



Dear DPS Community,

At this time of year, where there are so many community events, I'm thankful for the many community organizations that want to be involved with the Danvers Public Schools. One new partnership is with the Lappin Foundation, whose mission is to enhance Jewish identity across generations. Debbie Coltin, Executive Director, will be hosting an Intergenerational Holocaust Symposium for Danvers starting on January 6th. This 6-session symposium will be held at Danvers High School on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Two sessions will include hearing from Holocaust survivors. To bring teens and adults together, we are looking for 25 community members to join 25 DHS students for this innovative and insightful program. Here is the [link](#) to register if you are interested in participating. Thank you to DHS Principal, Adam Federico, for leading this partnership.

Here are two items from Monday's DanversCARES coalition meeting that you may be interested in:

Mass General Brigham Salem Hospital's Behavioral Health Family Rounds Lectures is hosting a presentation, *Kids and the impact of toxic stress: How the pandemic, systemic racism, societal inequalities, technology, and other stressors of our current world can impact our children in toxic and traumatic ways and how we can help*. The presenter is Windi Bowditch, LMHC, Director of Clinical Training and Consultation at the Northshore Education Consortium. This ZOOM presentation is on Thursday, December 16th, from Noon to 1:30pm. It is free and open to all. [Register Here](#) no later than 10am on the day of the presentation.

The Danvers Y is offering a variety of [Winter Programs](#) and [December Break Programs](#) to help kids stay active and engaged.

As a reminder, [DanversCARES](#) is a community coalition that meets at DHS on the first Monday of the month to discuss topics important to the community. Representatives from all areas of the community attend and we welcome your participation, too. The next meeting will be held on January 3rd at Danvers High School and via ZOOM.

Warm wishes,  
Lisa Dana

**Caring. Quality. Commitment. Collaboration.**

Keith Taverna  
Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Personnel  
978.774.4800 ext. 2432  
taverna@danvers.org

Lisa Dana, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools  
978.777.4539 ext. 2430  
dana@danvers.org

Mary Wermers  
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning  
978.777.8932 ext. 2281  
wermers@danvers.org