

Monthly Memo from the Superintendent

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Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurse Appreciation Day

This week, we celebrate our teachers and nurses with an outpouring of appreciation. Thank you to all of the PTG and PA groups for providing goodies and more this week. We are so fortunate to have faculties of such caliber and commitment. If you have not yet taken the time to express your gratitude, please know how appreciated is it when a few personal words are shared.

Budgets Approved

The districts express thanks to the communities of Concord and Carlisle. Both Town Meetings were successful in approving the proposed budgets to support the schools for 2018-2019.

Strategic Planning

An amazing group of 50 stakeholders continues to meet to discuss strategic objectives and initiatives for the coming five years. The objectives and initiatives are based on the over 20 forums held during the month of March which included all of the middle and high school students. By the end of June, the sessions will result in a guiding document.

Cultural Competency

For 2018-2019, professional development will focus on developing our cultural competency. We are thrilled to have Dr. Beverly Daniels Tatum as the keynote speaker for our opening events in August. Additionally, our work continues in implementing the accommodation policy.

School Safety Committee

In an effort to continually monitor and improve our school safety practices, a district-wide School Safety Committee is now in place that includes administrators, teachers, public safety officials and parents. Our first meeting is scheduled for later in May. We will meet quarterly going forward.

METCO DIRECTOR

Andrew Nyamekye has been named as our new METCO Director beginning August 1. He is currently serving as the METCO Director for the Hingham Public Schools and has more than nine years of experience in similar roles. His experience includes developing and managing METCO program budgets, coordinating transportation for METCO students, and working with faculty, administrators, staff and families to support and monitor the academic, social, and emotional development of METCO students.

CCHS Campus Advisory Committee

The CCHS Campus Advisory recently shared its report with the Joint School Committees. The report recommends the following projects for further consideration:

- 6-8 Lane Track
- Recreation Building (Indoor Ice Rink or Field House)
- Outdoor Learning Commons
- Pavilion
- Garden with Greenhouse
- Parking: Currently, the School Committee and administration are actively engaged in both short term and long term solutions to the parking shortage at the high school.

The entire report is located on the district web page. Specific plans will be developed at upcoming School Committee meetings.

CMS Facility Updates

A formal Statement of Interest toward building a new middle school was resubmitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority with an expected response due in November. In the meantime, plans to reconfigure the two current schools continue. For the 2019-2020 school year, all of grade six will be housed in Peabody. Both seventh and eighth grade will be located in Sanborn. More details will be shared as the time gets closer.

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