

Danvers School Community,

Last night, the Danvers School Committee held their October meeting. Here are some of the highlights:

**Danvers High School:** Began the annual Kindness for Colleen campaign on Monday and will continue all week in honor of Colleen Ritzer.

**Mass Association of School Superintendents' Academic Excellence Award:** Selected by the Superintendent from the top 5% of class, the 2021 award was presented to Chase Kassiotis.

**Covid-19 Update:**

See latest [DPS statistics](#) related to Covid-19

[Mask Mandate](#): The Department of Secondary Education has extended the mask mandate in public schools through at least November 1, 2021.

Reminder: Stay home when not feeling well and check our [Family Covid Information Update](#) for symptoms that require students to stay home and be tested.

Reminder: Share your child's vaccination card with your school(s) principal or nurse to assist in contact tracing and information gathering in regards to masking policy decisions

**Strategic Plan:** Mary Wermers presented the [annual Overview of Curriculum, Instruction Priorities and Assessment Data](#). Our goal is to establish a Multi-Tiered System of Support. The presentation included results of DHS AP test scores, PSAT and SAT data, MCAS and Next Generation MCAS data, as well as information regarding the MCAS landscape for grades 3-8 and average scaled scores. Locally, we also include current Reading Data for Grade 2 and our progress toward our strategic plan goals. The curriculum leaders at all three levels provided detailed answers to the questions asked by the School Committee as to where we are as a district and the plans in place to continue to improve student understanding and engagement.

**District Council:** As mentioned in previous meetings, we will be forming a District Council to guide the visioning and implementation of the Portrait of a Graduate concept. The organization we want to work with to facilitate the concept isn't available to work with us until July 2022. Therefore we are reevaluating the process and will be able to provide more information on our plans at the November meeting and will be looking for volunteers from across the community in December to get involved with this initiative and will begin District Council meetings in January 2022.

[MASC Resolution](#): A vote was taken for the School Committee representative to vote favorably for the 9 resolutions to be presented at the MASC annual meeting in November.

**Superintendent Evaluation Process:** Lisa Dana presented her Professional Practice Goal for the committee to review.

**Legislation:** Mr. Crane announced that both Senator Joan Lovely and Representative Sally Kerans are expected to attend the November School Committee meeting and will be available to answer questions.

**DEEP:** The deadline for teacher grant applications is Friday, October 22nd. DEEP will once again host the Downtown Tree Lighting and Festival on December 4th.

**SEPAC:** Looking for parent liaisons for each school. If interested please email SEPAC. The Annual [Resource Fair](#) is this Thursday, October 21st from 6-8pm at HRMS.

The next Danvers School Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 8, 2021. It will be held at Danvers High School. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting may also be watched live on DCAT - Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 37. Last nights and previous school committee meetings can be viewed at <https://www.danverstv.org>.

As a reminder, Every Day Matters! Together we can improve school attendance. Please see the [2021/22 School](#) calendar for early release days, holidays, and vacation periods, to ensure your child is in school every school day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the principal of the school your child(ren) attends or contact central office.