Memorandum

To: Carol Costello, Superintendent of Schools
From: Lisa Sequeira, Principal, Tahanto Regional Middle High School
Date: April 3, 2024
Re: Report to School Committee

Tahanto Highlights

1. **Crisis Response**

The pain of losing a member of our community creates tremendous grief and a multitude of responses. I am incredibly proud of our Crisis Response Team in swift, compassionate and effective coordination of external resources (The Riverside Trauma Center), proactive engagement with students and parents and an ongoing commitment to care for our school community. Our team reflected exemplary practices in crisis intervention and trauma response from early Saturday morning on March 23rd throughout the week and continue to do so.

We also must recognize the larger community support in that elementary staff and adjustment counselors along with counselors from surrounding schools were deployed to help our students and staff. This immediate and profound show of support and aide was humbling and tremendously appreciated.

2. **Academic Highlights**

MCAS

MCAS Testing is well underway with a stoic effort by all 10th grade students taking the ELA MCAS on March 26th and 27th. Middle school students will be taking their ELA MCAS next week. Please find a full schedule HERE.

Worcester County Superintendent's Scholar Award

Shoi Amin, class of 2024, received the Worcester County Superintendent's Scholar Award during a ceremony and celebration held at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester on March 21st. It was such a special event celebrating our youth as beacons of a bright future. Each of the

students honored yesterday will most assuredly make a positive impact on society in the years to come. The Tahanto community is so very proud of Shoi and fully recognizes how deserving he is of this award.

3. **Athletic Highlights**

Spring sports are well underway with all Baseball, Softball and Lacrosse teams playing in their first games last week. We look forward to a victorious spring season.

4. **Extracurricular and Community Highlights**

Our school theater group performed "Disenchanted" March 15th and 16th. The audience was filled with excitement and pride for our talented students who never fail to impress. It was a fantastic showcase of their creativity and dedication, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments, along with the unwavering commitment of Mr. Hager and Mr. Gallant as they guided students!

5. **Student Showcase**

The Showcase was held on March 20th and proved to be a wonderful opportunity for families to share in their students educational journey through artifacts and information highlighted in classrooms. Highest total visitor numbers were seen in the Middle School where parents felt they had more time to really see what was happening in each classroom. Tools for Living had a total of 55 visitors sharing their culinary and hospitality expertise!

6. **Upcoming Events**

Please note that we have added an 'OPT OUT' form for the Vaping Presentation which is sponsored by the PTO.

- **April 8-9:** 6th and 7th grade Grade ELA MCAS
- **April 9:** MS and HS Vaping Awareness Presentations
- **April 10-11:** 8th Grade ELA MCAS
- **April 10:** PTO Meeting at 6:30
- **April 15:** Patriots Day - No school
- **April 16-19:** April Break - No school
- **April 22:** SEPAC meeting at 6:30

March 2024 Counseling Newsletter

Standardized Testing Schedules: State MCAS and Advanced Placement (AP)