



Town of Littleton School Committee

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School Committee Meeting Littleton Police Station Community Room 500 Great Road Hybrid April 13, 2023 7:00 PM

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When: Apr 13, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: School Committee meeting of April 13, 2023

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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 – March 30, 2023
 - 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. Other

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7:15 IV. PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Athletics Update** - High School AD, Mr. Lynn will provide an Athletics update. (10 Min)
- 2. State of the Curriculum Reports: Part 1: K-12 Arts & Music Curriculum** Coordinator, Hilary Bridge will provide an update of the Arts & Music curriculum, Grades 6-12 Math Curriculum Coordinator, Elizabeth Rego will provide an update of the math curriculum, and Grades 6-12 History and Social Science Curriculum Coordinator Joseph Dennis will provide an update of the History & Social Science curriculum. (30 Min.)
- 3. Superintendent Evaluation:** Discussion of feedback from School Committee members regarding the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation. (30 min)
- 4. Financial Update** - Business Manager, Steve Mark, will provide a financial update. (5 Min.)

8:30 V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. School Committee approval to accept pianos' donated by Indian Hill** (5 min.) (Motion required)

8:35 VI. INTERESTED CITIZENS

8:45 VII. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. PMBC**
- 2. Budget Subcommittee**
- 3. Policy Subcommittee:** (see LPS website to view all policies)
<https://www.littletonps.org/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 MEETING DATE

May 4, 2023

Littleton Police Department Community Room

7:00 PM

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 30, 2023

7:00PM

PRESENT: Justin McCarthy
Brad Austin
Jen Gold
Stacy Desmarais
Binal Patel (7:05PM)

ALSO PRESENT: Kelly Clenchy
Steve Mark
Dorothy Mulone
Bettina Corrow

NOT PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Justin McCarthy called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

On a motion by Stacy Desmarais and seconded by Jen Gold it was voted to approve the March 16, 2023, agenda as presented. (AYE: Unanimous).

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

RECOGNITION

1. Student Representative(s) Report: Student Representative, John Feltus, gave an update of the events happening at each school.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Kelly Clenchy presented a brief update about the district.
 - Winter Sports Season overall was great and the Spring Sports Season has just begun.

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- Linewize-Online Safety and Digital Wellness Webinar took place on Tuesday, March 28th, areas of focus included: 8 key online safety risks children face today, practical strategies to reduce these risks, and the ABC approach to setting up your home for online safety, Q&A.
- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness): Free course for families Join on Tuesdays, starting 4/11 via Zoom for NAMI Basics, a free Weekly, six session courses for parent and family caregivers to children and adolescents with emotional or behavioral issues.
- Indian Hill Building Update - Met with the OPM to determine scope of work and timelines
- Shaker Lane Building Project - Have applied to enter phase 2 of the project-Feasibility Study. We will be attending MSBA's April 26, 2023 Board Meeting
- Superintendent's Evaluation is scheduled for the April 13th School Committee Meeting.
- Partnership with Littleton Police Department. Rhett, the newest member of the Littleton Police Department, is a six-year-old chocolate lab who is working on his certification to become a comfort dog. Rhett is the personal pet of Detective Megan Wodzinski, who is the school resource officer and offered to get him certified for the comfort program. Welcome to Rhett!

2. **Early Literacy Screener Update** - Principal, Michelle Kane provided an update of the winter administration of the Early Literacy Screener.

Fall 2021	Winter 2022	Fall 2022	Winter 2023
Kindergarten & Transitional 16 Hi-risk 24 Moderate risk	Kindergarten & Transitional 14 Hi-risk 28 Moderate risk	Kindergarten & Transitional 33 Hi-risk 32 Moderate risk	Kindergarten & Transitional 17 Hi-risk 19 Moderate risk
Grade 1 12 Hi-risk 14 Moderate risk	Grade 1 10 Hi-risk 16 Moderate risk	Grade 1 21 Hi-risk 9 Moderate risk	Grade 1 11 Hi-risk 14 Moderate risk
Grade 2 6 Hi-risk 9 Moderate risk	Grade 2 4 Hi-risk 10 Moderate risk	Grade 2 12 Hi-risk 14 Moderate risk	Grade 2 3 Hi-risk 7 Moderate risk

Yellow=same cohort
Green=same cohort
Orange=single data

What is happening now...

- Reading Data Meetings
 - Students identified for Tier 2 & 3 support.

- Reading Specialists
- Classroom teachers
- Goal setting & progress monitoring
- March check-in

Brad Austin – Well done by staff, students, and families. When we first saw this presentation in the fall it was worrisome, but this is such a great progress. It shows some great growth.

Justin McCarthy – Is this the same assessment from the fall? How are these grade level team meetings covered?

Michelle Kane – Yes, it is the same assessment. We have substitutes coming in to cover classrooms during the grade level team meetings.

Binal Patel – Will you have training for the staff on the new screener tool?

Michelle Kane – Yes, we are having a “train the trainer” day scheduled for May for both Shaker Lane and Russell Street staff members.

3. **Bus and Athletic Fees:** Business Manager Steve Mark continued the discussion regarding the setting of fee structure for the 2023-2024 school year.
Target = \$100,000 in additional fees to help mitigate the increased bus contract to two tiered routes using 14 buses.

Current Transportation Fees:

Students K-6 over 2 miles - no fee

Grades K-6 under 2 miles to school - Fee

Students Grades 7-12 - Fee.

Bus Fees:

Current: \$225 per student,

Family Cap of \$675 (3 students)

Late registration fee = \$25/student, exempt from cap

Fees are waived for Free and Reduced students.

Increase Proposal Bus Fees

Approx 500 students pay the fee, grade K-12

Approx 650 are not required to pay fee, K-12

Total riders on buses = approx. 1,150 and fluctuates annually based on students' needs

Increase Fee Proposal for Athletics

Approx 678 students participate during the 21-22 school year.

Current Fee Structure - Athletics

\$200/student per sport

Family Cap = \$550/Family (excludes coop other fees, hockey, skiing, crew, etc.)

Alternative Fee Increase Proposal

\$50,000 Effective FY 2024 (September 2023)

Summary of Fee Increases to reach target of \$50,000 in additional fee revenue:

Fee Increase Additional Revenues

Bus fees increase from \$225 to \$250 = \$12,500

Elimination of Athletic Family Cap \$19,250
Increase of Athletic Fee from \$200 to \$225 = \$16,950

Total Estimated

Additional Revenues \$48,700

(If Athletic Family cap is not eliminated, then it should be in some x multiple of the athletic fee, i.e. 3,4,5, etc.)

Summary of Fee Increase Options

(Assumes elimination of Athletic Family cap)

	\$50,000 option	\$75,000 Option	\$100,000 option
Bus Fees	\$250/student	\$275/student	\$325/student
(Family cap =3)			

Athletic Fees	\$225/sport	\$250/sport	\$250/Sport
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Jen Gold – Did Mike Lynn recommend the increase and to remove the family cap?

Steve Mark – Yes, he did.

Binal Patel – You mentioned this money is to run the athletic program? Is this increase not for busing?

Steve Mark – At this point in time the increase will go towards busing.

Stacey Desmarais – Do we offer a waiver for families who cannot afford to pay? Have we thought about the individual cost of each sport?

Steve Mark – We offer waivers for any families with financial burden. Years ago, we investigated this. The School Committee Board decided then it was not worth splitting the cost out per sport. The Athletic program in Littleton costs around \$400,000 a year to run.

Brad Austin – How many years since we raised these fees? I am not sure I'm comfortable giving that big increase all at once to families, since some of us have had the same fee throughout our children's entire schooling.

Steve Mark- It has been more than 17 years since the last increase.

Jen Gold – Raising the fee for bus and athletics does not bother me. We haven't raised them in 17 years. I do not feel it is right to remove the family cap all at once.

Brad Austin – I do not feel we can raise the fees that much all at once. But rather build in an increase every other year. Increase the bus fee per student by \$50 as well as increase the athletic fee by \$50.

Justin McCarthy – I do think it is important to raise the bus fees. The Athletic fees at \$200 is a great deal. I think it should be \$250 per sport but the family cap should be closer to \$1,000-\$1,250.

Stacey Desmarais – I think \$50 for the bus fee is a good number.

Steve Mark – Brad's suggestion is to increase bus fee by \$50 to \$275 per student and athletic fee should be \$250 per student/sport.

Binal Patel – I think it would be better with a bus fee at \$300 and not an increase every two years but maybe keep this for 5 years.

Jen Gold – I think we should have an increase for the bus fee to \$300 and athletic fee to \$250.

On a motion by Brad Austin and seconded by Stacey Desmarais it was voted to approve the increase of busing fee to \$275 and athletic fee at \$250 with a family cap for both at 3-times as presented. (1 AYE: 4 NAYE). Motion failed.

On a motion by Justin McCarthy and seconded by Stacey Desmarais it was voted to approve the increase of busing fee to \$300 per rider with a family cap of \$900 and increase the athletic fee to \$250 per student with a family cap at \$1,250. (4 AYE & 1 NAYE) Motion passed.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

Sherri Turner – Is it possible to send the data report to parents once they are done instead of once a year?

Michelle Kane – Those reports can be requested at any time. It is not a mandate at this time but upon request we can send them out.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PMBC: Shaker Lane Building meeting is on April 11. The contract has been awarded.

2. Budget Subcommittee: Nothing new since our last meeting

3. SEPAC: Informative and productive meeting last Monday. Parent-Student bowling night scheduled for next Thursday.

4. Policy: We have met and we are starting to look at the policy of holidays and holydays.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Jen Gold and seconded by Binal Patel it was voted to adjourn at 8:17PM to go into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiation discussion with no intention to return to Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Brad Austin, AYE; Justin McCarthy, AYE; Jen Gold, AYE; Binal Patel, AYE; and Stacy Desmarais, AYE.

NEXT MEETING DATE

April 13, 2023

7:00PM

DOCUMENTS AS PART OF MEETING

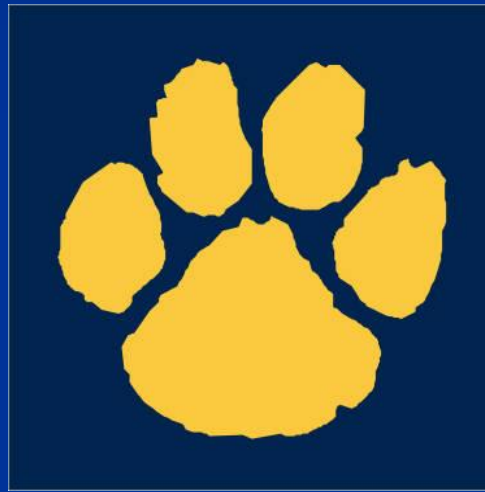
Superintendent report

Early Literacy Screener Update

Bus & Athletic fee proposed increase.

LITTLETON ATHLETICS

2022-2023 Winter/Spring Update



School Committee Meeting

April 13, 2023

GO TIGERS!

Winter Athletics Recap

- Sports: 12 (6 LPS / 6 coop)
 - Boys' & Girls' Basketball (V/JV/MS)
 - Boys' & Girls' Indoor Track (V)
 - Boys' Ice Hockey (V/JV)
 - Girls' Ice Hockey (V – WA coop)
 - Boys' & Girls' Swimming & Diving (V – Bromfield coop)
 - Boys' & Girls' Alpine Skiing (V – Lunenburg coop)
 - Gymnastics (V – G-D coop)
 - Unified Bowling
- Teams: 11 LPS / 17 Total
- Athletes: 218
- Contests: 165

LHS Winter Participation

- V/JV Boys' Basketball: 24
- V/JV Girls' Basketball: 21
- V Boys' Indoor Track: 40
- V Girls' Indoor Track: 34
- V/JV Boys' Ice Hockey: 37 (22L/11B/4P)
- V Girls' Ice Hockey: 5
- V Boys' & Girls' Swimming & Diving: 8 (2B/6G)
- V Boys' & Girls' Alpine Skiing: 11 (6B/5G)
- V Gymnastics: 4
- Unified Bowling: 5

LMS Winter Participation

- MS Boys' Basketball: 15
- MS Girls' Basketball: 14

LHS Winter Varsity Records

- V Boys' Basketball: 6-15
- V Girls' Basketball: 18-6
- V Boys' Indoor Track: 5-0
- V Girls' Indoor Track: 4-1
- V Boys' Ice Hockey: 15-8

2022-2023 LHS Unified Bowling

Go Tigers!



2022-2023 LHS Varsity Girls' Basketball

MIAA Final Four



2022-2023 LHS Varsity Boys' Indoor Track League / District / MIAA State Champions



2022-2023 LHS Varsity Boys' Ice Hockey Conference & District Champions



Spring Athletics Preview

■ Sports: 9

- Baseball (V/JV)
- Softball (V)
- Boys' & Girls' Lacrosse (V/JV*)
- Boys' & Girls' Outdoor Track (V/MS)
- Boys' & Girls' Tennis (V)
- Unified Track

■ Teams: 13

■ Athletes: 266

■ Contests: TBD

LHS Spring Participation

- V/JV Baseball: 27
- V Softball: 14
- V/JV Boys' Lacrosse: 33
- V Girls' Lacrosse: 22
- V Boys' Outdoor Track: 50
- V Girls' Outdoor Track: 34
- V Boys' Tennis: 12
- V Girls' Tennis: 11
- Unified Track: 9

LMS Spring Participation

- MS Boys' Outdoor Track: 25
- MS Girls' Outdoor Track: 29

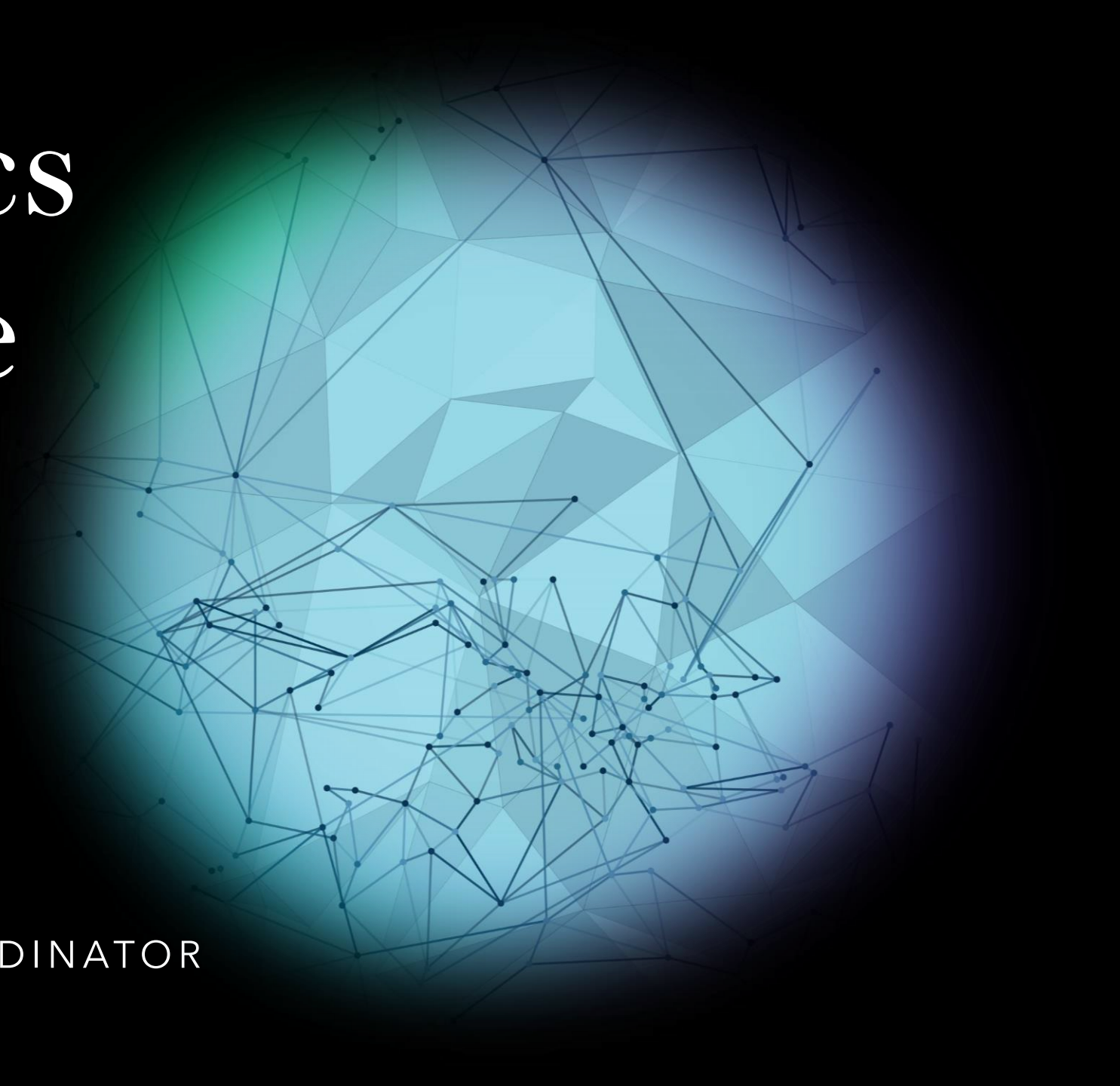
State of Curriculum Art, Music & Drama

[Art, Music & Drama](#)

Mathematics State of the Curriculum 2023

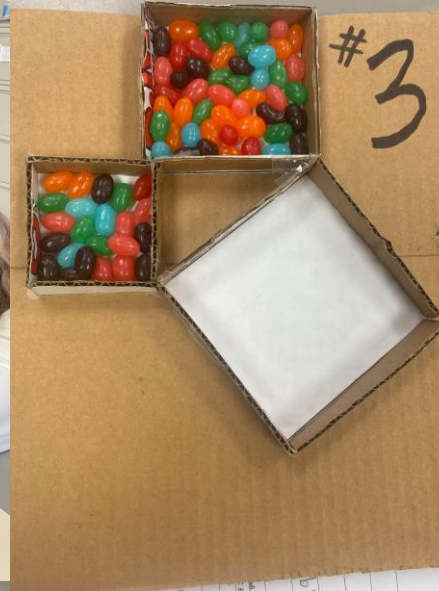
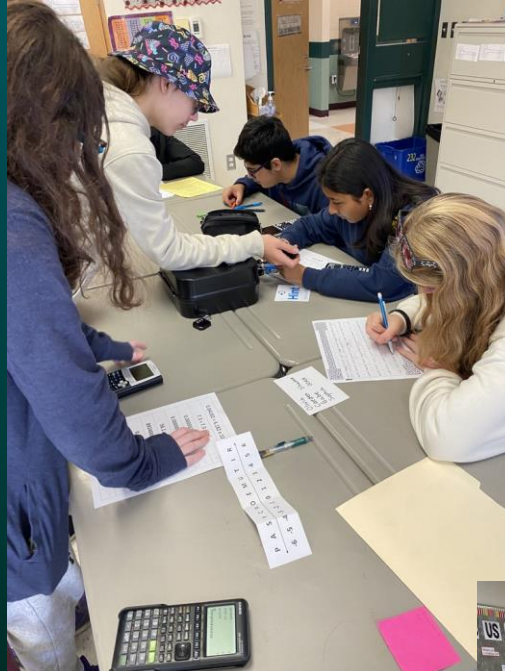
ELIZABETH REGO

6-12 MATH CURRICULUM COORDINATOR



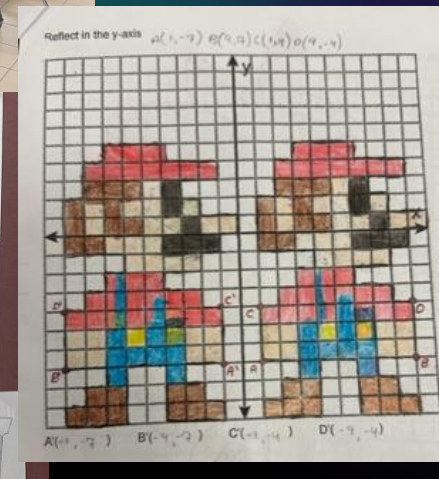
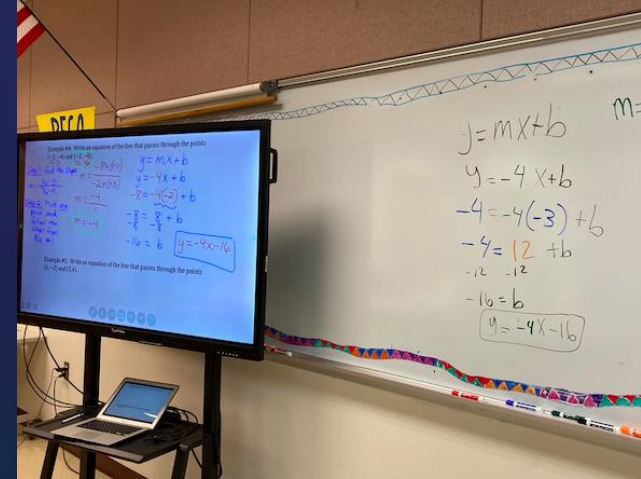
Middle School Accomplishments

- 6th Grade Math - Jen Goff
- 7th Grade Math - Andy Webster
- Math Lab - Rachel Silva
- MCAS Strategies
- Professional Development
- Student Engagement
- SEL
- Scholastic Hardest Math Contest

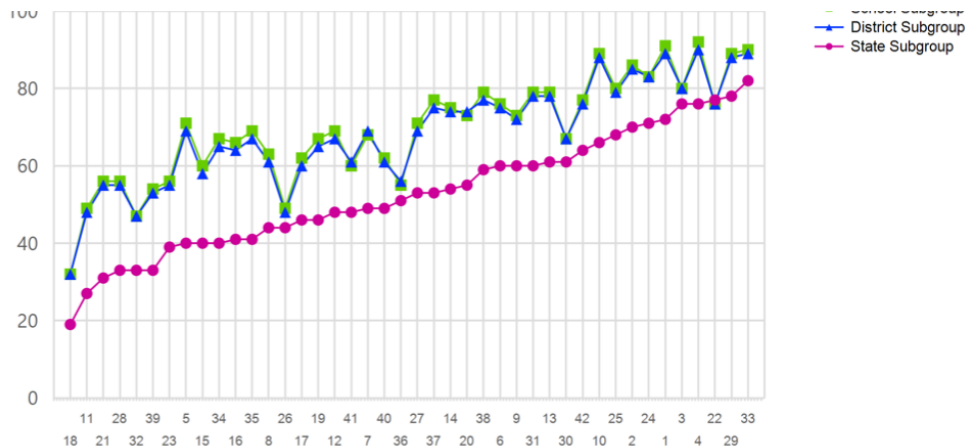
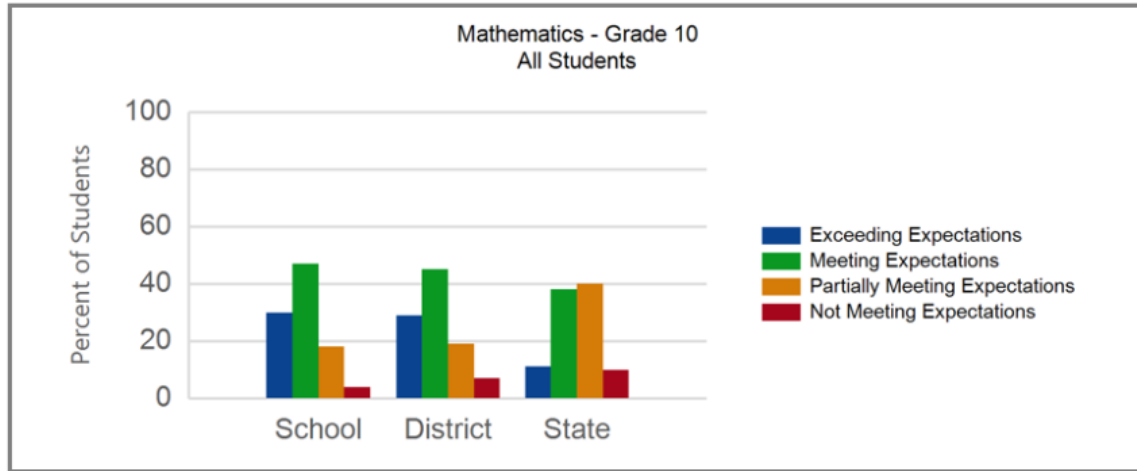
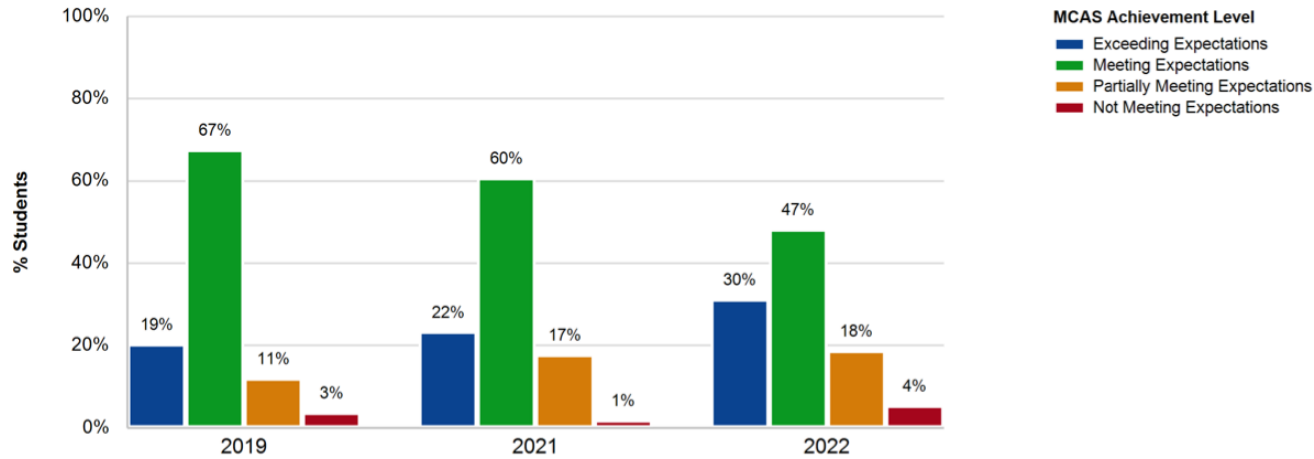


High School Accomplishments

- Advanced Placement
- MCAS Strategies
- Common Core
- Professional Development
- Dual Enrollment
- Technology/Engagement
- Financial Algebra and Financial Literacy Fair
- Co-Taught Algebra I
- NEML
- Archie



Video

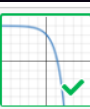
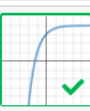
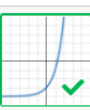


Grade 10 Math MCAS

- 77% of students were either meeting or exceeding expectations
- 30% of students were exceeding expectations (> 2019 or 2021)
- LHS above the state on all but one question
- Identified areas where students could use more practice and reinforcement

- Continue to make adjustments due to the pandemic
- UDL in math
- Prepare students for MCAS
- Real world applications
- Collaborate with LHS math teachers and other districts

A photograph of a classroom during a lesson. A male teacher in a blue jacket stands on the left, facing the class. Students are seated at desks, some working on laptops. An American flag and a 'REGO' sign are visible in the background.

 <p>PICKER Tyler Arthur GUESSEUR Mark Magdalin</p>	<p>is the function increasing is the y-intercept positive is the y-intercept (0,1)</p>
 <p>PICKER Ben Reinherz GUESSEUR Hannah Murray</p>	<p>Is your graph increasing is it reflected over the x-axis is the horizontal asymptote greater than zero does it have a horizontal asymptote of 4</p>
 <p>PICKER Hannah Murray GUESSEUR Ben Reinherz</p>	<p>is the graph increasing is the horizontal asymptote below the x-axis is the horizontal asymptote on an even y position is the horizontal asymptote at $y = -2$</p>

History and Social Sciences 2022-2023

State of the Curriculum





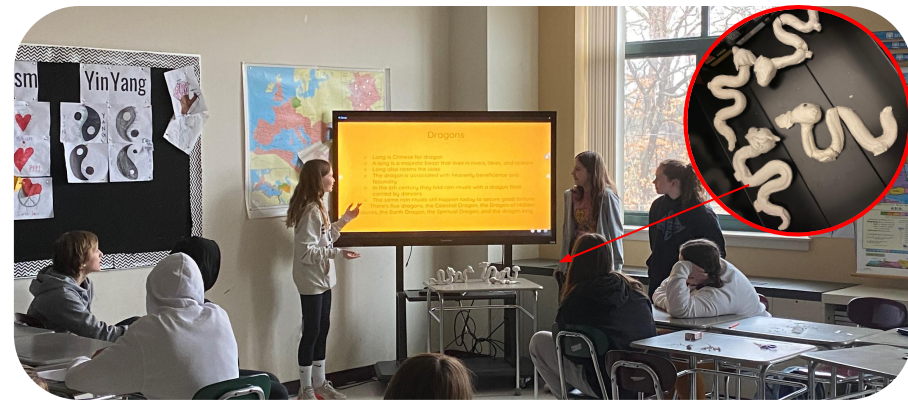
Professional Development & Highlights

- Culturally Responsive Teaching - Adaptive X
- Implementation of S. 2557 - Genocide Education
- World History Textbook Review & Selection - McGraw-Hill Education's *World History* by Jackson J. Spielvogel
- Universal Design for Learning
- Project Based Learning
- Civics Projects in 8th and 10th Grade
- Grade 6 Country Expo this Spring

7th Social Studies



Animation using Scratch about Mongolian Empire

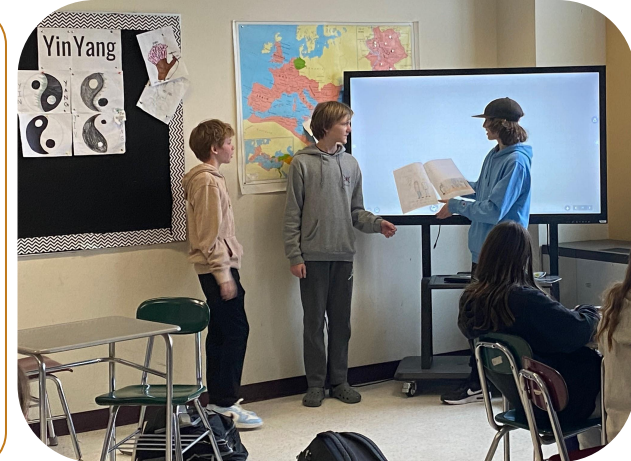


Slides and clay model - Chinese Dragons

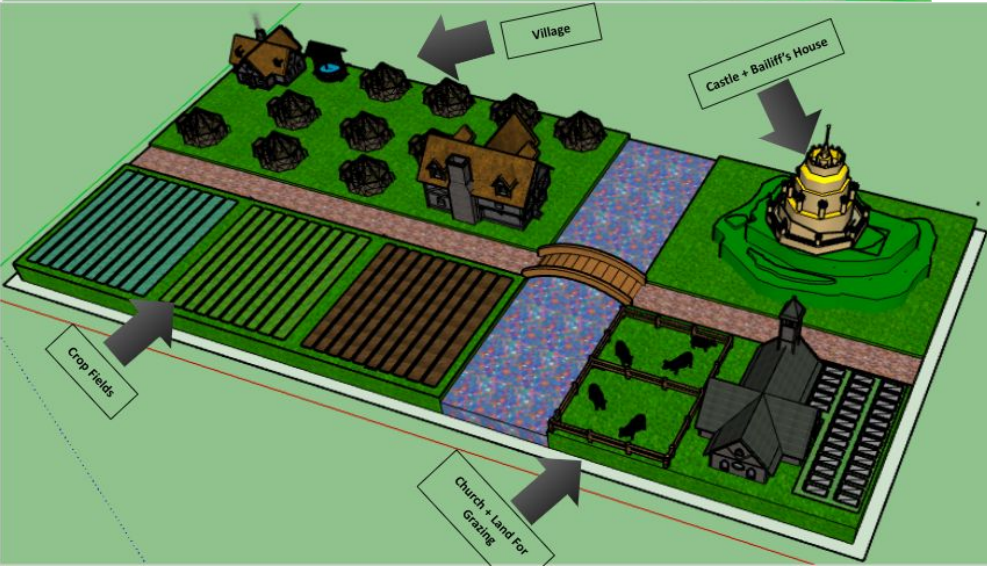


Memes about Tang Dynasty China

Picture
Book
about
Yao
Ming



My Village: "Animal Farm"

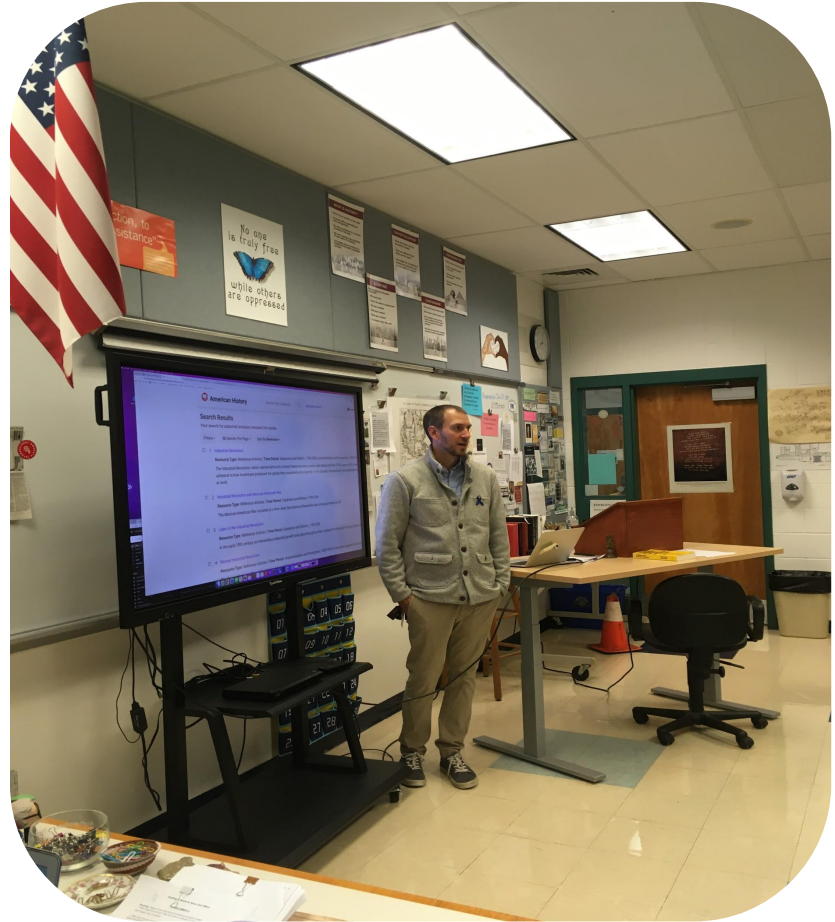


World History H:
Representation of
a medieval manor
based on textual
evidence.

1. watercolor
painting
2. digital version



Paul Orzech,
LHS Librarian
teaching **US I**
researching
techniques



US I

One of the (many) implications of AI generated content is fragmentation of our knowledge of the past- you can essentially use it to create your own version of the past that seems very authoritative. Here's one AI generated narrative about abolitionism in the 1840s and 1850s below:

Students read AI generated piece then identified a passage (or passages) that are accurate then explained in an open response using specific from class.





AP Psychology now
a part of the History
and Social Sciences
Department

Biological Bases of
Behavior unit where
students drew and
labeled the Neural
Chain with chalk
outside LHS.

**Facing History
and Ourselves on
Boston
Monuments and
Memorials
Walking Tour
September 22
2022**





Thank you





Littleton Public Schools
FY 2023 Year to Date - Budget Report

As of March 31, 2023

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFRS/ADJSMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
310 Regular Education	9,290,764	-148,840	9,141,924	5,852,652.19	35,116.50	3,254,155	64.4%
311 Special Education	6,212,852	-287,882	5,924,970	2,825,688.73	821,792.08	2,277,489	61.6%
312 Student & Support Staff	1,406,715	9,161	1,415,876	863,712.10	167,425.95	384,737	72.8%
313 Other Instruction	295,425	47,093	342,518	250,822.75	52,646.69	39,049	88.6%
314 System Administration	1,564,162	1,970	1,566,132	1,112,540.17	23,724.27	429,867	72.6%
315 School Administration	1,267,777	195	1,267,972	996,792.31	450.00	270,730	78.6%
316 Transportation and Busing	1,250,260	1,304	1,251,564	986,512.80	300,681.67	-35,630	102.8%
317 Facility & Maintenance	1,762,292	719,280	2,481,572	1,907,140.99	511,405.98	63,025	97.5%
Grand Total	23,050,247	342,280	23,392,527	14,795,862	1,913,243	6,683,422	71.4%