

Dear Danvers Schools Community:

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend! I'm writing with this week's updates.

## **Superintendent Search**

The first stage in the process for selecting the next superintendent of the Danvers Public Schools is completed. The MASC representative will be at Monday night's School Committee meeting to provide a summary of the focus group meetings and survey results. The meeting will begin at 7 PM at Danvers High School or it can be watched via live stream at: <https://youtu.be/wVqeeiqfz5M> or Comcast channel 8, Verizon channel 37.

## **Vacancy on the School Committee**

There is a vacancy on the School Committee due to the resignation of Jeff Kay. 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 Mr. Kay's term which expires in May 2023.

Interested persons should contact the Superintendent's Office ([info@danvers.org](mailto:info@danvers.org)) 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 17th at 12 noon, 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.

## **School Safety Presentation**

We would like to thank DCAT for videotaping our September 29<sup>th</sup> *School Safety* presentation. Please use this [link](#) to watch the presentation and

to learn more about our approach to school safety and enhanced lockdown procedures.

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## 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.

## DEEP Wine & Food Tasting

**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](mailto: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 \(supportdeep.org\)](#) 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](http://www.supportdeep.org)

## **Danvers Public Schools has a new substitute company for School Year 2022-2023!**

ESS is hiring substitute teachers to work in Danvers Public Schools. As the nation's largest education personnel and management company, ESS provides qualified candidates the opportunity to support our schools. Substitute teachers working for ESS receive a daily rate plus benefits which is competitive with surrounding school districts.

Please click on the link below if you would like to apply to be a substitute:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CjUdREn12z6pdKFQI6yyL0id4m7u-InW/view>

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's school principal or contact the Central Office.

Best Wishes,

Mary Wermers  
Interim Superintendent