

School Committees Praise Superintendent Hunter

Members of the Concord and Regional School Committees took time from their regularly scheduled business meeting to extend their gratitude to Superintendent Hunter for her efforts during the first year of her tenure.

Noting the circumstances of the past year, members cited her leadership on several key issues that were successfully moved forward including school calendar issues, cultural proficiency education, and creating a new strategic plan for the Districts. In addition, she was recognized for her leadership in management and budgeting such as finding creative solutions with the Early Retirement Incentive to save public funds and to help align the District's school budget recommendations with the Finance Committees. She has also implemented a new zero based budget process being utilized to plan for FY20.

The Committees memorialized their sentiments in a letter to the Superintendent that ended with the following statement: "We would like to underscore our appreciation for the sincere, committed, dedicated work she produced despite the challenges she was presented. We felt it was important to acknowledge this publicly and thank her for giving beyond what we (and we know she) expected last school year. Again, we are very grateful and we believe this underscores Laurie's solid character and very strong leadership. We look forward to working with Laurie for years to come."

Superintendent's Goals and Action Plans for 2018-2019

The School Committees finalized and adopted goals and action plans for the Superintendent for the 2018-2019 school year. The goals are aligned with the strategic plans for the Districts and include goals and action plans for student achievement, District improvements, and professional practice.

Key objectives for student achievement are to close performance gaps and providing students with effective interventions and special education settings. For District improvements there will be a focus on fostering learning environments that support student wellness, a safe school environment, creating a budget recommendation that supports student learning while being sensitive to impacts on citizens and tax payers. Planning for short and long term solutions for The Concord Middle School will be a priority as well. Priorities for professional practice are creating a shared definition of cultural proficiency and improving the inclusivity of all students.

For more information on the Superintendent's Goals and Action Plans for 2018-2019, interested individuals are encouraged to visit, www.concordps.org.

The School Committees Contact Information

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