

Town of Littleton School Committee



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**School Committee Meeting
Littleton Police Station Community Room
500 Great Road
In-person and Hybrid
March 3, 2022
7:00 PM**

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AGENDA

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 – February 10, 2022
 - Oath to Bills and Payroll

7:05 II. INTERESTED CITIZENS

7:10 III. RECOGNITION

- 1. Student Representative(s) Report:** *Student Representative(s), will give a report of events for each school.*
- 2. February 28th Vaccination clinic:** *Superintendent Clenchy will give an update on the February 28th vaccination clinic.*
- 3. February 15, 2022, National School Resource Officers' Day:** *We are very fortunate to have Detective John Janakos as our SRO. Thank you for everything that you do for our students and staff.*

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7:15 IV. PRESENTATION

1. **RSS Think Tank and Ukulele Presentation:** *Music Teacher Mr. Gansenberg will share a student think tank project and discuss the addition of ukuleles to the music program.*

7:30 V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **2022/2023 Draft Calendar:** *Mrs. Steele will discuss the draft calendar that was created for the 2022/2023 school year. Please note that Diwali was added as a placeholder and requires further discussion.*
(Potential Motion- Motion to approve the 2022/2023 calendar as presented or; Motion to approve the 2022/2023 calendar with the following revision(s)...)
2. **Proposed 2022/2023 School Committee Calendar:** *Superintendent Clenchy will present the proposed 2022/2023 School Committee Calendar.*
3. **Update on Mask Flexibility at RSS and LHS. Mask flexibility implementation for SL and LMS scheduled for Friday March 4, 2022:**
Update on implementation of RSS mask flexibility, Resumption of mask flexibility at LHS.
4. **Conditions required for Mask Flexibility:** *discussion of pooled testing and prevalence rate requirement. (Potential Motion)*
5. **CDC lifting of requirement to wear masks on school buses and vans:** *School Committee/Superintendent discussion of new CDC guidelines as well as determination of direction moving forward. (Potential Motion)*

8:45 VI. INTERESTED CITIZENS

8:50 VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PMBC
2. Budget Subcommittee
3. **Policy Subcommittee:** (see LPS website to view all policies)
<http://www.littletonps.org/school-committee/school-committee-policies>

9:00 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 School Committee Meeting
March 17, 2022
7:00PM

<p>BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING Littleton Police Station Community Room 500 Great Road In-person and Hybrid MARCH 17, 2022 7:05 PM Zoom credentials will be posted 48 hours before the meeting</p>
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES February 10, 2022 7:00PM

PRESENT: Matthew Hunt
Brad Austin
Justin McCarthy
Timalyn Rassias
Jen Gold

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Clenchy
Steve Mark
Dorothy Mulone
Bettina Corrow

NOT PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Matthew Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to approve the January 27, 2022, agenda as presented. (AYE: Unanimous). Motion carried.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

RECOGNITION

- 1. Student Representative(s) Update:** Student representative, Stella Austin gave an update on upcoming school activities and events taking place at all four schools.
- 2. February 7th Vaccination clinic:** Superintendent Clenchy gave an update on the February 7th vaccination clinic. Next clinic is scheduled for February 28th.
- 3. The Ooch Experience:** Superintendent Clenchy gave a brief overview of the 7 upcoming evening shows scheduled for Littleton families in collaboration with Park & Rec. Shows will take place at the High school and middle school and it can also be attended virtually. A flyer of the shows was included in the packet.

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PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Grade 1 Un-coding:** Grade 1 teacher Ms. Dussi gave a presentation on the Grade 1 Un-coding project. At first coding seemed complex, solely technology based, only for tech experts, inaccessible to younger students and intimidating! But coding was really a lot of fun for the students. It taught them critical thinking, problem solving, learned to process math problems, teamwork, and self-confidence.

What is unplugged coding?!

Unplugged coding aims to teach programming concepts using games or activities that can be done offline using tangible objects, such as paper and markers. Offline coding is a good way to engage younger students without the use of technology. Most important, unplugged coding promotes creativity, excitement and TEAMWORK!

Matt Hunt – Thanked Ms. Dussi for her presentation. It is amazing how fast the students are learning coding.

Justin McCarthy – Thanked her for the presentation and was pleased to see all the students moving around within their classroom.

- 2. Recognizing Diwali on the LPS Calendar:** High School DEI Club students and MS students presented on recognizing Diwali on the LPS School Calendar.

Mission Statement

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion club at the High School would like to include Diwali as an official holiday on the school calendar, and to give students the day off without having to juggle holiday and school responsibilities. As a town with a growing Indian community, it is important that these students, from all ages, feel included and are able to celebrate the holiday without missing school. If we want to promote inclusivity and diversity in our school system, we have to allocate time for students of color to be able to practice their culture. We want to make education equitable for all.

Statistics

The Asian community in Littleton has grown immensely in recent years. Statistics from the Massachusetts Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education show the enrollment of Asian students has grown from 3.9% to 14.3% in the past decade, a 367% increase. This totals to 234 students across LPS schools.

Background

The festival of Diwali celebrates the return of Lord Rama, Sita (his wife), and Lakshmana (his brother) back to their home, in the kingdom of Ayodhya. The trio returns after being exiled for 14 years, due to Rama's stepmother's evil deeds. Most importantly, the festival is a symbol of the victory of good over evil. While in exile, Sita is kidnapped, and with the help of others, the two brothers save her from the demon king Ravana's clutches.

The students shared opinions and personal experiences with the holiday. The impact it has had on their academic work when a holiday fell on a school day, and they were not able to observe it during the day.

Timalyn Rassias – When does the Holiday usually fall? Is it on the same day every year?

Kelly Clenchy – It falls on a different day each year but usual in September or October. In 2022 it falls on Oct. 24, 2022.

Matt Hunt – One district used this day to have a full PD Day for staff. Usually in Littleton we have our full PD Day on the Election Day but not every year we actually have an election in town.

Brad Austin – I am so glad to see our students advocate for themselves and others. Could we wait until next meeting to vote on this? I am in support of this being an observed Holiday.

Kelly Clenchy – Mrs. Steele and I met with the DEI representatives yesterday. I have been thinking about this for a while. I do not think it would be appropriate to change this to a PD Day for our staff as we currently are hosting that day in conjunction with two other districts. I am comfortable having this holiday added to the school calendar. Do you want us to bring a calendar without this day or would you prefer it to be marked on the calendar?

Jen Gold – Would this request make other holidays be requested too? I think we should bring a calendar forward with this Holiday as a placeholder.

Kelly Clenchy – Great question. I do not think other days will be requested.

Justin McCarthy – We either take off all of the holidays, or we only take the federal holidays, or we make the holidays a half day and if a staff member would be celebrating a holiday, they could request the day off.

Kelly Clenchy – When a student misses time, especially in middle and high school, it can cause stress in their lives. The curricula are extensive at these grade levels and as a result missed classes can have a negative impact on student achievement. I would have concerns about eliminating all religious holidays from the calendar.

Brad Austin – In the students’ survey we saw more than 400 signatures in favor of this. I am in favor of having the holiday added to the calendar that will be brought forward at the next meeting.

Kelly Clenchy – We will bring the calendar forward at the next meeting for discussion and vote.

3. School-Based Wellness Update: School Principals Dr. John Harrington, Mr. Jason Everhart, Mrs. Cheryl Temple, and Mrs. Michelle Kane provided a brief overview of student and staff wellness supports.

Mrs. Kane – Ms. Dyadko, School Adjustment Counselor is hosting lunch group with students focusing on nurturing the students and their relationships. Emotional support for our students. 6-8 week “Social Thinking” curriculum where students are taught “Social thinking”. Spirit days are great for both students and staff.

Ms. Deacon and Mrs. Kane are hosting monthly read aloud for the students.

Classroom teachers have greeting zones during the morning meetings, where teachers can get a sense on how the students are doing.

These efforts are not a bonus, this is what we do and who we are here in Littleton.

Cheryl Temple – We returned our classrooms and school back to normal as much as possible. Concentrating on trauma-informed instruction. Really concentrating on making sure that our students have a connection with at least one adult at our school.

Staff support – Ms. Romano and I do try to have a daily check in with all our staff. Mrs. Temple walks around the school daily and collects the lunch slips which gives her a chance to check in at each classroom.

Each grade has many initiatives but here are a few examples: Grade 3 is working on restorative circles as mindfulness and acceptance. Grade 4 is working on SEL Theme books with emphasis on kindness, respect, acceptance of friendship and sharing feelings. They focus on “I” statements. Grade 5, they have worked on SEL lessons each week including empathy, positive self-talk, mindfulness, and growth mindset.

This is definitely something we are concentrating on extra hard this year after what we have all been through these past two years, but this is what we do and have been doing for a long time.

Jason Everhart – We must be mindful of how we structure our time as we do not have the same amount of time between staff and students as they do in the elementary schools. We have reorganized our advisory program to meet twice a week with smaller groups of students. We have created a series of lessons too for the teachers, so they do not need to take time out of their prep period to create more lessons. These lessons are all designed to target relationships and mental health. Again, to ensure that every student has an opportunity to connect with an adult within the school building. Social and emotional health is the head of the theme of what we do. This gives the students the opportunity to connect with each other without having to worry what others may say. It gives the teacher an opportunity to recognize if a student is not feeling good one day. Redesigned our SST process. We meet twice a month to discuss and academic behavior issues. These discussions are data driven which gives a much faster response time. This allows us to address any behavior or mental health concerns.

Every year we conduct the “Signs of suicide” program, which is a 7-day program. This year it will start in grade 6.

We are back to offer more in-person events, trying to get back to what we knew as normal post Covid.

John Harrington – Thanked all the school counselors, guidance department and school psychologists. Creating strong connections between staff and students. “Drop-in time” for students and staff. A lot of advantages being a smaller school district. Strong connections between students, staff, and families. Our Director of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Steele has reorganized the professional early release days to WINN – PD days. “What I Need NOW”.

During our advisory block, students have time to grab breakfast, play in the gym and connect with each order. It also gives them time for academic support, should they need help with homework or make up work if they have been out. The Guidance department created a new School Counseling weekly newsletter. Some of the students that presented earlier during this meeting, are planning to host a mental health awareness day in May. Might be on the half day May 27th.

SEL screening tool, Academic support center. We conducted the Youth Risk Behavior Survey program, and the data will be presented later. Dr. Harrington thanked the PTA for all their support given to the schools and staff.

Lastly, he mentioned Archie, the therapy dog at the High school which brings so much joy to both students and staff.

Kelly Clenchy – These are things we have done for years but it is important for our students to feel connected. A Happy teacher makes happy students.

Brad Austin – This is not new. This is part of a sustained focus, not only a response to everything that has happened these past years. I loved hearing Jason Everhart saying, “Bring Joy back into the school”. Do we have any data from last year on where we are that we can share?

John Harrington – A summary will be presented at another meeting.

Kelly Clenchy – Students need to feel comfortable talking to us. We are not only dealing with learning loss we are dealing with loss in other ways too. We are moving in the right direction, but we are not there yet.

Justin McCarthy – In the event we need to focus on something more please bring it forward. Especially if you need more funds.

Matt Hunt – Extremely important topics – mental health for both students and staff.

4. Financial Update: Business Manager Steve Mark gave a financial update. The spreadsheet was included in the packet. Mr. Mark also gave a brief overview of the department budgets.

184 **Student and Staff Support**

185 Total FY22 budget = \$1,337,946 – Approx. 6% of total appropriated budget

186 **Other Instruction**

187 Total FY22 budget = \$295,425 – Approx. 1.3% of total appropriated budget

188 Justin McCarthy – Are we accurately spending enough money on the student and staff support budget?

191 Kelly Clenchy – I believe we are where we need to be.

192 **OLD BUSINESS**

- 194 **1. Mask Flexibility:** The School Committee and the Superintendent discussed the motion that was sent to
195 the BOH for their approval, which was approved at the BOH meeting on Feb. 9, 2022.

196 Kelly Clenchy – I would ask that we do not throw everything away. We do want students to feel
197 comfortable to take their masks off when they feel they are ready to do so.

198 Our next implementation of mask flexibility should be at our middle school. We have asked the company
199 that does the pool testing to change their days and they have said they would be able to start the new
200 schedule by March 7, which will give us time to phase in the process. We could start with Russell Street
201 on March 14.

202 Shaker Lane- we would need to think about an implementation date and take into consideration that
203 preschool and some k students are not eligible for vaccines

204 Brad Austin – I appreciate what you are saying Kelly. I have 3 questions. What is our message? Logistic?
205 What criteria are we using? If we move ahead, do we need mandatory pool testing? Will there be a
206 threshold? Will we keep the masks on after the February break?

207 Justin McCarthy – We do not meet again until March 3rd. I am a little surprised by the timeline from the
208 Superintendent. I would like to move forward with the plan we had presented. Why do we need to change
209 the pool testing days? Why can't we start on Feb. 28th at the Middle School?

210 Lyn Snow – It is because of logistics. We can test the high school and Russell Street on Monday and
211 Thursday we will test Middle school and Shaker Lane students.

212 Brad Austin – So what I am hearing is that we use the week after February vacation to pool test the
213 students that are eligible so we have a baseline to work from and then on March 7 Middle school can start
214 the mask flexibility, but the High School could potentially start earlier depending on the pool testing
215 results.

216 Jason Everhart – At the middle school we need a little more time to prep the students to establish this, but
217 I will feel more comfortable if we have an extra five days to get the message across to all our students.

218 Matt Hunt – I am comfortable to have the Middle school start on March 7. Even for the High school.

219 Kelly Clenchy –The BOH has been very apprehensive about taking the mask mandate off in schools and I
220 can respect that. We are looking at two factors at the high school. We are coming back from vacation
221 break. We know that some families will be traveling, and some families will have concerns if we are
222 coming back not wearing masks in schools. I am having trouble understanding the urgency of five days.
223 We are looking at trying to be as successful as possible. I want us to do this right.

Matt Hunt – We also have to remember we did send out a letter to our families before we started the trial telling them that the plan was to have masks back on the week after Feb break.

Jen Gold – I think we are asking questions and trying to understand all the logistics. We are still learning. It just seems like we are using so much time. You gave us a timeline with five extra days for the middle school but an extra two weeks for Russell Street and TBD for Shaker Lane. It is just a lot of extra time. Those parents we hear from who want their kids back to school without masks, it is hard for them to hear that we aren't closer to a date. But after hearing all the logistics that goes into this, I am ok with a start date for the Middle school being March 7th. I wish it was sooner, but I am ok with the date. It seems to be the right decision.

Kelly Clenchy – I just want to ensure that we are successful and that we follow a process.

Timalyn Rassias – Are we at 80% at Russell Street? I think we need to keep some criteria. If we are looking at the numbers at the high school, we have given them mask flexibility but only 17% are using this option. So, I think we can wait an extra week.

Justin McCarthy – But we gave them a choice. There is no sense to keep this going. We need to teach our students and staff that it is not a scary place to be if people are not wearing a mask.

Kelly Clenchy – I just do not want to go backwards. I want to ensure we are doing this right. I want us to be set up for success. I want us to have thoughtful discussions. These are tough decisions.

Lyn Snow – For Shaker Lane it is going to take time. You will have a classroom where maybe half of the students' families are comfortable with their student not wearing a mask, but it is going to be difficult to explain to a student, who needs to keep his/her mask on when their friends in the classroom are not having one on. This will take time to explain this to this age group of students.

Jen Gold – I support continuing with our three conditions and have a start date for LMS and RSS for March 7 and March 14 for Shaker Lane.

Matt Hunt – As we move on, we should continue with pool testing. It does not sound like from the State level that it will continue next year. I think the metrics we have in place are good. I'm comfortable with March 7. But I am interested to see what happens on Feb. 28 in other districts. I would be very surprised if other districts start with mask flexibility on that date.

Brad Austin – I think we have a plan in place. We communicated to our families that we would be masked the week after Feb. break, so I think we need to keep that promise. But I think we have a plan that I can stand behind.

Kelly Clenchy – So are we comfortable with LMS for March 7 as well as RSS if we can get them ready. Shaker Lane is set for March 14 if they are eligible at that time.

Matt Hunt – We committed to the community that we would have masks back on after Feb. break so I think we should keep that promise.

Cheryl Temple – We can use the March 7 as an upfront date, but March 14 will be the end date.

Steve Mark – Reminded the community that any student riding the bus must always wear a mask regardless of any decision made for their school.

Justin McCarthy – I am good with the dates. But I do not understand how we are not ready at the middle school.
Matt Hunt – We should communicate our plan to our families within the district.

2. **Mask Flexibility at LHS:** Superintendent Clenchy and Principal Harrington gave an update to the implementation of mask flexibility at LHS. It was a lot of work to make this happen. The climate is very positive. 17% -19.5% are exercising the mask flexibility. The students are being so respectful of each other. Part of the challenging work is getting the paperwork between the pool testing and the permission slip from the parents. We must acknowledge that we still have both students and staff who are apprehensive of removing their mask and that is ok.
3. **LPS COVID Testing Program Update:** Superintendent Clenchy and Ms. Lyn Snow, Director of Student Services gave an update on the status of the Opt-in program. 999 Students and staff Opted in. Ms. Lyn gave a brief overview of the 2-week prevalence rate from Jan. 24, 2022 through Feb. 4th, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Upcoming Presentations:** RSS Music think-tank and Ukelele presentation, Draft 2022/2023 School Calendar.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

Matthew Ridge – What is the story with Shaker Lane? We need to get past being scared. What you are representing is fear. We need to stop this. We need to move forward.
Kelly Clenchy – Target date is March 14 for Shaker Lane.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **PMBC:** None
2. **Budget Subcommittee:** Joint budget meeting took place February 5th. Presented the draft FY23 budget.
3. **Reading of Policy:** Update
4. **SEPAC:** Virtual Autism Parent Training Workshop on March 15th at 6:30 p.m. SEPAC would like to express their appreciation and LOVE to our teachers and staff. Sweet treats will be delivered to SL & RSS on Valentine's Day. Later in April treats will be delivered to LMS & LHS.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to adjourn at 10:04PM. Roll Call
Vote: Matthew Hunt, AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Timalyn Rassias, AYE; and Jen Gold, AYE.

NEXT MEETING DATE

March 3, 2022

7:00PM

ZOOM

DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING

Un-coding in Grade 1
Diwali Holiday on school calendar
Financial Update
Weekly prevalence rate overview

TJ Gansenburg Presentation

RSS Think Tank and Ukulele Presentation

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18cbfdHyLMd0E2sXJ8E8M1PzQFQeUCymS/view>

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2022-2023 School Calendar

Approved by: SC 00/00/2022

SEPTEMBER (18)				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
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***12	13	14A	15	16
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*Staff Start **K-12 Start of School ***Preschool Start

OCTOBER (18)				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
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NOVEMBER (18)				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
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14	15PK/EC	16PK/EC	17EC	18
21	22	23A	24	25
28	29	30		

*Staff PD / Election Day

DECEMBER (17)				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
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JANUARY (20)				
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30	31			

FEBRUARY (15)				
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MARCH (23)				
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20	21	22EC/MSC	23EC/MSC	24
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APRIL (14)				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
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MAY (22)				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
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22	23	24	25PreK	26A
29	30	31		

JUNE (15)				
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***Tentative Last Day of School

K-12 School Starts: Sept. 7, 2022 – Preschool Starts Sept. 12, 2022.
Student Days Scheduled 185 days – **June 29, 2023.** Any unused “snow days” will be used to adjust the School Calendar to the State requirement of 180 days. If no days are lost due to weather or for other reasons, students could be dismissed as early as **June 22, 2023.** When determined; the last day of school will be a 3-hr. Early Release.

KEY

A = All District PreK-12 – 3 hr. Early Release

PreK = Pre-School Conf.

EC = K-5 Elementary Conferences/
3 hr. Early Release

MSC = MS Conferences 3 hr. Early Release

() = School Days Per Month

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS
AND/OR Evening Conferences

ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED

LITTLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022-2023 School Calendar

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STARTING DATES

September 6	Teachers return*
September 7	K-12 Start of School **
September 12	Preschool Start of School***

NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAYS/VACATION DAYS/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

September 5	Labor Day
October 5	Yom Kippur
October 10	Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 24	Diwali
November 8	PD Day/Election Day
November 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 24 – 25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 26 – Jan. 2	Holiday Break
January 16	Martin L. King Day
February 20 -24	Winter Break
April 7	Good Friday
April 17-21	Spring Break
May 29	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth

BACK TO SCHOOL CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Tuesday, Sept. 13	SL K, T & Unified Arts Back to School Night
Thursday, Sept. 15	HS Back to School Night
Monday, Sept. 19	MS Back to School Night
Thursday, Sept. 22	RS Back to School Night
Tuesday, Sept. 27	SL Grade 1, 2 Back to School Night

EARLY RELEASE – ALL SCHOOLS (Wednesdays)

September 14	Professional Development
September 28	Professional Development
October 19	Professional Development
November 2	Professional Development
November 23	Thanksgiving Break
December 7	Professional Development
January 11	Professional Development
January 25	Professional Development
February 8	Professional Development
March 1	Professional Development
April 12	Professional Development
May 3	Professional Development
May 26 (Friday)	Professional Development

June 22 (Thursday) Tentative Last Day of School

EARLY RELEASE – PARENT CONFERENCES

Wednesday, Oct. 26	Middle School Conference
Thursday, Oct. 27	Middle School Conference
Thursday, Nov. 3	Middle School Conference
Tuesday, Nov. 15	Pre-school – Gr 5 Elementary Conf.
Wednesday, Nov. 16	Pre-school – Gr 5 Elementary Conf.
Thursday, Nov. 17	K-5 Elementary Conference
Wednesday, March 15	K-5 Elementary Conference
Wednesday, March 22	K-5 Elementary Conference
Wednesday, March 22	Middle School Conference
Thursday, March 23	K-5 Elementary Conference
Thursday, March 23	Middle School Conference
Thursday, May 18	Pre-School Conference
Thursday, May 25	Pre-School Conference

EVENING PARENT CONFERENCES

Thursday, Oct. 6	High School Evening Conference
Wednesday, Oct. 26	Middle School Evening Conference
Tuesday, Nov. 15	3-5 Elementary Evening Conference
Wednesday, Nov. 16	Pre-School – Gr 2 Elementary Evening Conf.
Thursday, March 9	High School Evening Conference
Wednesday, March 15	Middle School Evening Conference
Wednesday, March 22	3-5 Elementary Evening Conference
Thursday, March 23	K-2 Elementary Evening Conference
Thursday, May 25	Pre-School Evening Conference

STARTING & DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

School	Start	Dismissal	Early Dismissal
High School	7:25AM	1:56PM	10:55AM
Middle School	7:20AM	1:45PM	10:45AM
Russell Street	8:05AM	2:30PM	11:30AM
Shaker Lane	8:50AM	3:15PM	12:15PM
Full-Day PreK	9:00AM	2:45PM	11:30AM
AM PreK	9:00AM	11:30AM	
PM PreK	12:15PM	2:45PM	

SCHOOL CLOSING / DELAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Web: Littletonps.org **Radio:** WBZ (1030), WCAP (980), WRKO (680)
TV: WBZ (4), WCBV (5), WHDH (7), NBC 10 (10) and cable channel 3
Twitter: Kelly Clenchy @kbstcl

High School Graduation Date – June 2, 2023



Gr. 8 Promotion Ceremony – June TBD, 2023



Tigers' Den will close at 4:00pm on 11/23/22, and on the last day of school.

MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS & HOLY DAYS

Sept. 25 – Sept. 27	Rosh Hashanah
October 5	Yom Kippur
October 24	Diwali
Dec. 18 – Dec. 26	Chanukah
December 25	Christmas
December 26	Kwanza
April 5	Passover
April 7	Good Friday
April 9	Easter Sunday
June 19	Juneteenth

MARKING PERIODS

Preschool/Kindergarten Period Ends:
January, June 22

T-5 Marking Period Ends:
December, March, June 22

Middle School Marking Period Ends:
December, March, June 22

High School Marking Period Ends:
November 10, January 23, April 7, June 22

Town of Littleton School Committee

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE CALENDAR

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

7:00PM

All meetings are at the *Littleton Police Department Community Room* unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates do change. Please feel free to call the School Department, check the district website at www.littletonps.org, or check the Town Hall meeting postings.

August 18 & 19, 2022 (LHS Library Seminar Room)

September 15, 2022

September 29, 2022

October 13, 2022

October 27, 2022

November 17, 2022

December 1, 2022

December 15, 2022

January 12, 2023

January 26, 2023

February 9, 2023

March 2, 2023

March 16, 2023 Public Hearing (Budget @ 7:10 p.m.)

March 30, 2023

April 13, 2023

May 4, 2023

May 18, 2023

June 1, 2023

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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.

Dear Superintendents, Assistance Superintendents, Charter School Leaders,
Collaborative Directors and Leaders of Approved Private Special Education Schools,

Commissioner Riley asked me to share this information with you on his behalf.

Late Friday, the CDC announced that, effective February 25, 2022, it is no longer requiring that masks be worn on school buses or vans for K-12 students and children in childcare programs. Schools and districts may decide whether to lift or maintain local mask requirements on buses or vans.

As always, any individual who wishes to continue to mask should be supported in that choice.

More information on the updated CDC guidance is available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>.

Please contact the Rapid Response line at 781.338.3500 with any questions or concerns.

Best,
Helene

Helene Bettencourt

Associate Commissioner of
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