Report to the Joint School Committees

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Concord-Carlisle Regional School District

Transportation

With great appreciation, I thank the transportation department for their extensive work in finding creative options to rectify the transportation issues. As of Friday, September 22, Fenn and Nashoba return to independent routes as in years past. The middle school students will now reach the schools just before 8 a.m. All high school students are now arriving on time. We are very appreciative of the community's patience while we crafted these final plans.

Back to School Nights

I very much enjoyed attending Back to School Nights at Willard, Alcott, Thoreau and CCHS. I look forward to participating in the remaining nights as well:

Wednesday, September 27	Willard 3-5
Thursday, September 28	Sanborn
Thursday, October 5	Peabody

Student and Teacher Surveys

As part of my entry plan, I am focused on gathering feedback from various groups. Over 100 staff generously took the time to respond to questions with thoughtful and insightful input. Currently, a survey is posted for high school students. Over the next week, a parent survey will also be posted.

Parent Community Forums

Approximately 8 parents attended the CCHS forum. At CMS, 25 parents were in attendance. Both discussions were very positive and provided feedback on many topics including communication, student stress and transitions. The remaining forums are on the following dates:

Monday, September 25: Alcott Elementary School
Monday, October 2: Willard Elementary School
Tuesday, October 3: Thoreau Elementary School

Cultural Proficiency

As will be discussed in my evaluation goals, the administration is focused on developing a plan as to accommodations and messages for students while furthering a safe environment. We will meet with a consultant in October to review best practice and then engage in discussions with the staff and beyond.

50th Anniversary of METCO in Concord

Over 100 people attended the METCO celebration on September 17. It was exciting to see alumni return many years later sharing their stories as to the impact the Concord and Concord-Carlisle schools had on them.

Mindfulness

The administrative team met to discuss the district's current work in mindfulness. A committee led by Kelly McCausland will create a master strategic plan over the course of the year. As you will see in my evaluation goal, I find this work very important and am excited for the district to participate in the town wide initiative.