

# Monthly Memo from the Superintendent

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## Thank You

As I finish my first year in the district, I must express my gratitude and appreciation for the ongoing outreach and communication. On a daily basis, evidence of this community's deeply rooted value of education is everywhere. It is a privilege to be a leader in an environment where the dedication to children is so predominant. Thank you all.

## Strategic Planning

As a result of the vast amount of feedback provided throughout the process, a solid draft of the strategic plan for the next five years is in place. The summer will allow us time to do any late edits and begin to work on the action plans. As school opens, we will certainly share the contents and direction for both districts.

## Q5

The initial Q5 experience has been stupendous! The energy and enthusiasm of the staff and students created an environment for the last two weeks that has been palpably engaging and innovative. There are many great windows into these two weeks via Principal Mastrullo's blog on the high school web page and a student created Q5 web page located at [www.cchsq5.com](http://www.cchsq5.com). We offer ongoing thanks to the Concord Education Fund and the CCHS Parents Association for their support. Funding for the program was provided through their generous contributions.

## Cultural Competency

The Cultural Competency Committee reviewed professional development plans for the 2018-2019 school year. With thanks to the Concord Education Fund, professional development at both the district and building level will be offered in multiple formats next year. As a reminder, we are thrilled to have Dr. Beverly Daniels Tatum as the keynote speaker for our opening events in August.

## School Safety Committee

Representatives of the parent community, staff, administration as well as the facilities and technology personnel held a very successful meeting with members of the Concord Police and Fire Departments to review our current school safety practices and discuss options for

the future. The group will meet quarterly next year in order to ensure there is an ongoing dialogue.

## CCHS Campus Updates

Discussions continue as to next steps for usage of the high school campus. Immediate needs regarding drainage and parking are under consideration. Unfortunately, we have had to recognize that there are no immediate, short-term remedies to the parking challenges. We will continue to develop a long-term plan that will also consider the projects outlined by the Campus Advisory Committee. This discussion will continue throughout the summer.

## STEAM Lab at Ripley

It has been an exciting few months as the fifth grade students from the elementary schools visit the temporary STEAM Lab at Ripley. The students engaged in activities that brought together problem solving and creativity through many types of materials and projects. Construction is underway in the larger space at Ripley. The renovations will allow for the infrastructure upgrades to create a safe environment for students. The project will be complete for the start of school. Once again, we extend our thanks to the Concord Education Fund for their extensive support.

## Retirees

We wish all the best to this spring's retirees and thank them for their service to our students!

Kate Bell	CMS
Charlyn Bethell	Willard
Caroline Birdsall	Alcott
Aram Boornazian	CCHS
Denise Carver	CCHS
John Flaherty	Ripley
Linda Finnerty	CCHS
Barry Haley	CCHS
Susan Halter	Willard
Carol Hauser	Willard
Christen Lekorenos	Willard
Sheila Murray	CCHS
Linda Penniston	CMS
Karen Pettyjohn	Thoreau
Liz Wilkinson	CCHS

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