

Town of Littleton School Committee

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School Committee Meeting Littleton Police Station Community Room 500 Great Road In-person and Hybrid January 26, 2023

7:00 PM

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A G E N D A

Our mission is to foster a community of learners who strive for excellence and prepare each student to be a successful, contributing citizen in a global society.

7:00 I. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes January 12, 2023
 - Oath to Bills and Payroll

7:05 II. INTERESTED CITIZENS

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7:10 III. <u>RECOGNITION</u>

- 1. Student Representative(s) Report: Student Representative(s), will give a report of events for each school.
- 2. Other

7:15 IV. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Superintendent's Update: (10 Min)
- **2. Financial Update (District):** Business Manager Steve Mark will give a brief district financial update. (5 Min)
- **3.** Review of Strategic Plan (4 Schools) Standard 5: Technology- Schools will discuss SIPs specific to goals for the 2022/2023 school year, discuss major accomplishments, challenges, and any suggested revisions or addition of Goals that should be taken into consideration as we review Standard 5 as part of the process for creating an updated Strategic Plan, 2023- 2028. (20 Min)
- **4. Tiered Focused Monitoring System-** *Director of Student Services, Ms. Snow will provide an overview of DESE's Tiered Focused Monitoring System. (20 Min)*

8:10 V. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- 1. Discussion regarding the potential removal of Religious Holidays from the School Calendar- School Committee discussion. (10 Min)
- **2.** Summary of time on learning for each of our schools- Director of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Steele will discuss our current time on learning requirements as compared to DESE minimum requirements.(15 Mins)

8:35 VI. <u>INTERESTED CITIZENS</u>

8:40 VII. <u>SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS</u>

- 1. PMBC
- 2. Budget Subcommittee
- 3. Policy Subcommittee: (see LPS website to view all policies) <u>http://www.littletonps.org/school-committee/school-committee-policies</u> Motion to accept second reading to adopt the following policy: JF: School Admissions

8:50 VIII. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiations with no intention to return to Open Session.

NEXT MEETING DATE February 9, 2022 Littleton Police Department Community Room 7:00 PM

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| | | SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES January 12, 2023 7:00PM | |
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| PRESENT: | Justin McCarthy Jen Gold Brad Austin Stacy Desmarais Binal Patel | ALSO PRESENT: | Kelly Clenchy Steve Mark Bettina Corrov Dorothy Mulor |
| NOT PRESI | ENT: | | |
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| | rthy called the meeting to o | order at 7:00p.m. led by Stacy Desmarais it was voted to approve t | ha Daa 15 202 |
| | esented. (AYE: Unanimous | 5 5 11 | ine Dec. 13, 202 |
| INTEREST | ED CITIZENS | | |
| None | | | |
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| RECOGNIT | | tudent Representative, John Feltus, gave an upda | te of the avorts |
| | g at each school. | tudent representative, joini rettus, gave all upua | |
| | | EPAC for the workshop, which was held on Tuesd and the interaction between staff and parents wa | |

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| 33 | PRESENTATIONS | | | | |
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| 34 | 1. MCAS Update: This evening's presentation included: | | | | |
| 35 | - Pertinent Information MCAS 2022 | | | | |
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| 37 | | 21 MCAS Results and Next St | eps | | |
| 38 | | on Middle School | | | |
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| 43 | | nt Information - MCAS 2022 | | | |
| 44 | | - | AS administration for grades 3-8 since 2019. | | |
| 45 | Grade I | 0 students in 2022 had not take | en an MCAS test since 2019 (grade 7). | | |
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| 47 | Year | Grades 3-8 | Grade 10 | | |
| 48 | 2019 | Full test administration | Full test administration | | |
| 49 | 2020 | No tests administered | No tests administered | | |
| 50 | 2021 | Half-test administered | | | |
| 51 | 2022 | Full test administered | Full test administered. | | |
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| 53 | | n High School - Spring 2022 | MCAS Results | | |
| 54 | Grade 1 | | | | |
| 55 | | Growth Percentile: 55.1 (Typi | cal) | | |
| 56 | U | or Exceeding: 85% | | | |
| 57 | | sompared to $PY = +1\%$ | | | |
| 58 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 2P / 504): 50.1 (Typical) | | | |
| 59 | Meeting | Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 58% | | | |
| 60 | • Compared to $PY = -16\%$ | | | | |
| 61 | Grade 10 Math | | | | |
| 62 | SGP: 57.5 (Typical) | | | | |
| 63 | Meeting or Exceeding: 78% | | | | |
| 64 | • Compared to $PY = -5\%$ | | | | |
| 65 | SGP (IEP / 504): 50.1 (Typical) | | | | |
| 66 | Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 40% | | | | |
| 67 | • Compared to $PY = -8\%$ | | | | |
| 68 | Grade 9 Biology | | | | |
| 69 | First year of Next Gen | | | | |
| 70 | SGP: N/ | /A | | | |
| 71 | Meeting or Exceeding: 85% | | | | |
| 72 | SGP (IEP / 504): N/A | | | | |
| 73 | Meeting | or Exceeding (IEP/504): 54% | | | |
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| 75 | LHS Im | pressions | | | |
| 76 | Strengt | hs: | | | |
| 77 | • 30% Exceeding expectations in Math, which was higher than 2019 & 2021 | | | | |
| 78 | • 85% Meeting or Exceeding expectations in ELA | | | | |
| 79 | • 85% Meeting or Exceeding expectations in science | | | | |
| 80 | 56% Scored Advanced in Science using Legacy MCAS scale | | | | |
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| 82 | • 58 SG | P in Math- Typical Growth | | | |
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| 83 | Challenges: |
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| 84 | • Continue to assist students who did not meet or partially meet expectations with developing skills and |
| 85 | proficiency |
| 86 | • Post Covid, some students writing skills are developing more slowly than preferred |
| 80 87 | • Overall- Continue Early Intervention in 9 th and 10th grades to assist attendance and provide academic |
| 88 | support |
| 89 | LHS Next Steps |
| 90 | • Continue to provide structures and routines that help to support student academic and behavior |
| 91 | expectations. Make instructional adjustments as needed. |
| 92 | • ELA teachers are frequently studying the prompts, rubrics, and student work to make adjustments |
| 93 | • ELA teachers are emphasizing that essays need to directly address the essay question |
| 94 | • Standardized for each writing type |
| 95 | • Direct instruction for what students should include in their essay responses |
| 96 | • Essay responses must be written in the correct mode being asked for in the question: |
| 97 | Opinion; Informative/Explanatory; Narrative |
| 98 | • Length of essay response should be multiple paragraphs |
| 99 | • Math teachers are providing students with more opportunities to review and practice MCAS |
| 100 | problems that they may have struggled with. |
| 101 | • Math teachers are rearranging some of the units at the end of CP Geometry to try to teach as |
| 102 | many essential concepts as possible before the MCAS in May |
| 103 | • Continue to have students practice math on the computer (ALEKS) |
| 104 | • Follow up with students in Class of 2023 and Class of 2024 who need Educational Proficiency Plans |
| 105 | (EPPs) for Math & ELA |
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| 107 | Justin McCarthy – If a student on an EPP plan is not meeting expectations, have they met the requirements |
| 108 | and are they qualified to graduate? |
| 109 | Keith Comeau – We will help the students to improve their scores and they can retake the MCAS test(s) if |
| 110 | needed. |
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| 112 | Brad Austin – So we must show the state what we have done with these students? |
| 113 | Keith Comeau – Yes, we keep records on file. The students will get the scores from the state, and we will |
| 114 | identify areas for which students need to demonstrate proficiency if they earn in the partially meeting |
| 115 | category. They will have multiple options for retesting. |
| 116 | I we know If a student is an an EED, it would be discussed at an IED mosting what the plan of action is |
| 117 118 | Lyn Snow – If a student is on an EEP, it would be discussed at an IEP meeting what the plan of action is. |
| 118 | Littleton Middle School - Spring 2022 MCAS Results |
| 119 | Grade 6 ELA |
| 120 | SGP: 55.0 points (Typical) |
| 121 | Meeting or Exceeding: 58% |
| 122 | • Compared to PY: -5% |
| 123 | SGP (IEP/504): 58.2 (Typical) |
| 125 | Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 39% |
| 125 | • Compared to PY: +10% |
| 120 | Grade 6 Math |
| 128 | SGP: 33.7 (Low) |
| 129 | Meeting or Exceeding: 42% |
| 130 | • Compared to PY: -9% |
| 131 | SGP (IEP/504): 40.0 (Typical) |
| 132 | Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 26% |
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• Compared to PY: +4% 133 134 Grade 7 ELA SGP: 52.3 (Typical) 135 Meeting or Exceeding: 58% 136 • Compared to PY: +6% 137 138 SGP (IEP/504): 42.3 (Typical) Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 17% 139 140 • Compared to PY: -3% 141 **Grade 7 Math** 142 SGP: 54.3 (Typical) 143 Meeting or Exceeding: 55% • Compared to PY: +9% 144 SGP (IEP/504): 48.1 (Typical) 145 146 Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 14% • Compared to PY: -9% 147 148 149 Grade 8 ELA 150 SGP: 51.7 (Typical) Meeting or Exceeding: 53% 151 152 • Compared to PY: -4% SGP (IEP/504): 41.1 (Typical) 153 Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 25% 154 155 • Compared to PY: +1% **Grade 8 Math** 156 SGP: 51.3 (Typical) 157 Meeting or Exceeding: 46% 158 • Compared to PY: +6% 159 SGP (IEP/504): 50.3 (Typical) 160 Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 22% 161 • Compared to PY: +18% 162 Grade 8 Science & Technology 163 Meeting or Exceeding: 57% 164 165 • Compared to PY: -2% Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 33% 166 • Compared to PY: +13% 167 168 LMS Impressions 169 Strengths: 170

- Larger than average gains likely due to increased stability during the 2021-2022 school year. There were a number of positions impacted during the 2020-2021 school year (leaves, vacancies, etc.).
- Higher percentage of students moved from Meeting Expectations to Exceeding Expectations in Grade 7 ELA and Math, Grade 8 Math.

Challenges:

- Higher rates of absences, tardiest and dismissals (ATDs) led to time on learning loss for students.
- Grade 6 Math: three different math teachers in 2021-2022.
- 88 students on 504/IEPs took the math test
 - 21% scored in the Meeting Expectations range
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| 184 | LMS Next Steps |
| 185 | 1. Continue to provide structures and routines that help to support student academic and behavior |
| 186 | expectations. |
| 187 | 2. Continue to address social-emotional concerns among students and staff. |
| 188 | 3. Continue to review content for relevancy, engagement, and critical thinking. |
| 189 | 4. Reimagine our Tier 2 supports (Math Lab, Literacy Lab, Academic Support Center) through a more |
| 190 | data driven approach to intervention. |
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| 192 | Brad Austin – I appreciate the presentation and the numbers presented. The Grade 6 math scores caught |
| 193 | my attention, but you addressed a lot of my concerns. What are you doing right now for that cohort that |
| 194 | currently are our 7 th grade students? |
| 195 | Matthew LeVangie – Jason Everhart has worked a lot on getting a teacher who was able to work with |
| 196 | open-ended problem-solving questions. |
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| 198 | Binal Patel – Hearing the large impact a teacher has on students. Where are we now with the teacher |
| 199 | status/stability? |
| 200 | Kelly Clenchy – We are stabilized. A number of these students had "cracks" pre-covid. It is going to take |
| 201 | a little longer for some students on an IEP to get where they need to be. It might take them a little longer to retrieve the growth they need |
| 202 | to retrieve the growth they need. |
| 203 204 | Brad Austin – Does this data correlate with data we have seen from our other assessments? |
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| 203 206 | Matthew LeVangie – A period was missed due to covid. When we started the school year in the fall 2021, |
| | we were still having covid protocols in place and it all played a role in teaching and instruction. |
| 207 | Kelly Clenchy – We did not have a normal year last year. We still had more absences with both students |
| 208 209 | and staff. All these factors played a role. |
| 209 210 | Brad Austin – Do you have the resources you need to move forward? |
| 210 | Matthew LeVangie – We have the resources we need. We need to make the instruction more data driven |
| 211 212 | and more fluent. |
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| 213 | Justin McCarthy – This was a little surprising, especially in grade 6. It looks as if this was already going |
| 214 215 | on prior to covid. It appears to me that there is a lot of work that needs to get done to move these students |
| 215 | forward. |
| 210 | Matthew LeVangie – I will agree with you, and this is why we have made the change we have made and |
| 217 | moved our grade 7 math teacher down to grade 6. These students now have a seasoned teacher. |
| 218 | Beth Steele – We did look at this data and looked at the K-5 cohort, as a lot of instruction is happening |
| 219 | before these students get to middle school. There is a lot of transition going from elementary to middle |
| 220 | school. We are implementing a new curriculum to support stronger skills sets, and we are hopeful that we |
| 221 | will see improvement. But it will not happen overnight. |
| 222 | Justin McCarthy – This was not a dig on the grade 6 team. But the reality is that the majority of them are |
| 223 | not meeting expectations. |
| 224 | not meeting expectations. |
| 225 | Brad Austin – It sounds like we will see the effect of the changes, maybe not this coming year but changes |
| 227 | are being made to address these issues, which is good. |
| 227 | are being made to address these issues, which is good. |
| 228 | Kelly Clenchy – The MCAS test is given two months before we finish the curriculum. It is only one |
| 230 | assessment. I am not downplaying this assessment, but it does have some flaws. The MCAS exam does |
| 230 | not test the entire curriculum. If I could, there are certain things I would change. First, I would lower the |
| 231 | standard of deviation, and second, I would administer the exam in June. |
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Justin McCarthy – I get that the students may not have learned a concept or two at the time of the exam 234 but that really does not explain it all. 235 236 Stacey Desmarias – How are we preparing the high school teachers with all these variables that these 237 238 students are coming with at the high school level? Keith Comeau – We have more of a vertical alignment with the middle school, we are communicating 239 240 more with the middle school. Learning more about the middle school structures and how it affects us at the high school. 241 242 Kelly Clenchy – The results we are seeing will help us set up directions for next year as well. Justin McCarthy – We have looked at MAP results and saw the results compared to the national norm as 243 not every district around us uses MAP, but everyone is using MCAS. How do we compare to other 244 districts and their MCAS scores? 245 Kelly Clenchy – We are able to make a comparison to other districts. 246 247 Lyn Snow - Open Architects does allow us to compare it to other districts. 248 249 **Russell Street School - Spring 2022 MCAS Results** 250 251 Grade 3 ELA 252 SGP: N/A Meeting or Exceeding: 64% 253 • Compared to PY -6% 254 255 SGP (IEP/504): N/A Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 46% 256 Compared to PY + 6%257 • **Grade 3 Math** 258 SGP: N/A 259 Meeting or Exceeding: 57% 260 Compared to PY +11% 261 • SGP (IEP/504): N/A 262 Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 52% 263 Compared to PY + 32%264 • 265 266 Grade 4 ELA SGP: 53.5 (Typical) 267 Meeting or Exceeding: 56% 268 • Compared to PY -9% 269 SGP (IEP/504): 49.9 (Typical) 270 271 Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 24% • Compared to PY -9% 272 273 274 Grade 4 Math SGP: 47.3 (Typical) 275 Meeting or Exceeding: 50% 276 277 • Compared to PY + 6%SGP (IEP/504): 43.6 (Typical) 278 Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 21% 279 280 • Compared to PY + 11%281 282

| 283 | Grade 5 ELA |
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| 284 | SGP: 46.3 (Typical) |
| 285 | Meeting or Exceeding: 48% |
| 286 | • Compared to PY: -11% |
| 287 | SGP (IEP/504): 33.9 (Low) |
| 288 | Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 12% |
| 289 | • Compared to PY -19% |
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| 291 | Grade 5 Math |
| 292 | SGP: 49.1 (Typical) |
| 293 | Meeting or Exceeding: 49% |
| 294 | • Compared to PY: -1% |
| 295 | SGP (IEP/504): 40.9 (Typical) |
| 296 | Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 12% |
| 297 | • Compared to PY -15% |
| 298 | Grade 5 Science |
| 299 | SGP: N/A |
| 300 | Meeting or Exceeding: 63% |
| 301 | • Compared to PY: +7% |
| 302 | SGP (IEP/504): N/A |
| 303 | Meeting or Exceeding (IEP/504): 30% |
| 304 | Compared to PY: No Change |
| 305 | Compared to FT. No Change |
| 306 | RSS Impressions |
| 307 | Strengths: |
| 308 | • Test participation rates were extremely high |
| 309 | RSS students demonstrated typical growth in most areas |
| 310 | Third graders did well in both ELA and Math |
| 311 | • Fourth graders did well in Math |
| 312 | • Fifth graders did well in science |
| 313 | Challenges: |
| 313 | • Grade 3 students are taking this test for the first time |
| 315 | Scope and sequence of curriculum to cover the content prior to the MCAS tests. |
| 316 | Students on 504/IEP: |
| 317 | 24% of grade 3 |
| 318 | 25% of grade 4 |
| 319 | 30% of grade 5 |
| 320 | Focusing in on the right testing accommodations for each student |
| 320 321 | Scheduling of MCAS test |
| 321 | Interrupted learning during the pandemic |
| 322 | • Interrupted learning during the pandenne |
| 323 324 | RSS Next Steps |
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| 325 326 | Beginning in Trimester 2: Regularly practice MCAS type reading writing and math problems to increase familiarity for students |
| | Regularly practice MCAS type reading, writing and math problems to increase familiarity for students. |
| 327 | Regularly complete math problems on the Chromebooks to learn to use the drag/drop toolbox. |
| 328 | Practice problems using the math reference sheet. |
| 329 | New math curriculum - Into Math - look at ways that it addresses content areas that were previously weak |
| 330 | for students. |

Brad Austin – I'll point out here that it looks as 30% of the 5th grade students are on an IEP and 12% are partially meeting expectations. 333 Cheryl Temple – This is not a random number for us. We can drill down and see which individual students 334 335 this is and what we need to do for them. We can plan accordingly and determine our cause of action. Brad Austin – I have a couple of questions about the soft skills. How to use the drop-down menu. I like 336 337 the fact that we want the students to do well on the test and be prepared. It concerns me if we are teaching to the test, that worries me. 338 339 Kelly Clenchy – We will never teach to the test. We are here to instill a strong curriculum and knowledge 340 into our students and prepare them to graduate from high school. We are aware of these things, but we are 341 342 moving in the right direction. 343 344 Binal Patel – This test gives our students an option to share their knowledge. Teachers are helping them to strategize and remove barricades for our students, which is really important. 345 346 Brad Austin – The switch to doing more project-based assignments and group work is really great. 347 348 Kelly Clenchy – We must look at our data and challenges and see where we can improve for our students 349 to succeed and find better solutions. Nobody wants our students not to succeed, so we have to create a 350 351 climate for every student and whatever challenges we face we have to find solutions to them. 352 Brad Austin – Significant gap for some of our students on an IEP or 504 – what do you think when you 353 354 see these numbers? 355 Stacey Desmarais – What are we doing to ensure no kids are left behind? 356 357 Cheryl Temple – We identify the students but sometimes we have a student that just does not do well on 358 the test. They could have been overly anxious on the day of testing or other reasons. We practice with the 359 students that we have identified to ensure they can pass the test. 360 Andrea Romano – For students on a 504 plan, we have a large support system of school psychologists, 361 guidance counselors, support from the administration and a system put in place to support these students. 362 We are always evaluating the students and the support they are receiving. 363 364 Binal Patel – I would be very interested in seeing the data from surrounding districts. 365 366 367 Lyn Snow – We have students who are on a 504, who do not have an academic need but could be diabetic and have accommodation needs that would be medical instead. 368 369 370 Justin McCarthy – I just looked at surrounding towns and their numbers are like our district. So, all in all we are doing great. Our MCAS scores do not truly show what our students are capable of. 371 372 373 **INTERESTED CITIZENS** 374 None 375 376 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS **1. PMBC:** High school roof is still being worked out. MSBA & Shaker Lane – trying to schedule a meeting 377 378 in April. 379 2. Budget Subcommittee: Budget process is well underway. SEPAC was part of one of the meetings. 380 381

- 382 **3.** SEPAC: Jan. 10 workshop about anxiety which included school psychologists was a huge success. All
- 383 materials will be posted from the workshop on the SEPAC website.
- On Tuesday Jan. 17 TFM Parent orientation zoom meeting will be held at 7PM.
- **4. Policy:** First Reading of the following policy: JF School Admissions
- On a motion by Brad Austin, and seconded by Binal Patel, it was voted to accept the first reading of
 the following policy JF as reviewed and presented. (AYE: Unanimous). Motion carried.

Second Reading of the following policies:

- 393 JFABD: Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
- 394 JFABE: Educational Opportunities for Military Children
- 395 JFABF: Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care
- On a motion by Brad Austin, and seconded by Binal Patel, it was voted to accept the second reading of
 the following policies JFABD, JFABE and JFABF as reviewed and presented. (AYE: Unanimous).
- 399 Motion carried. 400

401 ADJOURNMENT

402 On a motion by Brad Austin and seconded by Stacy Desmarais it was voted to adjourn at 9:06PM to go into
403 Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiation discussion with no intention to return to Open
404 Session. Roll Call Vote: Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Jen Gold, AYE; Binal Patel, AYE; and
405 Stacy Desmarais AYE

NEXT MEETING DATE

January 26, 2023

7:00PM

405 Stacy Desmarais, AYE.

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411 DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING

- 412 MCAS Spring 2022 Update
- 413 Policies:
- 414 JF: School Admissions
- 415 JFABD: Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
- 416 JFABE: Educational Opportunities for Military Children
- 417 JFABF: Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care

Superintendent's Report, January 26,2023

1. Colds, Flu and COVID.

2. Upcoming Vaccination Clinics (Flu, COVID)
– February 2, 2023, 3:30 –7:00 PM, LHS Cafeteria.

3. MTSS Needs Assessment Surveys

4. Decodable Readers- recently purchased for our reading specialists to use with their students (aligned with our phonics program)

Superintendent's Report, January 26,2023

5. Indian Hill Building Update

6. Update on SL Building Project

 ChatGPT- is a chatbot launched by OpenAI in November 2022. It is built on top of Open AI's GPT-3 family of large language models and is fine-tuned with both surprised and reinforced learning techniques.

Letter from ChatGPT

Dear Educators,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to reach out to you today to introduce you to a new language model called ChatGPT.

ChatGPT is a state-of-the-art natural language processing tool that is capable of generating human-like text. It has been trained on a large dataset of text and can generate responses to prompts that are relevant, coherent, and engaging.

There are several potential benefits to using ChatGPT in education. For example, it could be used as a teaching aid to help students better understand complex concepts, or as a tool to facilitate discussions and debate in the classroom. It could also be used to generate personalized feedback for students or to create engaging content for language learning.

However, there are also some potential drawbacks to using ChatGPT in education. One concern is that it may not be able to fully capture the nuance and context of certain conversations or subjects. Additionally, there is the risk that students may become overly reliant on ChatGPT as a learning tool and lose the ability to think critically and independently.

We would like to invite you to join a roundtable discussion about ChatGPT and its potential uses in education. The discussion will take place on January 26th from 2:15-3:00pm in the LHS library for LHS and LMS staff and January 27th from 7:00-7:45am in the RSS Think Tank for RSS and SLS staff, and will be an opportunity to learn more about ChatGPT and to share your thoughts and experiences with other educators.

If you are interested in joining the roundtable discussion, please let us know by responding to this email.

Thank you for your time.

IMPORTANT FAQS:

Is it ok to create an account? Yes, if you are over 18 and you have reviewed <u>What you need to know</u> <u>about ChatGPT</u> before you create an account. Create a free account at <u>ChatGPT</u>

Is it taking your data?

Yes. OpenAI collects a massive amount of information from its users (e.g., IP address, user actions, browser/device, country) and may share your information with third-party vendors, law enforcement, affiliates, and other users.

Can students create an account?

No, Users must be over 18 to create an account. ChatGPT is not in compliance with Student Data Privacy.

RESOURCES:

- MassCUE
- <u>MassCue Wakelet</u>
- Has AI reached the point where a software program can do better work than you?
- What you need to know about ChatGPT
- Presentation Deep Dive



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Town of Littleton YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT FY 2023 YEAR TO DATE THROUGH DECEMBER 2022

FOR 2023 06

| ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANS/ADJSMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD EXPENDED | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | % USED |
|---|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| 310 Regular Education | | | | | | |
| 9,290,764.00 | 0.00 | 9,290,764.00 | 3,317,768.39 | 39,288.81 | 5,933,706.80 | 36.1% |
| 311 Special Education 6,212,852.00 | 0.00 | 6,212,852.00 | 1,602,140.04 | 1,508.85 | 4,609,203.11 | 25.8% |
| 312 Student & Support Staff | | | | | | |
| 1,406,715.00 313 Other Instruction | 0.00 | 1,406,715.00 | 551,152.32 | 52,455.92 | 803,106.76 | 42.9% |
| 295,425.00 | 0.00 | 295,425.00 | 141,343.39 | 2,436.14 | 151,645.47 | 48.7% |
| 314 System Administration 1,564,162.00 | 0.00 | 1,564,162.00 | 736,978.42 | 0.00 | 827,183.58 | 47.18 |
| 315 School Administration | 0.00 | 1,504,102.00 | /30,9/0.42 | 0.00 | 027,103.38 | 4/.10 |
| 1,267,777.00 | 0.00 | 1,267,777.00 | 642,174.78 | 0.00 | 625,602.22 | 50.7% |
| 316 Transportation and Busing 1,250,260.00 | 0.00 | 1,250,260.00 | 521,531.71 | 0.00 | 728,728.29 | 41.7% |
| 317 Facility & Maintenance | | | | | | 61 00 |
| 1,762,292.00 | 0.00 | 1,762,292.00 | 1,050,148.76 | 30,001.28 | 682,141.96 | 61.3% |
| | | | | | | |
| GRAND 23,050,247.00 | TOTAL 0.00 | 23,050,247.00 | 8,563,237.81 | 125,691.00 | 14,361,318.19 | 37.7% |

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Standard 5: Technology January 26, 2023

Goals

- Align school and district-based technology planning with current state, national, and international technology standards.
- 2. Continue to improve staff/administrative utilization and integration of technology.
- 3. Continue to improve student utilization and integration of technology for college and career readiness.
- 4. Provide all staff and students with appropriate access to technology.

Shaker Lane - Accomplishments

- Technology Teacher Leader
- Year 2 of Trimester Based K-5 Stem Projects
- Digital Citizenship Program
- Three Touch View TVs
- Online Library System–getting there

Shaker Lane - Challenges

- Expansion of 1:1 iPads in Kindergarten
- Balance between paper/class v. technology

Shaker Lane - Revisions / Goals to Consider

- Increase the number of Touch View TVs
- 1:1 iPads in Kindergarten

Russell Street - Accomplishments

Tech Staff

Tech Teacher Leader

Think Tank

Digital Citizenship program

Technology integration

Family STEM Nights / Events

1:1 Chromebooks

Touch screen TVs

Document cameras

Russell Street - Challenges

What is the right amount of technology use for each grade post-pandemic?

Chromebook use for homework

Readiness to transition to grades 3 to 5 and to middle school

How to stay current

Russell Street - Revisions / Goals to Consider

Technology changes fast. Regularly evaluate if we are keeping up with current trends.

Littleton Middle School: Accomplishments

- Integration of Touch View screens in all classrooms.
- Maker Space Mondays
 - Dedicated time in our library makerspace during flex block every Monday morning.
 - Open to all students and provides opportunities to pursue interests.
- Introduction of Wacom pen tablets for website and PDF annotation.

Littleton Middle School: Challenges

- Getting comfortable with change.
- Consistent training to increase quality of use.
- Taking risks with technology.

Littleton Middle School: Revisions/Goals to Consider

- How to make the library a technology hub in our building.
- Implementation of Wacom pen tablets.
- Enhance instructional strategies to increase student use of Touch View screens.

Littleton High School - Accomplishments

- Integration of Touch View screens in most classrooms
- Professional Development Offerings focused on instructional technology
- MassCUE Professional Development
- Cyber Safety Presentations for parents and students
- Video Editing, Graphics, Fashion Design, Industrial Design courses using Adobe Creative Cloud Software
- AP Computer Science Principles & AP Computer Science A courses

Littleton High School - Accomplishments

- Technology Department's skillful support of Cross-District PD in November at LHS
- Student-led Tiger Tech team support for Council on Aging and repair of LHS Chromebooks
- Online course offerings via VHS and other providers
- Extensive use of online AP Classroom and Google Classroom

Littleton High School - Challenges

ChatGPT & other future AI driven Language Models

 Enhance provision of relevant and innovative Computer Science & Technology/Engineering coursework and experiences

Littleton High School - Revisions / Goals to Consider

- Embedding more technology tools, skills, and applications into student projects and assessments e.g.coding & simulations
- Provide in-person Cyber Safety presentations for parents and students
- Enhance instructional strategies to increase student use of Touch View screens.
- Continue to review and evaluate our Program of Studies to ensure LHS offerings support student skill development and preparation for post-secondary experiences, education, & future employment

Tiered Focused Monitoring: process overview

Littleton Public Schools

School Committee Meeting Presentation 1/26/2023

Presenter: Lyn Snow - Director of Student Services



Tiered Focused Monitoring

Topics we will cover:

- 1. Role of Public School Monitoring (PSM)
- 2. Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM) Process Overview
- 3. Monitoring Timeline



MASSACHUSETTS Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Tiered Focused Monitoring: The role of PSM

Public School Monitoring (PSM), a unit of the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education:

- Monitors school districts for compliance with special education and civil rights laws and regulations that impact student outcomes
- Provides technical assistance to help districts:
 - Understand and comply with regulations
 - Develop supports and resources for students

Tiered Focused Monitoring: Group B

Components of a Universal Standard Group B Review

Equal Opportunity and Access

School Facilities

Licensure

Professional Development

IEP Implementation

Time and Learning

Parent and Community Engagement

Tiered Focused Monitoring - TFM

- Method for determining compliance with regulations
- Districts undergo a TFM review every 3 years
- Five major review components help identify opportunities for improved practices



Tiered Focused Monitoring: District Self-Assessment



- Review of special education and civil rights policies and procedures
- Examination of the licensure of special education staff
- Observation of school facilities
- Focused questions relating to special education and civil rights laws and regulations under review

Tiered Focused Monitoring: PSM Onsite Visit



CHAIR REVIEWS DISTRICT SELF-ASSESSMENT PARENT SURVEY

CHAIR REVIEWS State-wide Reports & Data

CHAIR DEVELOPS AN ONSITE PLAN

Onsite monitoring can include building tours & interviews. Survey responses are used to enhance onsite monitoring

Tiered Focused Monitoring: Analysis & Results

Compliance Ratings

- Commendable
- Implemented
- Partially Implemented
- Not Implemented

Final Report

- The report includes actions for the district to implement in response to the ratings
- Reports are available on the DESE website



Tiered Focused Monitoring: Timelines

Year 3 Follow-up: Internal Monitoring

Year 1 Prep:

Self-Assessment Group A or B

Year 2 Onsite:

Supports, Action Plans, Monitoring & Progress Reporting

Tiered Focused Monitoring Review: Group A



References:

https://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/parents/orientation.html

Structured Learning Time

| Required | | Littleton Public Schools | | |
|--------------|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Kindergarten | 425 Hours | Shaker Lane School | K = 858 Hours T-2 = 913 Hours | |
| Elementary | 900 Hours | | | |
| Secondary | 990 Hours | Russell Street School | 933 Hours | |
| | | Littleton Middle School | 992 Hours | |
| | | Littleton High School | 1,014 Hours | |

File: JF - SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

All children of school age who reside in the district will be entitled to attend the public schools, as will certain children who do not reside in the district but who are admitted under School Committee policies relating to nonresident students or by specific action of the School Committee.

Advance registration for prospective kindergarten students will take place *i*⁻ 'le spring. Every student seeking admission to school for the first time must present a bir⁺ ertificate or equivalent proof of age acceptable to the Principal and proof of vacc⁻ and immunizations as required by the state and the School Committee. Proof of resir⁺ ey of conditional holding legal guardianship may also be required by the school adminicention.

SOURCE: MASC - Reviewed 2021

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CROSS REFS .: JLCA, Physical Examination of the state of

JLCB, Immunization of Stude

JFBB, Schr Choice

JFABL Tomeless Contract Function and Services

JFABE, Edu , nal Opportunities for Military Children

JFABF, vcation. Opportunities for Children in Foster Care

NOTE: this category statements covering all school admissions. Statements on exceptions energy cyrequirements, tuition charges for nonresident students, admission of second stransfer basis, should be filed under the appropriate follos ategories:

JFAB, Admission of Non-resident Students

JFABA, Non-resident Tuition Charge

JFABD, Admission of Homeless Students

JFABB, Admission of Foreign Students