

Dear Danvers Schools Community:

I hope you've had a great first month of school! There are several important announcements to share with you, so please read this update fully.

Vacancy on the School Committee

The Danvers School Committee would like to announce that School Committee Member Jeff Kay has officially resigned from the Danvers School Committee. On behalf of the School Committee, we want to thank Jeff for his long service to the town and to the students of Danvers. We will miss his thoughtful presence on our committee.

The process of replacing Mr. Kay will begin this week. Any person who is interested in serving out the remainder of Mr. Kay's term will be asked to complete the *School Committee Vacancy Form* set forth in School Committee policy BBBE-E-3, and to appear for a public interview at a special school committee meeting on Monday, October 24, 2022. At the meeting, as provided for in the Town By-Laws and School Committee policies, the School Committee will choose an individual to complete Jeff's term which expires in May 2023.

Interested persons should contact the Superintendent's Office to obtain the vacancy form and copies of the applicable policies related to vacant school committee positions. Completed *School Committee Vacancy Forms* should be returned to the Superintendent's Office no later than Monday, October 17, 2022, so that members have adequate time to review potential candidates in preparation for the special meeting on October 24, 2022.

We wish to thank all persons, in advance, who are interested in serving Danvers as a member of the School Committee and look forward to a thorough and comprehensive process.

Transportation

We appreciate your continued patience as our transportation companies work through staffing shortages and adjustments to bus routes. Across the district, we've had to add students to other routes when there is a driver out

sick. These added students often result in a late bus arrival. Our transportation companies are working diligently to recruit and hire drivers for our bus and van routes. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a bus or van driver, please [follow this link](#) to information about these opportunities.

Superintendent Search – Community Focus Group Meeting

The final focus group meeting in the search for a new Superintendent of Schools will be held **tomorrow night, October 6th** at 7:00 PM in room C213 at Danvers High School. ANYONE in the community is invited to attend this meeting to provide feedback on the next superintendent. The focus group will be facilitated by our consultant, MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committees).

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please feel free to provide feedback via our survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FDBHKH5>,

DEEP Wine & Food Tasting

IT'S B-A-A-ACK! The Annual **DEEP Wine & Food Tasting** will take place on **Thursday, October 27, 2022**, from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. in the Harborview Ballroom at Danversport, 161 Elliott Street, Danvers. This year's theme is Halloween!

Attendees will be able to sample numerous wines from Merchants Liquor Mart. Food and desserts will be provided by local restaurants and establishments. There will also be door prizes and raffles.

Tickets for this event are \$45 each and may be purchased online at <https://DEEPWineFood22.eventzilla.net>. You must be 21 years of age with a valid ID to attend. For more information or for sponsorship opportunities, please email deep@danvers.org.

DEEP Membership

It's that time of the year again. DEEP memberships are available for the 2022/2023 school year. You can sign up for a membership here

[Contribute | DEEP \(supportdeep.org\)](https://supportdeep.org) or you can send in a check to:
DEEP c/o PO Box 387 Danvers, MA 01923.

Membership levels include:

- Individual = \$10
- Family = \$20
- Community Partnership = \$100
- Corporate Sponsorships are also available starting at \$250

For more information visit www.supportdeep.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,

Mary Wermers
Interim Superintendent

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