To: The Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee
From: Carol L. Costello, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Final Report
Date: June 18, 2024

**Boylston Community Preservation Application**

On Tuesday, June 11th, I attended the meeting held by the Boylston Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to learn more about the Community Preservation Act project grant and application. If we apply and receive the funds from this grant, along with potential funding coming from other resources, it will enable us to restore and reconstruct the playing fields at Tahanto Regional Middle/High School.

The Committee provided to me the following information:

- The Determination of Eligibility Form is due by September 1st. This form must be submitted in order to begin the application process
- The application deadline is the first Tuesday in November
- Funds will be available for July 2025
- The Committee currently has @$250,000 available for the grant
- The state procurement law must be followed in the process of getting quotes

The CPC recommended that the School Committee look into joint funding with the Town of Berlin. It also asked that a subcommittee of two people, one each from Berlin and Boylston, be appointed to handle the grant application. At this time, I would like to request that the School Committee appoint two members to work with me and together with the towns to complete this grant application in its entirety.

**Participation in Local Emergency Response Exercise**

On Monday, June 10th, I participated as an observer in an ASPIRE full-scale exercise hosted by the West Boylston Fire Department UMass Medical Center, and Harvard Medical School/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Disaster Medicine Fellowship. While there, I was joined by members of the Berlin and Boylston Police and Fire/Emergency Teams as well as administrators from other local school districts.

The exercise was designed to simulate a critical incident scenario centered around an active shooter in a school. The coordinators operated and critiqued each level of the exercise and gathered feedback from all involved with the intention of improving response time and efforts. The data from this feedback will be brought forward by our first responders at the annual summer Berlin-Boylston CrisisTeam meeting in an effort to fine-tune our district crisis plans.