



Berlin-Boylston Regional School District
215 Main Street, Boylston, MA 01505

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The Berlin-Boylston Regional School District has been given the opportunity to receive a generous donation in the amount of \$500.00 to put towards materials, supplies (such as water and snacks) for our “Competency Based Education” and “Portrait of a Graduate” initiatives from Unibank in Whitinsville, MA. This effort will fund our work with consultant, Dan Joseph, from CBE Solutions, on developing a competency based program in our school district. “Competency based” refers to the fact that we will be teaching students in a manner that allows them to show their competency through real world application and problem solving. This is an overall shift from a more traditional manner of instruction that will give students ownership of their learning and increase engagement and the development of 21st century skills.

The Portrait of a Graduate portion of this project is the creation of a collective vision for all of our students as they move beyond their K-12 school years. The work we are doing includes an exploration of several pathways, whether college bound, military, trade school, apprenticeships, etc., so that our students have many options for their post secondary education and life. This is also a shift from traditional college-only preparation and will be more inclusive to all of our student population.

The Portrait of a Graduate ensures that all of our students are learning and progressing with 21st century learning skills including the ability to be critical thinkers as well as innovative, creative, technological, collaborative, and civics minded. We have formed a committee that consists of teachers, staff, administration, students, alumni, parents, and community members to carry out this competency based and Portrait of a Graduate work using the **funds donated for materials and general committee costs such as supplies, materials, and snacks/food/water.** This donation contributes to creating progressive changes in our district that will benefit our students, staff, and families.

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