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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING April 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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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.

6:00 I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order

6:05 II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations with intention to return to Open Session.

7:00 I. ORGANIZATION

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Consent Agenda

Minutes - March 25, 2021

-Oath to Bills - and Payroll

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7:05 II. <u>INTERESTED CITIZENS</u>

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

7:15 IV. PRESENTATION

- 1. Update to Sewer Discharge Site under LHS/Soccer Fields: On behalf of the LWD, Director of Public Safety and Communications Ivan Pagacik will give an update on the upcoming project for upgrading the sewer discharge site which is sited under the high school soccer fields.
- **2. State of Curriculum Reports Part I:** *Curriculum Coordinators will present the state of the curriculum reports within their subject:*
 - Presentation I: Meredith Perry Health and Physical Education
 - Presentation II: Elizabeth Rego Mathematics
- **3. Spring Sports update:** *Athletic Director, Mike Lyn will give an update on the Spring Sports.*
- **4. State/Local/Public Health Metrics:** Chair, Mike Fontanella and Katrina Wilcox Hagberg will give an update on the State/Local/Public Health Metrics.
- 5. District-Wide Update on Mental Health Supports: Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Lyn Snow will give an update on District-Wide Mental Health Supports.
- **6. Update on Universal Screening for Dyslexia:** *Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Lyn Snow and Director of Teaching and Learning Elizabeth Steele will give an update on Universal Screening for Dyslexia.*

8:00 V. OLD BUSINESS

- **1. Draft Calendar 2021/2022 School Year**: Request for School Committee to approve the 2021/2022 School Year Calendar.
- **2. K-8, 9-12 Full In-person return**: K-8 School Principals will give an update on their Full In-person return. HS Principal John Harrington will give an update on grades 9-12 preparations for Full In-person.
- **3. Extending Pool Testing to End of the School Year:** Chair Mike Fontanella will discuss extending the Pool Testing to the end of the school year.

8:20 VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Spring Reopening MOA:** School Committee will vote on the proposed LEA Spring Reopening MOA.

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8:35 VII. INTERESTED CITIZENS

8:45 VIII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. PMBC
- 2. Budget Subcommittee
- 3. Policy Subcommittee: (see LPS website to view all policies)

 Motion to accept 2nd reading of the following MODIFIED

 policies:

IC ICA – SCHOOL YEAR SCHOOL CALENDAR

ID - SCHOOL DAY

Motion to accept the 2nd reading of the following REVIEWED policy:

IGA – CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

http://www.littletonps.org/school-committee/school-committee-polices

8:50 IX. <u>ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>

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

NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING April 15, 2021

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1 2		SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES					
3		March 25, 2021					
4	7:00PM						
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7	PRESENT:	Mike Fontanella	ALSO PRESENT:	Kelly Clenchy			
8		Matthew Hunt		Steve Mark			
9		Timalyn Rassias		Dorothy Mulone			

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CALL TO ORDER

Mike Fontanella called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Brad Austin

Justin McCarthy

On a motion by Matthew Hunt, and seconded by Justin McCarthy, it was voted to approve the March 18, 2021 consent agenda as presented. (AYE: Unanimous). Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: Matthew Hunt, AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Timalyn Rassias, AYE; and Mike Fontanella, AYE.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

RECOGNITION

- 1. Superintendent Clenchy recognized and thanked the administrators and staff for working super hard to make sure we are ready to welcome all our Kindergarten Grade 8 students back into the schools on Monday, March 29, 2021.
- 2. Steve Mark, Business Manager announced that Mike Deneault has retired from Littleton Public Schools' theater department and he thanked him for his more than 15 years of service.

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PRESENTATION

 1. State/Local/Public Health Metrics: Katrina Wilcox Hagberg provided a presentation on the State/Local/Public Health Metrics. Her data presented was through March 24, 2021. Test positivity rate is now at 1.77% in Littleton. Littleton's rate is 16.1 per 100K. Littleton has 22 new cases, but the town is still in yellow. Total to date Littleton Public Schools have had 39 cases which includes both hybrid and remote students. All of the pooled tests' results so far have been negative.

OLD BUSINESS

- **1. Draft Calendar 2021/2022 School Year**: Superintendent Clenchy requested the School Committee to approve the 2021/2022 calendar as presented.
 - Mike Fontanella gave a brief overview of different options for the school calendar but urged the public to give their input and he would push the motion out to the next meeting to see if the community had any input they want to be considered.
 - Brad Austin Pushing the motion out to next the meeting seems best. It makes no sense to only have the students back for one day and then have a four-day weekend, that is wasteful. I think we also need to start looking at our start times.
 - Matthew Hunt I would agree with Brad. Having the students in for one day does not make sense. We should keep the calendar as is.
 - Timalyn Rassias I would agree that we should keep the calendar as is.
 - Justin McCarthy I think it wise to start as presented. But I think it would be good to have a discussion going forward about whether we start before or after Labor Day in the coming years. We also need to look at the 12 early release days.
 - Mike Fontanella I believe we should keep the calendar as presented but I think we should wait to vote on the calendar till the next meeting in two weeks. Every few years we are faced with this issue about the start date before or after Labor Day that we might need to focus on. But having said that, it is hard to get the community to agree on this. It seems it is always about 50/50 on any calendar date change whether it is discussion on start date, religious holidays, school week vacation breaks etc. The calendar will be finalized at the next meeting.
- **2.** Extension of Pooled Testing: Discussion on the extension of the Pooled Testing to continue to the end of the school year. The state will continue their funding through April 18, 2021.
 - Mike Fontanella asked that any motion be pushed out to the next meeting when the district will have more data on hand to work with.
 - Brad Austin With two more weeks of information we should have a better idea what the cost may be for the district to continue the program. We will also have a better idea of how many high school students will be back full time in April.
 - Justin McCarthy Asked Lyn Snow to provide an estimated cost for the program at the next meeting.

3. Pooled Testing Participation: Discussion regarding possible strategies designed to increase participation rates in the Pooled Testing Program.

Kelly Clenchy – We are always thinking of ways to encourage our students and families to participate in any mitigation programs. Our AD has talked with his coaches and have had the coaches talk to their student athletes about this program. We continue to encourage our parents to reach out for any help or clarification if they need more information before they decide to sign up.

Lyn Snow – We had 500 consents when we started, and we are now up to 720 between students and staff. I am hopeful that we will have an increase as more students will be back in school full time. It is climbing slowly.

Mike Fontanella – Are we anticipating any change in pool testing once we have more students back in the buildings.

Lyn Snow – We will continue to test on Monday and Thursday as this way is working.

Brad Austin – Are we doing any targeted outreach to families who are coming back from fully remote to in-person. That might be a population that might be a little more cautious.

Lyn Snow – No targeted outreach. We are just encouraging families to sign up especially if you are choosing your child to be in school full time. We get samples of students and staff across all four schools and central office.

Justin McCarthy – Would it be beneficial to test a whole class? I think some families are still thinking that if your child falls in a negative pool test that they might miss out on other things. But what we are trying to eliminate is a cluster. There is nothing negative with this but so much more positive by taking part in the pool testing. Maybe we can offer some incentive to students to make it more "fun" to participate, such as free yearbook, cap and grown for the older students etc.

Lyn Snow – The pool does need to have between 5-10 samples in each vial. Not every student in every class has consented to do pool testing. We have decided to spread the samples out across all classes.

Cheryl Temple – It might be time to send out a separate email to parents about the pool testing so the reminder is not lost in the middle of the weekly email from principals.

Kelly Clenchy – We are ready to go, should we need to re-test any students or families. This is a mitigation strategy that will keep our schools open and safe.

Brad Austin – I think it would be a great idea to have the principal send out a separate email regarding pool testing and how to sign up.

Timalyn Rassias – Could we make a phone call to all about participating in pool testing and sign up. Kelly Clenchy – That is a great idea. We will do it next week once we have more students back full time.

Mike Fontanella – Maybe wait until April 5 to give families an email and/or phone call about pool testing sign up. I like the incentive idea. We could look into that. There are many variants of the virus and we need to stay safe and keep our mitigation strategies in place to keep schools and the community safe.

 $\label{lem:continuous} Justin\ McCarthy-What\ is\ the\ percentage\ of\ participation\ of\ staff.$

Lyn Snow – Staff is about 60% and students are in the 50%.

4. K-8, 9-12 Full In-person return: School Principals gave an update on the K-8 Full In-person return on Monday, March 29, 2021 for Kindergarten through Grade 8

Michelle Kane gave a quick overview of the preparations that have taken place at Shaker Lane School to have all students back in the classrooms. There were so many logistics that needed to be worked out. The Special Educational teachers have had many long meetings to work out their new schedule and how to accommodate more students back full time. But they are ready and excited to welcome students back on Monday!

Cheryl Temple – Principal of the Russell Street School. We had to find placements for the students. Our classrooms are all set. Our teachers have been working so hard to get everything ready. They informed their students if a new student is coming into their classroom. She thanked the teachers and custodial staff, who have worked tirelessly on getting all the furniture, PPEs etc. in place. Extra chairs and seating have been created in the cafeteria and outside!

Jason Everhart, Principal of the Middle School. Have had a couple of very productive weeks to get ready to open the doors on Monday morning. In terms of logistics, we are in a good place. All students have received an email to let them know if they are sitting in the cafeteria or gym for lunch on Monday to eliminate any confusion. They are trying to "over plan" and think of any issue that could arise with more students in the building.

Steve Mark gave a brief overview of the bus routes and all the work that has been done to get the new routes ready for Monday. He reminded the families that students have assigned seats on the bus and do need to sit in that assigned seat at all times and must always be wearing a mask too. He thanked Robin Healy, Tina Averso and Bettina Corrow for all their work at central office for helping to get everything ready for Monday, March 29th.

John Harrington – Principal of the High School. He reminded all high school families that everyone needs to fill out their forms. It is trending to be about 85% of high school students who will be back in person. He reminded the students and families that once they start back full five days, students are expected to be in school every day. Faculty have requested "hotspots" outside when teachers are having outside classroom.

Kelly Clenchy – In many ways this is almost like a "first day of school" for many students. Many have not been in school since last March and there will be some transition time for students to get back to this new routine.

Mike Fontanella – Appreciate everything the principals had to say. Like Mrs. Kane said, this usually gets done over a couple of months during the summer and it had to be done within two weeks. It is great that we "over plan". But we will all need patience. There will be a transition period for all the students. This is not going to be a normal five days of school learning. We should be celebrating that we have come to this point, but we also have to remember we are still in a pandemic. We are still mitigating the negative impact this has had on all of us. Students will need time to adjust to this new routine.

Matthew Hunt – Thanked everyone for their hard work. He is so excited for next week.

Brad Austin – Based on what you have done in the last 6 months I am sure you will pull it off on Monday.

Timalyn Rassias – It is a really good feeling to be part of this. You should all be really proud of all the hard work you have done thus far.

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185 186 Justin McCarthy – I know you have done a lot and I really appreciate it. You might need to provide an overview to students again to remind them on how mask breaks work, lunch schedule and protocols.

Littleton community is currently in the yellow zone for public health metrics. Must continue to follow

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5. COVID-19 Protocols: Director of Pupil Personnel Services Lyn Snow gave an update on the COVID-19 Protocols and presented a slide presentation which is included in the packet.

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COVID-19 is still here

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mitigation strategies, wear well-fitted mask of at least 2 layers, frequent hand washing, physical distancing, avoid unnecessary travel. Most important, do not bring sickness into the school community. 194

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Isolation Protocol (For COVID+ Individuals)

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• Remain home except to get medical care (isolate from others in the home who are not infected)

• Notify the school and personal close contacts

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• Answer the call from local board of health or MA Community Tracing Collaborative • May resume normal activities when 10 days of isolation is complete AND symptoms have improved

AND remained fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medications

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• Submit Clearance from Isolation letter from board of health to school nurse

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Ouarantine Protocol (For Close Contacts)

- Remain home, notify school nurse, and actively monitor for COVID symptoms (incubation period for COVID is 2-14 days)
- If no symptoms, recommend getting tested on Day 5 from exposure (PCR or rapid antigen test)
- If experience symptoms (even mild ones) may test sooner and MUST quarantine for 14 days even if test is negative
- 14-day quarantine = gold standard, maximal risk reduction
- 10-day quarantine ~1% residual risk of disease development (no test necessary, must actively monitor for symptoms for full 14 days)
- 7-day quarantine ~5% residual risk of disease development
- Requires negative test result on Day 5 or later
- o Remain symptom free
- Must actively monitor for symptoms for full 14 days

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UPDATE – Close Contacts (CDC guidelines) Definition:

someone within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24hour period, regardless of whether either person was wearing a mask.

• For schools that use less than 6 feet between students in classrooms, the definition of close contacts has not changed to date. Students sitting less than 6 feet next to another student or person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more should quarantine at home and be referred for testing."

Exclusions to being identified as a close contact:

- People who tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered, as long as they do not develop new symptoms
- People who have been fully vaccinated* against COVID-19 and show no symptoms

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School Facilities and Operations

Previous Guidance (DESE):

- Desks: must be at least 3 feet apart, facing same direction if students together for longer than 20 min
- Facemasks: required for grades 2 and up unless a student receives a medical or behavior exemption

• Bus Capacity: 1 student per bench

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• Recess: At least 3 feet distance between students unless unmasked, then at least 6 feet. Hand hygiene before and after using recess space. Cohorts maintained if possible. Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces made of plastic or metal at least daily or between cohort use.

Updated Guidance (DESE): **Desks**:

CDC agrees at least 3 feet distance between students in elementary grades; same in middle and high school as long as no high community spread of COVID.

- Facemasks: required for all grade levels unless a student receives a medical or behavior exemption; required even for those fully vaccinated
- **Bus Capacity**: capacity limit lifted in elementary schools as long as all other safety protocols are followed (all must wear masks, windows open at least 2 inches, seat assignments); same in middle and high schools as long as no high community spread of COVID
- Recess: Same safety protocols except playgrounds do not require disinfection. High touch surfaces made of plastic or metal should be frequently cleaned. Shared items like balls or jump ropes may be used but should be cleaned between each use.

Maintain safety protocols:

- **Signage**: Continue to use signage and markers to follow health and safety protocols, indicate direction of movement, to encourage physical distancing
- Physical distancing:
- Teachers and staff should maintain 6 feet of distance from students and other staff when feasible (short distance ok for short periods of time if helping a student individually, walking between desks, etc)
- o consider use of different entrances and exits for arrival and dismissal, stagger transitions, no locker use or stagger locker use, prevent congregation in hallways keep students moving
- **Visitors**: Continue to not host visitors to the extent possible
- **Bathroom Use**: limit the use of students in the bathroom at one time, for example using a bathroom sign-out system

Lunch Protocols (DESE guidelines)

Previous Guidance:

Distance: strict 6 feet distance between students unless plexiglass barriers are used

Preferred area:

Hand hygiene: required before and after eating.

Cleaning: Desks and other surfaces used while eating should be cleaned between use

Meal distribution: Prepare meals as individually packaged, to-go style lunches and consider delivering meals to students/each classroom.

Water fountain: cannot be used for direct consumption. Provide potable water using single-use cups that may be filled at touchless fountains (preferred) or other water fountains, water jugs, or coolers.

Updated Guidance:

Distance: strict 6 feet distance between students. Plexiglass barriers are not recommended due to challenges in cleaning and disinfecting regularly and may prevent optimal airflow.

Preferred area: May use multiple areas to increase physical space for meals, e.g. classrooms, cafeteria, outside eating areas, gym, rooms used for specials

Hand hygiene: no change **Cleaning**: no change

Meal distribution: no change **Water fountain**: no change

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285 Justin McCarthy – Is the school district continuing to follow the state guideline or do we require testing if people are traveling out of state. 286

Kelly Clenchy – We are moving towards the travel advisory. We do not think we need to move beyond the state's guidelines at this point.

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Brad Austin – We have been averaging one or two close contact cases in the schools. Would it be fair to say that we might see an increase once we have more students back in the buildings?

Lyn Snow – The definition of close contact has not changed, so we could possibly have more close contact cases once students are in closer contact within the classrooms. That is a very likely possibility.

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Pool Testing for Students Engaging in Athletics/Extracurricular Activities: Chair Mike Fontanella discussed Requiring Participation in Pool Testing for Students Engaging in Athletics and other Extracurricular Activities. Board of Health did suggest that it could possibly be mandatory to participate in pool testing if a student wants to participate in extracurricular activities.

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Mike Fontanella – I do not believe we should single out one group but instead concentrate on increasing the pool testing all around.

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Matthew Hunt − I believe that is a good plan for now.

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Justin McCarthy – I would like to invite the captains to a school committee meeting to hear what their opinion is on this. Where do we opt in or out? Is it High school or middle school sports, league, or town sport?

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INTERESTED CITIZENS

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Amy Tesz – Do you know what percentage of staff that has been able to be vaccinated? Are you thinking of increasing the masks' breaks now that the weather is getting warmer? Have you considered making it mandated for bus riders to participate in the pool testing since they are in close contact on the bus?

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Mike Fontanella – We cannot ask teachers if they have been vaccinated. That is confidential. Kelly Clenchy – We are only required to follow protocol. We cannot ask riders to participate in the pool

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testing. Michelle Kane – We have 3 mask breaks scheduled. I am sure they will increase with the warmer weather and

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students being able to be outside more. Lyn Snow – In regard to pool testing and bus riding, we strongly encourage all families to sign up.

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Justin McCarthy – Are you finding that teachers can find vaccine appointments.

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Kelly Clenchy – I have not run into any teacher who has not been able to secure a vaccine appointment. We have had many staff members, including Central office staff, who have been able to secure vaccine appointments for our staff.

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Eileen Wedegartner – If we need to call out your child for a headache. Should I have the child log on remotely or can they just stay home for the day?

327 Lyn Snow – If your child has a migraine, you will call them out sick as normal. You would need to monitor your child for any other symptoms and if you felt it was important you could have them tested before they 328 return to school.

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331 Kelly Clenchy – If your child is sick, treat it as a sick day and let them rest at home. We do not want parents to feel obligated to have their child log on from home if they are not feeling well. Let them rest and get better. 332

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Mike Fontanella – Just to be clear, if your child is sick, treat it as a sick day as we have done in the past. But if you as a parent feel that your child would be able to facilitate instruction remotely, that will be an option. That option may be needed to be tweaked as we are moving forward. Just letting everyone know that we may need to adjust as we go forward.

SUB-COMMITTEE

- 2. Budget No update

PMBC – No update

3. Policy – Second reading of the policies were moved to next meeting.

4. SEPAC – Basic Rights Workshop on March 30th, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Matthew Hunt, and seconded by Timalyn Rassias it was voted to adjourn at 9:00PM. Roll Call Vote: Matthew Hunt, AYE; Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Timalyn Rassias, AYE; and Mike Fontanella, AYE.

NEXT MEETING DATE

School Committee
April 8, 2021
7:00PM
Zoom Meeting

DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING

Public Health Metrics for Covid-19 2021-2022 School Calendar

Policy ICICA – School Year Calendar

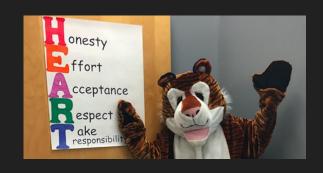
Policy ID – School Day

Policy IGA – Curriculum Development

State of the Curriculum: Health and Physical Education

Meredith M. Perry

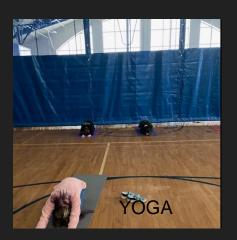
Shaker Lane and Russell Street



- Units Covered: Non-Locomotor, Locomotor Movements, Throwing, Catching, Jumping, and Kicking
- Focused on <u>Good Sportsmanship</u> and following HEART during PE class.
- Used limited equipment this year created our own fun
- Teachers met to collaborate on a K-5 PE Scope and Sequence and to come up with common vocabulary and skill checklists

Middle School







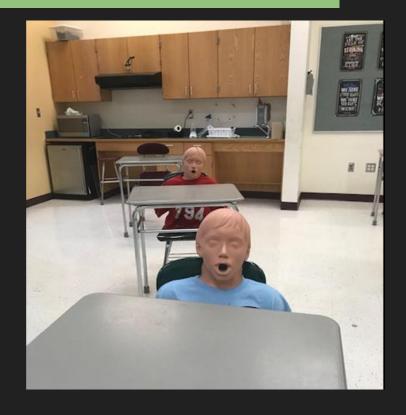
During Hybrid Teaching we wanted to make sure students engaged in some form of physical activity while practicing their social distancing.

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NEW FACES IN THE HEALTH ROOM ON REMOTE WEDNESDAYS



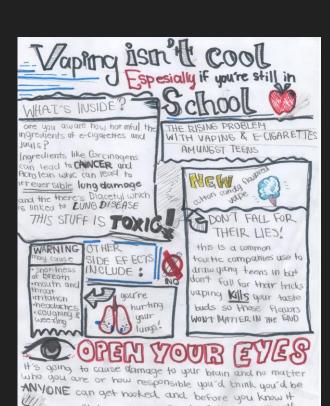
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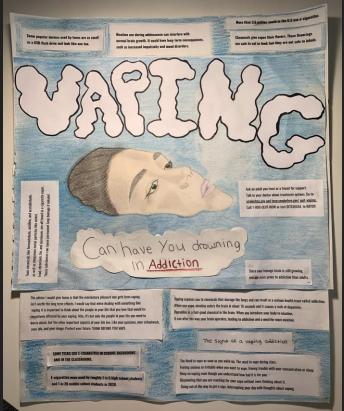






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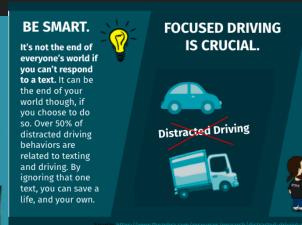




High School

- Utilized different online apps and websites (EVERFI; Map My Run; StoryboardThat)
- Use of breakout rooms via Google Classroom
- Continued use of weight room while maintaining social distancing (sanitizing equipment in between student use)
- Getting outside as much as possible (weather permitting)
- Focusing on lifelong fitness





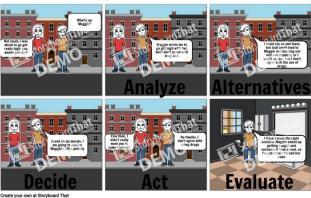
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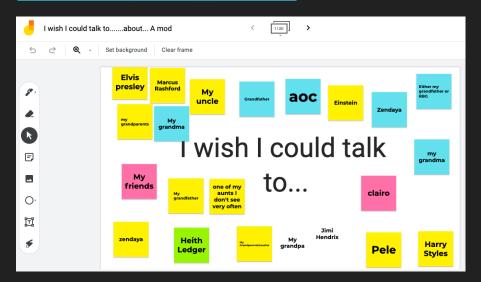
It's tempting to do other things. But you should value your life above all things.

8.5% of all car crashes that happen relate to distracted driving. Thousands die because of it. The least we can do is to keep all of our eyes on the road.

We can make a change.







Why you should wear a mask



- PROTECT OTHERS!!!!! Wearing a mask helps keep others safe
- Masks lower the spread of germs as long as it's worn over the mouth and nose. (CDC)
- It is scientifically proven that masks reduce your chances of getting Covid-19

High School PE

COVID-19 Rules

- Sanitize hands prior to entering the weight room and as needed during class.
- Maintain social distance of 6' at all times.
- Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- No sharing of equipment.
- Sanitize equipment with pre-moistened wipes after use and before moving onto your next exercise.
- Bring your own water.
- Bring your workbook (if applicable) and your own pen or pencil.





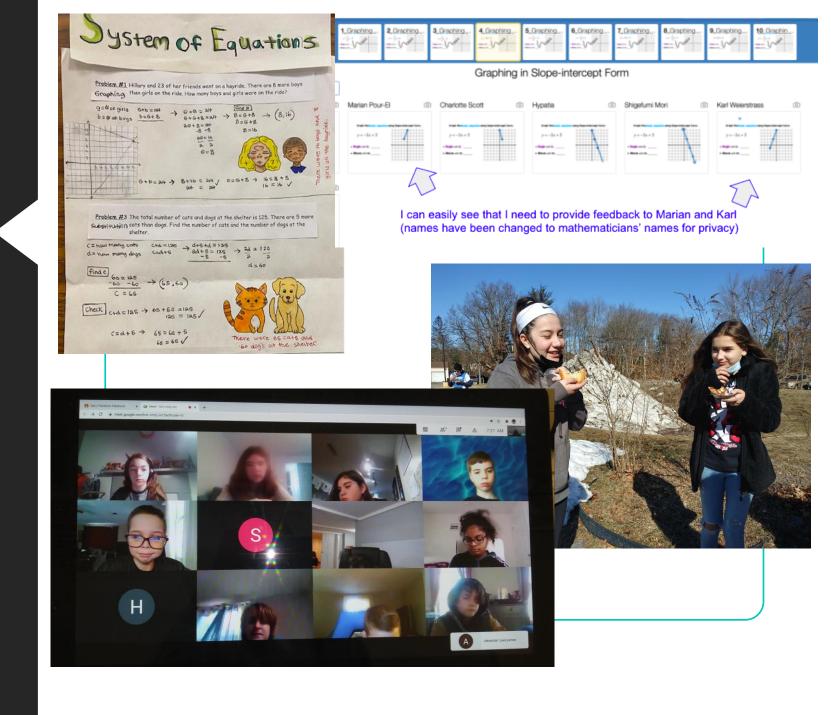


Mathematics State of the Curriculum 2021

Elizabeth Rego, Mathematics 6 – 12 Curriculum Coordinator

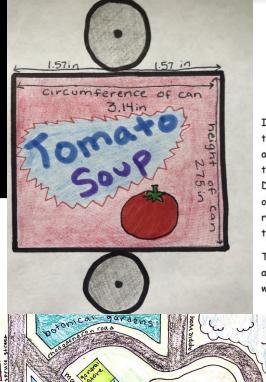
Middle School Accomplishments

- Math Lab Kara Rice
- MCAS Strategies
- Professional Development
- Problems of the Week
- Real World Applications
- Student engagement
- O SEL
- Technology in the Classroom



High School Accomplishments

- Advanced Placement
- AP Calculus Reader
- Two sections of AP Statistics
- MCAS Strategies
- Aligned to Common Core
- Math Tutor: Ray Streeter
- Professional Development
- Dual Enrollment: CP Statistics
- New Statistics textbooks
- Technology in the Classroom
- Intermediate Algebra Financial Applications
- Projects





The Quadratics Edition

In the fierce world of Mario Kart racers try to dominate the course by shooting blue, red, and green shells at one another. In this race, the track is on that of a volcano and the players are racing to the top in order to save Princess Daisy. When struck with a shell, the opposing player is spun out of control, therefore losing their current place in the



race. The flight path of the shells can be modeled by a quadratic curve. Use x to represent the time (in seconds) and y to represent height (in feet) of each shell.

Throughout the project, you will investigate the path of each shell. You will determine how high and how far each shell was tossed and compare the path of each shell. You will also determine which shell hit Donkey Kong and which shell hit Toad.



Recognitions and Awards

New England Math League (NEML)

- 6th Grade Individual-based contests:
 - Math Kangaroo, MOEMS, BigHelp, AMC-8, MathCounts, RSM Olympiad

O 7th Grade – Scholastic Hardest Math Contest



HIGH SCHOOL MATHEMATICS CONTESTS

Math League Press, P.O. Box 17, Tenafly, New Jersey 07670-0017

All official participants must take this contest at the same time.

Name		Teacher	Grade Level	Score
Time	Limit: 30 minutes	NEXT CONTEST: MA	AR. 16, 2021	Answer Column
5-1.	Pat found the average Lee found the average much greater is Pat's a		5-1.	
5-2.	When $N = 10^{100} - 10^{50}$ form, what is the sum of	5-2.		
5-3.	What is the greatest po perimeter is 1000 and a		5-3.	
5-4.	If i is the imaginary unifor which a+bi is a solu	rs of integers (a,b)	5-4.	
5-5.	Isosceles $\triangle T$ has legs of legs split each leg into are shown in the according is not drawn to scale). bottom, the one which sides, has an area of 17.	5-5.		
5-6.	Each round, I flip thr fair coins and you flip to fair coins. Each round, a might throw equal nut bers of heads. In the round that we first flip of ferent numbers of head what is the probabilithat I threw more heads	we we make the lift of the lif		5-6.

Current Focus Areas

- Preparing 10th and 11th grade students for MCAS
- Continue to implement technology in the classroom
- **O** ALEKS
- Real world applications
- New Statistics textbooks and resources
- Update graphing calculators
- Collaboration with Math Department

LITTLETON ATHLETICS Fall II 2021



School Committee Meeting
April 8, 2021
GO TIGERS!

Fall II Participation By Sport

- V Football: 32
- V Cheer: 16
- V Boys' Indoor Track: 22
- V Girls' Indoor Track: 19

Fall II Records By Sport

- V Football: 2.5-1 (3 games left)
- V Cheer: N/A (no competitions)
- V Boys' Indoor Track: 2-0 (2 meets left)
- V Girls' Indoor Track: 1-1 (2 meets left)

State and MIAA Guidance

- All sports at the youth, interscholastic, and adult levels must follow the current EEA guidelines (updated 4/2/21).
- MIAA Spring Season Dates: 4/26/21-7/3/21.
- MIAA Open State Tournament: 6/18-7/3 (not participating).
- MIAA Sport Committees have provided guidelines and modifications for all approved spring sports (available at www.miaa.net > COVID-19 Task Force page).
- Leagues should organize into geographic pods in order to minimize travel and limit opponents.
- Spectators per guidelines.
- Transportation per guidelines.

Sport-Specific MIAA Modifications

- Face coverings are required at all times except for designated mask breaks.
- Maintain social distance whenever possible.
- Sanitation procedures defined.
- Players and officials must arrive in uniform ready to play/officiate. No locker room access.
- Players provide their own water.
- Roster size limitations.
- Team benches redefined and expanded.
- No handshake ceremony.
- Please see the MIAA sport-specific rules modifications and guidelines documents for details.

Mid-Wach League and MIAA District 2/3 Actions

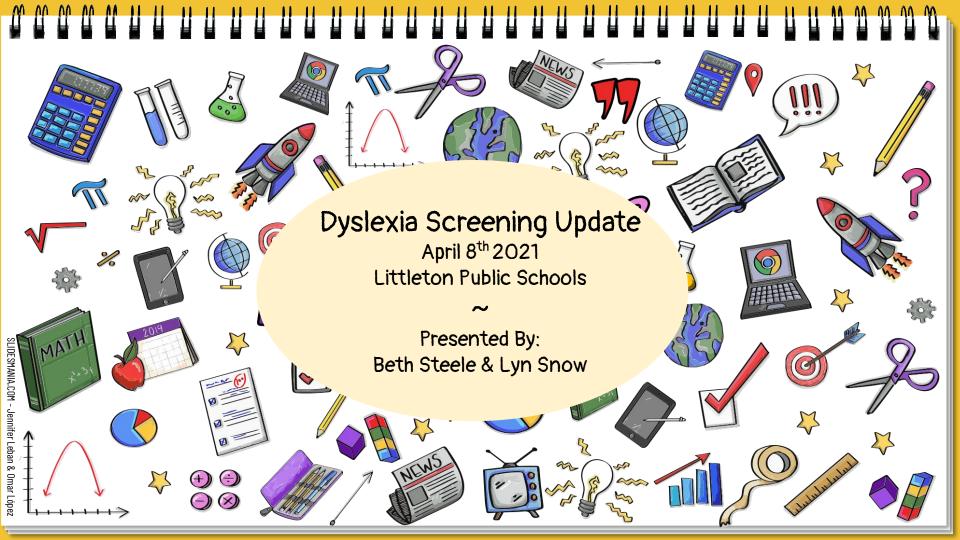
- Follow all EEA, DESE, MIAA, Board of Health, and local district guidelines for athletic participation.
- Shortened season organized into geographic / competitive balance pods of schools rather than divisional alignments.
- District 2/3 Open Tournament: 6/7-6/19 (participating).
- Littleton's baseball/softball pod includes Clinton, Gardner, Lunenburg,
 Oakmont, Quabbin, Tyngsboro.
- Littleton's outdoor track pod includes Bromfield, Clinton, Lunenburg,
 Tyngsboro.
- Littleton's lacrosse pod includes Leominster, Marlborough, Nashoba, North Middlesex, St. Bernard's, Tyngsboro.
- Littleton's tennis pod includes Ayer-Shirley, Bromfield, Clinton, Fitchburg, Tyngsboro, West Boylston.
- The plan for spectators is still being discussed at this time.

A few points to consider...

- Athletics and other co-curriculars are a voluntary privilege.
 Parents, students, and coaches have the option to participate or opt out.
- Participation in athletics provides a daily social gathering for students under the supervision of a qualified adult with strict guidelines and rule modifications in place.
- While the physical health of our students is our top priority during this pandemic, we must also be mindful of their mental and emotional health. As we all know, athletics plays a critical role in the overall health of many of our students.
- During a normal year, our athletic participation rate hovers in the 69% range at LHS.

Discussion Topics

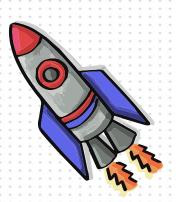
- What is the LHS participation status in modified athletics for the fall II season?
- LMS outdoor track?
- Other questions and concerns...



An Act Relative to Students with Dyslexia

- Directed the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education to issue guidelines that support district development of screening procedures for students demonstrating signs of a neurological learning disability, including but not limited to dyslexia.
- Stakeholders articulated the following critical goals, needs and concerns
 - equitable and immediate access to reading support
 - early screening and prompt interventions for students
 - addressing risk of dyslexia begins early and in general education
 - evidence-based practices for students with dyslexia will be a key concept for districts
 - integrate the Dyslexia Guidelines with other DESE guidance





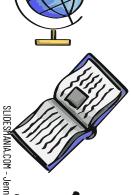
MGL Ch 71 Sec 57A

The Dyslexia Guidelines are intended to be a living, evolving document, one that will continue to be a source of direction and support for districts, families and especially for students with dyslexia, learning disabilities and reading needs

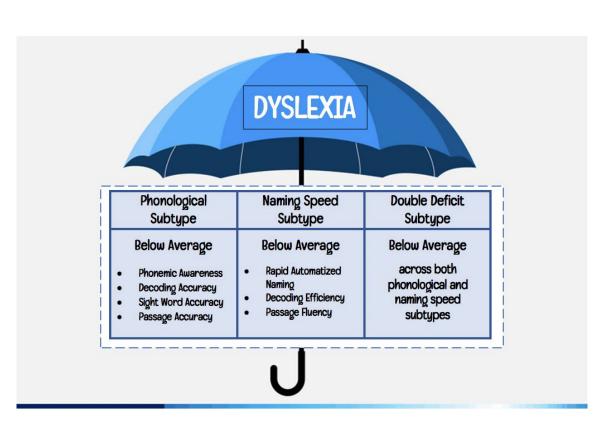
NIA.COM - Jennifer Leban & Omar Ló

Massachusetts Dyslexia Guidelines - Draft 1/2021











Wolf & Bowers, 1999



PREVENTING READING FAILURE

Research conducted over the last 25 years substantiates the notion that students with dyslexia have unique neurological profiles, these profiles exist prior to formal reading instruction and that when provided with early and appropriate intervention, efficient neurological patterns for reading can emerge

AVOIDING A 'WAIT TO FAIL' FRAMEWORK



Risk factors for dyslexia can be detected prior to formal reading instruction



Screening for risk is critical for efficient intervention



Screening is not an eligibility determination

Universal screening for dyslexia is designed to reliably indicate each student's unique risk for experiencing later difficulties with accuracy and fluency in word reading. Screening for dyslexia risk is not the same as evaluating a student for special education eligibility, as screening tools are designed to predict the likelihood of reading challenges without the presence of targeted interventions and support.

There is evidence to support a referral for Tier 3 instruction and/or a comprehensive evaluation among those students who perform at or below the 5th percentile on screening measures

Al Otaiba, S. & Fuchs, D. (2006)

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Universal Screening - Early Literacy

MAP Growth Reading Assessments

Fountas and Pinnell

Acadience Reading

AIMSWeb



Beginning of the year Benchmark and/or Screening Assessment Data Team Meeting Number 1

Identify At-Risk Students & Appropriate Tier of Instruction

Determine
Instructional
Grouping &
Focus Area

Progress Monitor at Tiers 2 & 3, as needed at Tier 1

TIER ONE All students get core classroom instruction

TIER TWO Students with some risk also receive intervention

TIER THREE Students with significant risk (5%ile or lower) or require targeted instruction Data Team Meeting Number 2

Progress Monitoring

Adjust
Instructional
Intensity,
Grouping or
Curriculum

as needed

Progress Monitor at Tiers 2 & 3, as needed at Tier 1

TIER ONE All students get core classroom instruction

TIER TWO Students with some risk also receive intervention

TIER THREE
Students with significant risk
(5%ile or lower) or require
targeted instruction

Middle
of the year
Benchmark
and/or
Screening
Assessment

DATA CYCLE 1: 8-10 WEEKS

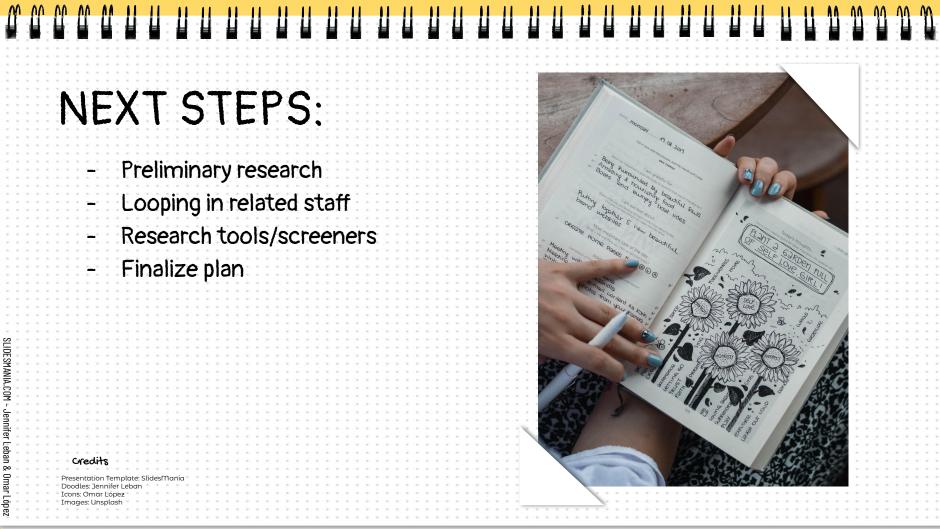
DATA CYCLE 2: 8-10 WEEKS

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Referral for Special Education Evaluation Can Occur at Any Time

NEXT STEPS:

- Preliminary research
- Looping in related staff
- Research tools/screeners
- Finalize plan



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2021-2022 School Calendar

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***Tentative Last Day of School

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K-12 School Starts: Sept. 2, 2021 – Preschool Starts Sept. 7, 2021
Student Days Scheduled 185 days – June 23, 2022 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 16, 2022. When determined; the last day of school will be a 3-hr. Early Release.

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KEY

All District PreK-12 – 3 hr. Early Release
<u>PreK</u> = Pre-School Conference
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

^{*}Staff PD / Election Day

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2021-2022 School Calendar

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STARTING DATES

May 30

September 1 Teachers return*
September 2 K-12 Start of School **
September 7 Preschool Start of School

$NO\ SCHOOL-HOLIDAYS/VACATION\ DAYS/$

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Labor Day September 6 September 15 Yom Kippur October 11 Columbus Day November 2 PD Day/Election Day November 11 Veteran's Day Nov. 25 – 26 **Thanksgiving Break** Dec. 24 – Jan. 2 Holiday Break Martin L. King Day January 17 February 21 -25 Winter Break Good Friday April 15 April 18-22 Spring Break

BACK TO SCHOOL CURRICULUM NIGHTS

Thursday, Sept. 9 HS Back to School Night Monday, Sept. 13 MS Back to School Night Thursday, Sept. 16 RS Back to School Night

Tuesday, Sept. 21 SL Grade 1, 2 Back to School Night

Memorial Day

Thursday, Sept. 23 SL K, T & Unified Arts Back to School Night

EARLY RELEASE - ALL SCHOOLS (Wednesdays)

September 22 Professional Development Professional Development October 6 October 20 Professional Development November 17 Professional Development November 24 Thanksgiving Break Professional Development December 8 Professional Development January 12 January 26 Professional Development Professional Development February 9 March 2 Professional Development April 6 Professional Development Professional Development May 4 Professional Development May 27 (Friday) June 16 (Thursday) Tentative Last Day of School

EARLY RELEASE – PARENT CONFERENCES

Wednesday, Oct. 27 Middle School Conference Thursday, Oct. 28 Middle School Conference Thursday, Nov. 4 Middle School Conference Pre-school-5 Elementary Conf. Wednesday, Nov. 10 Tuesday, Nov. 16 Pre-school-5 Elementary Conf. Thursday, Nov. 18 K-5 Elementary Conference Wednesday, March 16 K-5 Elementary Conference Wednesday, March 23 K-5 Elementary Conference Wednesday, March 23 Middle School Conference Thursday, March 24 K-5 Elementary Conference Thursday, March 24 Middle School Conference Pre-School Conference Thursday, May 19 Thursday, May 26 Pre-School Conference

EVENING PARENT CONFERENCES

Thursday, Oct. 7 High School Evening Conference Wednesday, Oct. 27 Middle School Evening Conference Tuesday, Nov. 16 Pre-School - 2 Elementary Evening Conf. Thursday, Nov. 18 3-5 Elementary Evening Conference Thursday, March 10 High School Evening Conference Wednesday, March 16 Middle School Evening Conference Wednesday, March 23 K-2 Elementary Evening Conference Thursday, March 24 3-5 Elementary Evening Conference Thursday, May 26 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 3, 202

Gr. 8 Promotion Ceremony – June TBD, 2022

Tigers' Den will close at 4:00pm on 11/24/21 and the last day of school.

MAJOR RELIGIOUS & CULTURAL HOLIDAYS & HOLY DAYS

Sept. 6 – Sept. 8 Rosh Hashanah September 15 Yom Kippur November 4 Diwali begins Nov. 28 – Dec. 6 Chanukah December 25 Christmas December 26 Kwanza April 15 **Passover** April 15 **Good Friday** April 17 **Easter Sunday** Juneteenth June 19

MARKING PERIODS

Preschool/Kindergarten January 21, June 16

T-5 Marking Period Ends: December 10, March 18, June 16

Middle School Marking Period Ends:

December 3, March 18, June 16

High School Marking Period Ends: November 12, January 28, April 8, June 16

Article I - Increasing the Number of In-Person Learners

- The Littleton School Committee and the Littleton Educators Association are currently party to a Collective Bargaining Agreement and Memoranda of Agreements covering the 2020-2021 school year. Unless explicitly outlined in the following Memorandum of Agreement, all provisions of former agreements shall remain in full force and effect.
- 2. All Teachers' workstations shall be separated from all other people, regardless of age, in the room by at least six (6) feet. The only time this distance will be below 6' is if after exhausting all other options in regard to using classroom space, the requirement to accommodate more inperson learners in a particular classroom would reduce the spacing between students to less than 3' which is the minimum distance between students required by DESE.
- 3. No bargaining unit members will be negatively affected, either by evaluation or reprimand, for staying at their workstation and away from other people while executing the duties of their position, as long expectations for effective instruction are met.
- 4. At the request of an employee, the District will provide the employee with a plexiglass barrier for each of the employee's workstations, as long as these barriers are available for purchase. Teachers will be able to maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other individuals regardless of the presence of plexiglass barriers.

Article II - Vaccination

- 5. Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination is strictly voluntary. Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination shall not be used by the District as a condition of employment or as a requirement for attendance in school.
- 6. In the event that a Unit A member is scheduled to receive a vaccine dose during normal school hours, the employee will be able to use a half day of leave per dose that does not subtract from the employee's accumulated leave. In the event that an employee has already used their accumulated leave for the purpose of attending a vaccination appointment prior to the signing of this memorandum of agreement, the employee may access this benefit retroactively and a half day of leave per dose will be returned to them.
- 7. Employees who have completed a vaccination regimen will not have to sign attestation forms as described in section B 3 of the Fall 2020 Reopening Memorandum of Agreement signed on 12/09/20. The district will not impose disciplinary or evaluative consequences against an employee, including but not limited to placing the employee on unpaid leave, for their decision not to sign an attestation form.

8. Employees who have completed a vaccination regimen will not be subject to the limitations/protocols relating to out-of-state travel in Section C 3, Paragraph f of the Fall 2020 Reopening Memorandum of Agreement signed on 12/09/20. In particular, those employees who have completed a vaccination regimen will not be required to quarantine, or to quarantine without pay, upon their return from out-of-state travel. All Unit A members are still expected to consider relative public health guidance regarding out of state travel.				
School Committee Chair	 Date			
LEA President	 Date			

SCHOOL YEAR/SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the ensuing year will be prepared by the Superintendent and submitted to the School Committee for approval by May 1st of each year. The number of days or instructional hours scheduled for the school year will be determined in accordance with the following standards set by the Massachusetts Board of Education:

- 1. The School Committee shall schedule a school year which includes at least 185 days for each school in the District.
- 2. Elementary school will operate for a minimum of 180 days. Schools shall ensure that every elementary school student is scheduled to receive a minimum of 900 hours per school year of structured learning time, as defined in 603 CMR 27.02. Time which a student spends at school breakfast and lunch, passing between classes, in homeroom, at recess, in non-directed study periods, receiving school services, and participating in optional school programs shall not count toward meeting the minimum structured learning time requirement for that student.
- 3 Secondary schools will operate for a minimum of 180 days. All schools shall ensure that every secondary school student is scheduled to receive a minimum of 990 hours per school year of structured learning time, as defined in 603 CMR 27.02. Time which a student spends at school breakfast and lunch, passing between classes, in homeroom, at recess, in non-directed study periods, receiving school services, and participating in optional school programs shall not count toward meeting the minimum structured learning time requirement for that student.

For the information of staff, students, and parents, the calendar will set forth the days schools will be in session; holidays and vacation periods; in service days; and parent conferences.

SOURCE: MASC Policy

LEGAL REFS M.G.L. 4:7; 69:1G;71:1; 71:4; 71:4A; 71:73; 136:12 603 CMR 27.00

Department of Secondary and Elementary Education:
"Student Learning Time" - Regulations Guide -- May 1995

Adopted: August 21, 2003 Revised: December 15, 2011

Revised: March 2021

SCHOOL DAY

The length of the school day is **established in the collective bargaining agreements** with the various school unions. The specific opening and closing times of the schools, will be recommended by the Superintendent and set by the committee.

The Superintendent is authorized to make minor changes in opening and closing times to simplify transportation scheduling; however, major changes in schedules will be subject to committee approval.

Parents and guardians will be informed of the opening and closing times set by the committee. To help insure the safety of all children, parents will also be notified that students will be admitted into the school building not less than 15 minutes prior to the start of the official day unless bus schedules require earlier admittance.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS
M.G.L. 15:1G; 69:1G;71:1
603 CMR 27.00
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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Constant adaptation and development of the curriculum is necessary if the District is to meet the needs of the students in its schools. To be successful, curriculum development must be a collaborative enterprise involving staff and administrators utilizing their professional expertise.

The Committee expects the faculty and administration to regularly evaluate the education program and to recommend modifications of practice, changes in curriculum content, and the addition or deletion of courses to the instructional program.

SOURCE: MASC April 2019

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. 69:1E

603 CMR 26:05

Review: March 2021