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**Superintendent's Report
Joint School Committees
February 14, 2017**

FY18 Proposed Budget Books

The FY18 Proposed Budget Books were posted on the district website, published, and distributed by the end of January. We appreciate the good work of John Flaherty, Deputy Supt., and Matt Wells, Senior Business Analyst, in preparing the books.

CPS Principal Searches

As of Feb. 7, the district has received more than 60 applications for the Willard Principal position and the posting doesn't close until the 15th. The interview screening committee has been selected and consists of teachers, administrators, staff, parent, CTA member, and SC member. Interviews are scheduled for early March. We are seeking input on the qualities, skills, and experiences for the next Willard Principal, and a link to the survey can be found at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GXB3S7>

The district has also received more than 50 applications for the Concord Middle School position, and that posting closes Feb. 22. The interview screening committee has also been selected and consists of teachers from both buildings, administrators, staff, parent, CTA member, and SC member. Interviews are also scheduled for early March, and the survey for CMS Principal can be found at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8GG5KQJ>

2016 Massachusetts Commendation Schools Ceremony

Alcott Principal, Sharon Young, and Leadership Team members Judy Olsen and Jean Thuma attended the State House ceremony to recognize Alcott and 50 other Massachusetts schools for their high student achievement and progress on state testing. Both the Secretary of Education, Jim Peyser, and Commissioner Mitchell Chester commended the schools and presented the awards.

Cooler Concord Fair

K12 students from each school site presented their ideas and projects for reducing energy use during the Cooler Concord Fair, a community event on Feb. 4, designed to empower Concord residents to reduce CO2 emissions with incentives, information, and motivation. The Fair sponsored by Concord's Sustainable Energy Committee (CSEC) in collaboration with the Town, CMLP, and our school district was attended by more than 400 community members.

AMS Conference in Seattle

CCHS students presented their weather balloon project at the American Meteorological Society in Seattle .

CCHS Student Art

Advanced 2D Art students and Joe Pickman, Art Teacher, are honoring the history of black musicians with life-size silhouettes posted throughout the CCHS building.

Thirty-four(34) art students received recognition by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for their outstanding effort and achievement in visual art.

CCHS student artists in Two-Dimension Art, Ceramics, Digital Photography, and Photography displayed their art work during the 21st Annual Regional High School Artist Show in Lexington Gallery.

MMEA Eastern District Junior Festival

Ten (10) CMS student musicians were accepted for the Festival at Lincoln-Sudbury on March 4. These students will work with a talented guest conductor and perform a rigorous concert program with students from other districts. Congratulations to our students and their teachers, Chris Noce, Paul Halpainy, Anna Anderson, and Dan Rivenburg.

MMEA All-State Concert Band and Orchestra

Seven (7) CCHS student musicians have been chosen for the MMEA All-state Concert Band and Orchestra. These students will participate in rehearsals at the Sheraton Boston Hotel in March, culminating in a performance at Boston's Symphony Hall on March 11. Congratulations to our students and their teacher, David Gresko.

LearnLaunch Across Boundaries Conference 2017

The conference co-hosted by MIT Office of Digital Learning brought together educators, entrepreneurs, investors, education companies, and technology innovators to discuss innovation in learning, student engagement, and student achievement using digital technologies. Lynne Beattie, Digital Literacy

Administrator, Kristen Herbert, Director of Teaching and Learning, and a team of teachers, tech specialists, and administrators attended the conference to learn about innovative programming that individualizes learning for all students through access to effective and engaging digital tools. A highlight of the conference was the "Learning Innovation Showcase" which presented twenty student and teacher teams using a wide range of digital tools in their current classrooms.

<http://learnlaunch.org/learninginnovationshowcase/>