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An Update from the Superintendent

By Dr. Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Schools



The 2018-2019 school year is shaping up to be an excellent one!

We started off the year with a focus on student and staff well-being. Guest speaker, Carrie Stack of the Say Yes Institute (www.sayyesinstitute.com) delivered opening remarks in a humorous and accessible way to all faculty and staff on August 27. The theme was one of self-care; there were two reasons for this focus. First, we as educators are role models for the children we teach and they look to us as examples of living healthfully. Second, for us to care for and educate children in the way they need and deserve, we need to be our healthiest selves. Hence our district has expanded its focus on social-emotional learning to include staff in addition to students as part of our Strategy for District Improvement.

Food For Thought

By Colin Boisvert, Food Service Director and Miriam Goodman, School Business Administrator



Welcome to a new school year! The Foodservice Department is excited to be serving breakfast now at Oak Street School and JF Kennedy School. Students can pick up a grab-n-go meal on their way into school. Breakfast continues to be served at Davis Thayer, Parmenter, Jefferson, Horace Mann, Remington, and Franklin High School.



Franklin Interface

By Lucas Giguere, Assistant Superintendent

We are excited to announce our recent partnership with William James College in the development of the [Franklin Interface Referral Service](#). This service provides all members of the Franklin Community with free access to a wide range of mental health-related services, including substance abuse support.



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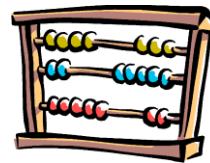
Hello
my name is

Paula Marano

I am very excited to introduce myself as the Interim Director of Student Services. Over the past 9 years, I have worked in the Franklin Public Schools as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Kennedy Elementary School and most recently as the Assistant Director of Special Education.

MCAS Results and Accountability

By Dr. Joyce Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning



MCAS scores from last spring will be mailed out on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, for all students currently in grades 4-11. For students who were in grades 3-8 last spring, these MCAS scores are the results from the next-generation MCAS tests that were given in English Language Arts and Mathematics.



School Start Times Advisory Committee Update

By Dr. Sara Ahern, Superintendent of Schools

The School Start Times Advisory Committee has been meeting since March 2017 in order to examine the prospect of adjusting school start times to be more consistent with what a multitude of research studies show about sleep and adolescents.

Seeking Substitutes

By Lisa Trainor, Director of Human Resources

Have extra time on your hands? Want to get more involved?? The District is seeking qualified, enthusiastic, child friendly on-call substitutes in the following areas: Teaching, Cafeteria Support, and Guard Crossing. Choose your own schedule. If interested send us your resume or stop by the Central Office Human Resources Department and complete an application any day before 4pm.

