Memorandum

To: Carol Costello, Superintendent of Schools
From: Cinthia D. Sykes, Principal, Boylston Elementary School
Date: April 4, 2024
Re: Report to School Committee

BES Highlights-March, 2024

1. **Academic Highlights**
    a. Enrichment: Two groups of students have been meeting during their lunch/recess to work on math skill enrichment with our inhouse mathematician and Math Coach, Joey Flournoy. Fourth and fifth grade students meet with both Mr. Flournoy and teacher Cathy LeDuc where they have worked on: Game theory, Intro to vertex Voting Methods, and Combinatorics so far.
    A group of 2nd and 3rd grade students have met with Mr. Flournoy and classroom teacher Mrs. Logue to work on game theory.
    b. Rocket Math trophies: Two more students recently received the coveted Rocket Math trophy for completing all levels of this math program. Parents were invited in to take part in the presentation of trophies.
    c. MCAS has begun at BES. Grades 3-5 are in the process of completing the ELA component. The math and science components will be completed in May.

2. Celebration of Learning:
On March 20th our district held its first ever Celebration of Learning. Students shared their hard work with families as they visited classrooms. Feedback was for the most part positive and we look forward to making this event even better.

3. State Senator Kennedy Visits BES
State Senator Robyn Kennedy visited Boylston Elementary School as part of her tour of the Berlin-Boylston Regional School District. Superintendent Costello, Principal Sykes, and School Committee Members Jessica Degliaberti and Meaghan Grill met with her and gave her a very informative tour.

4. Nature's Classroom

-5th Grade families, students and teachers have been hard at work fundraising for this year's Nature's Classroom trip. So far they have held a pasta supper night, raffle baskets, restaurant night and a whole school Pennies War. A few more events are planned in the coming weeks. A donation acceptance report for donated funds will be included separately.

5. PTO:

We are incredibly grateful for the resources the BES PTO provides for our students and staff. They recently organized a fundraiser to help support our students and school. They raised enough money to donate $2000 towards the BES playground. They sent a survey for students to complete so they have a say in what is purchased.

They also purchased solar eclipse glasses for every student at BES. They are also holding a student talent show scheduled for April 26th.

6. BEF:

We are incredibly grateful for the resources provided by the BEF. They recently held a Spring Dance for students and their families. It was a nice event for families.

7. Climate Survey Results

Both elementary schools have finalized their school climate survey that provided us with important data to be examined later this month. **BES Climate Survey**

8. Upcoming Events:

Solar Eclipse, April 8, 2024

As you know, there will be a solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th. While the period of peak obscurity will be after school dismissal, we have been spending time teaching students about this event and providing resources for our families to reinforce at home. The BES PTO has purchased solar eclipse glasses for every student.

Our mission at Boylston Elementary School is to support and challenge all students to achieve personal and academic excellence in a student-centered environment.