

The School Committees Report: Joint School Committee Meeting to be held in Boston

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Members of the Joint School Committee recently committed to holding a business meeting in Boston in order to facilitate the process of attending a meeting for Boston-based parents.

Members hoped to hold the meeting prior to the Thanksgiving holiday; more information will follow regarding the specific date, time and location.

CPS School Committee Goals for the 2017-18 School Year

Members of the Concord School Committee discussed committee goals for the current academic year at its last meeting on September 12th. The draft goals include supporting Superintendent Hunter and her entry plan as well as to establish and execute a Superintendent review process including a mid-year update. Members also want to engage with the Superintendent on a strategic planning process and to create and pass the FY19 budget while simultaneously improving the budget making process via the creation of a new Budget Subcommittee. Other highlights include establishing a vision for a state-of-the-art Middle School facility and continuing to prepare for the MSBA decision to advance a feasibility study regarding the Concord Middle School facilities expected later this year. The Committee members want to implement and participate in the District's cultural proficiency initiative and establish a practice regarding religious holidays in the yearly school calendar. Members plan to vote on the final set of goals at the next meeting.

Strategic Planning

School Committee members and Superintendent Hunter discussed K-12 strategic planning initiative that will be completed by the end of the current school year with an action plan to be implemented next fall. The process to create the initiative is the next logical step to follow the Superintendent's Entry Plan which will yield important data an input from all stakeholders in the school communities.

The initiative will include components that outline the Districts' mission, vision, and core values along with data analysis of student achievement and gaps between students in core subjects, strategic objectives and initiatives, and measuring outcomes.

Superintendent Public Forums

New Superintendent Laurie Hunter will be holding public forums at all school sites in September and October. All forums begin at 7 p.m. and include:

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

Bus Transportation Meeting

Members of the School Committee along with Concord Public Schools and Concord-Carlisle Regional School District Administration hosted a meeting yesterday for parents and staff of Fenn and Nashoba Brooks School to discuss concerns regarding bus transportation including late

arrival times and long commutes. New bus routes associated with the later start time at CCHS has resulted in the unanticipated impacts on transportation issues for Fenn and Nashoba Brooks School students. Members of the Administration and School Committee reiterated their commitment to keep refining bus plans and routes to address the issues in a timely fashion.

The School Committees Contact Information You can link to the School Committees' emails on the Districts' home page at www.concordps.org. Or, you can email the Concord Public School Committee at concordschoolcommittee@concordps.org and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School Committee at concordcarliseschoolcommittee@concordps.org. You can reach out to the Superintendent and the School Committees through the Your Voice Matters link on the Districts' home page. Interested individuals are encouraged to sign up for the School Committees subscriber's list which is also on the District's web page.