Memorandum

To: Al Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: Cinthia D. Sykes, Principal, Boylston Elementary School
Date: October 3, 2024
Re: Report to School Committee

BES Highlights-September, 2024

1. **Highlights:**
   -Students have completed their start of the year benchmark testing. This important screening tool we use to discover where students are and what supports we need to provide them either in/out of the classroom. This teaching tool is what we use to plan students' roadmap to success. It is just a starting point. We continually monitor their growth and in January and June give further benchmarks to demonstrate their success' from the start of the school year.
   -Our very own math whiz and coach Joey Flournoy held our first Tea, Coffee and Data for parents/guardians to review questions they might have had on student AIMSweb scores. Seventeen parents attended. This is an amazing time to share the why of our benchmark testing. We plan on holding more in the near future.
   -Our very own ELA tutor, Kassidy Edwards planned an event to celebrate our Summer Reading Challenge. Students who read over the summer months, earned tickets to be entered into a raffle. Names were drawn, prizes awarded and smiles were plentiful.
   A total of 94 students participated and 169,125 total pages were read. Here is a break down of pages read per grade:
   K - 31,375
   1 - 20,125
   2 - 20,875
   3 - 53,000
   4 - 28,250
   5 - 15,500

2. **Open House:**

Many families joined our Open House when they met with teachers and specialists. They visited classrooms and received information about the resources we use to teach our students. Many positive remarks were shared for our teaching team and school.

3. Nature's Classroom

-5th Grade classrooms have started fundraising for this year's Nature's Classroom trip. A Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 19th. A few more events are planned in the coming weeks and months.

4. BEC:

We are incredibly grateful for the resources the BEC provides for our students and staff. They are holding a fun family Pumpkin Fest on Sunday, October 27th.

5. Upcoming Events:

Friday, October 11th: 2nd Tea, Coffee and Data with Mr. Fournoy.
Saturday, October 19th: 5th Grade fundraiser Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 26th: BEC Pumpkin Fest

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