

Report to the Concord School Committee

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Opening of School

The first week of school has been highly successful and upbeat. The positive energy and enthusiasm of the staff was complemented by the student presence. As routines are established, it is clear that it will be an exciting year to come.

Back to School Nights

Willard was the first to host a Back to School night for Kindergarten parents on September 6. Below is a list of the remaining dates at the 4 CPS schools:

Tuesday, September 12	Alcott K-2
Wednesday, September 13	Alcott 3-5 Willard 1-2 Thoreau K-5
Wednesday, September 27	Willard 3-5
Thursday, September 28	Sanborn
Thursday, October 5	Peabody

Teacher Forums

During the first week of school, I enjoyed holding voluntary opportunities for teachers to meet and talk with me that were very well attended. The structure of the sessions varied at each school. At the high school, teachers met with me in small groups or individually during a three hour long period over the lunch blocks. At the other schools, teachers came in during a meet and greet type of format. A more formal, large group conversation in one school allowed for a broad range of feedback. I am very appreciative of the time and ideas shared with me.

Parent and Community Forums

Monday, September 18: Concord Carlisle Regional High School
Tuesday, September 19: Concord Middle School (Sanborn)
Monday, September 25: Alcott Elementary School
Monday, October 2: Willard Elementary School
Tuesday, October 3: Thoreau Elementary School

Loss

During the Parent Grief and Loss Forum on August 31, approximately 12 parents participated in the discussion with Riverside Trauma Center. As in the other public sessions, the conversation was very purposeful for those who came. Riverside offered a level of practical guidance in talking with children while validating the discussions parents already had.

Cultural Proficiency

As discussed at previous meetings, the administrative team is developing an action plan to better inform our cultural proficiency practices. This plan will be embedded in the presentation of my goals for this year at the September 26 Joint School Committee meeting.

50th Anniversary of METCO in Concord

To celebrate the beginning of Concord's 50th anniversary year with the METCO program, a family friend picnic is planned for Sunday, September 17. The event will include food, activities and METCO alumni returning to Concord. Everyone is welcome!