

Danvers School Community:

Here are a couple of highlights for the week along with a recap from Monday night's Danvers School Committee meeting.

### **District Updates:**

**National Nurses Week:** It is National Nurses Week and we are very fortunate to have some of the most knowledgeable, caring, and compassionate nurses at all seven of the Danvers Public Schools! We thank them for their hard work all year and want to show extra appreciation for all their help and support during the last two years!

**Danvers Recreation Summer Programs:** Summer will be here soon! Don't miss out on the exciting [programs](#) that are being offered by Danvers Recreation. The Danvers Public Schools is partnering with Danvers Recreation for 6 weeks of the Falcons program. We will enhance the program with morning project-based learning sessions for rising first through eighth graders. Take advantage of their Early Bird Registration special: \$10.00 discount per program if you register before June 1.

**Healing & Unity Experience (HUE):** Everything's coming together for the free community event that DanversCARES and The Danvers Human Rights and Inclusion Committee are working on for June 4th. The event is designed to bring our community together with activities, entertainment, and food, and will take place from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Danvers High School. Learn more at [www.DanversCARES.org/HUE](http://www.DanversCARES.org/HUE). Many more details to come.

### **May School Committee Recap:**

**School Committee & Student Reorganization:** We welcomed our newest School Committee member, Gabe Lopes, and the committee selected Eric Crane as Chair and Robin Doherty as Secretary for the next year.

**Information from the Student Representative to the School Committee:** Reese MacDonald promoted DHS' presentation of *Seussical, The Musical* on May 26th, and congratulated the band on coming in first place at the recent Apple Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C.

The School Committee Chair and Co-Acting Superintendents thanked Lil Montecvecchi and Reese MacDonald for serving as Student Representatives to the School Committee this school year.

**Danvers Pride Presentation:** Smith School principal, Violetta Powers, along with staff and students, presented their [Together We Are... Mural Project](#) and invited the community to the unveiling of the mural on May 25th.

**Technology Update:** Mr. Sullivan provided a [Technology Update](#) to explain the 1-1 Chromebook initiative for grades K-12, student data privacy, and audio/visual upgrades.

**Strategic Plan: Student Engagement:** The Acting Co-Superintendents presented on the [Student Engagement](#) element of the strategic plan. They highlighted a presentation that Steve Bartha and Jen Breaker did for HRMS students on how town government works. DHS Curriculum Director, Peter DiMauro, introduced DHS English teacher, John White, who shared that the students in his Project Citizen class worked on an attempt to save a train station in town that is set for demolition. Once they determined that this was not possible, they researched an alternative project – one focused on claiming the wood from the station so the manufacturing class at DHS can repurpose it next fall – that they will present to the Danvers Historical Society.

**Last Day of School:** The Acting Co-Superintendents announced that the last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year will be June 23, 2022.

#### **School Administration Announcements:**

- The district has postings for a Human Resources Manager and Business Manager, and the interview process is ongoing.
- Alice Campbell announced that the superintendent search committee has begun and they will be looking for community members to participate when the time comes.
- The School Committee appointed Mary Wermers to be Interim Superintendent and voted on a salary for the role.
- The School Committee thanked Keith Taverna for everything he has done over his 13 years in the district and wished him well as he begins a new role in another district.
- Mary Wermers was appointed to the North Shore Consortium board on behalf of the district.

#### **Subcommittee Reports:**

- **DEEP:** The DEEP Breakfast of Champions will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, at 8:30 am in the Danvers High School cafeteria.

- **DanversCARES:** Jeff Kay reported that there was a presentation by NAGLY at the May meeting. He also shared that the 8th Annual Teen Health & Safety Guide will be in the May 13th issue of the *Herald Citizen*, with copies available at public buildings. Jeff reported that Light The Night Purple, a free community event to support people in recovery, held on May 4th was a success.

**Summary:** The next regular Danvers School Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, June 13, 2022. It will be held at Danvers High School. The meeting is open to the public and may also be watched live on DCAT – Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 37. Previous School Committee meetings can be viewed at: <https://www.danverstv.org>.

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

Best Wishes,

Keith Taverna and Mary Wermers  
Acting Co-Superintendents