

Dear Danvers School Community:

I hope you had a great weekend! This week there is an early release day on Wednesday. As a reminder, HRMS and DHS students will be dismissed at 12:45 pm and elementary students at 1:15 pm.

Don't forget that Tuesday, November 8th is a family conference day in our schools. There will be no school for students and we encourage families to schedule appointments to meet with their child's teacher(s). Principals have sent information about conferences in their school updates and via ConnectEd.

Tomorrow is the last day to apply to be part of the Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee!

Monday, October 31st is the last day to apply for the Superintendent Search Preliminary Screening Committee. If you are interested, please see [this letter](#) for details about the selection process. The letter details the composition of stakeholders on the committee, the dates of the committee meetings, and directions for emailing a letter of interest to the school committee.

If you are interested in how the School Committee is approaching the search for a new superintendent, please refer to this timeline: [Superintendent Search Update](#).

Joshua Kepnes joins the Danvers School Committee

Last Monday, the School Committee interviewed three candidates for the vacant seat on the committee. Joshua Kepnes was selected by the School Committee and appointed to the vacant seat which he will fill until the May 2023 election. Here's a link to the [Danvers Patch](#) article about the meeting.

The next regular Danvers School Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Monday, November 14, 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>.

Elementary Updates:

The Elementary Principals sent out two important ConnectEd messages last week.

- The first letter provided information about the reading assessment we are using with all our elementary students this school year. The [information](#) will help families develop an understanding for the data that will be shared at the upcoming conferences.
- The second letter provided information about an upcoming unit to develop a sense of belonging in our elementary classrooms and schools: [School Committee Letter - Unit 3](#). We hope you can join us on November 7th for a community workshop on this unit.

Job Opportunities in the Danvers Public Schools

The district is still hiring! We have full and part time positions for teacher aides, cafeteria workers, van drivers and long-term substitutes. If you are interested in working in our schools, please visit [SchoolSpring](#) to apply. Additionally, we've increased the pay for substitute teachers to \$120 per day. ESS, our new substitute company, provides substitute teachers a daily rate *plus benefits* that are competitive with surrounding school districts.

Please click on the link below if you would like to apply to be a sub:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CjUdREn12z6pdKFQl6yyL0id4m7u-ln>

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

Best wishes,

Mary Wermers
Interim Superintendent