Berlin-Boylston Public Schools

To: Berlin-Boylston Regional School Committee

From: Paul Mara

Technology Coordinator

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Re: Technology Report

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1. **State and Federal Data Update**

State - We are in the midst of EOY reporting. This includes four submissions: **SIMS** (Student Information Management System) which is student demographic information such as grade level, DOB, town of residence, absences, Title I status. **EPIMS** (Education Personnel Information Management System) which collects demographic data and work assignment information on individual public school educators. **SCS** (Student Course Schedule) information on student courses and course levels (remedial, general, advanced, college level). **SSDR** (School Safety and Discipline Report) information on incidents that happen in our schools and any discipline associated with those incidents.

Federal – **CRDC** (Civil Rights Data Collection) is a mandatory data collection, authorized under the statutes and regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and under the Department of Education Organization Act (20 U.S.C. § 3413). The purpose of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) is to obtain data related to the nation's public school districts and elementary and secondary schools' obligation to provide equal educational opportunity. To fulfill this goal, the CRDC collects a variety of information, including student enrollment and educational programs and services data that are disaggregated by race/ethnicity, sex, English learners, and disability. The collection period this year began in early January with an initial deadline of February 26 and covered data from the 2021-2022 school year. As I had anticipated the deadline was extended, however we were able to submit and certify before the original deadline on Feb. 21. Our data was reviewed and at this time there are no additional requirements for this submission. This collection is typically bi-annual, but do to COVID this past collection was delayed a year. That said, they are not delaying the next collection so we will again be completing these reports next year.

As in the past I would like to commend the work that our data support specialist, Bonnie Morin. Her efforts keep our data up-to-date and make the reporting process, while still burdensome, much less stressful.

2. Fiber Grant Project

The Fiber Grant Project, which is providing a direct connection between all of our buildings is nearing completion. At this time the physical connections between Tahanto, Berlin Memorial and Central Office have been run and tested. Boylston Elementary is scheduled to be completed before the end of the month. In tandem, the networking piece of the project is also set to begin at the end of June/early July.