist Presenting at Conference

I always like to highlight the talent of our staff, particularly when they have work worthy of presenting at conferences. Remington literacy specialist Tulani Husband-Verbeek presented last week at the New England League of Middle Schools. The title of her presentation was "Effective 21st Century Curriculum for 21st Century Students".

April Vacation

We would like to remind everyone that next week is April vacation and there will be no school. We hope everyone has a restful break.

