Memorandum

To: Albert Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: John Campbell, Principal, Berlin Memorial School
Date: October 4, 2024
Re: Report to School Committee

Berlin Memorial Highlights –September, 2024

Beginning of the Year Benchmark Assessments

At the beginning of each year we conduct a series of assessments to look at where students are as they return. We look for significant regression, signs of on-going progress, and then make determinations on which students are in need of additional support through our Title One program. Those Title One permission slips have gone home, and our tutors are preparing lessons. Individual student assessments were sent home for parent review.

MCAS Results

Hard copies of Spring '24 MCAS results have been sent home with students in fourth and fifth grade for parent review. We are generally pleased with the results, and look forward to making a full presentation to School Committee in November.

All-School Meetings

We held our second set of all-school meetings on October 3rd. Our school-wide focus this year is on supporting student independence and learning stamina, and it was these traits that were emphasized in our "Student of the Month" awards.

We also spent some time talking about how important it is to come to school every day ready to learn. Towards that end we recognized the 128 students who had perfect attendance for the month!

Professional Development Day

Our first professional development day was Tuesday, September 24th. The elementary sessions, which were held at Berlin Memorial, focused on how we will be using the beginning of the year data mentioned above, as well as sessions focused on mathematics, which is a theme we will be pursuing all year long.

The mission of Berlin Memorial School is to empower each student to achieve personal excellence by fostering respect, responsibility, and resourcefulness with the support of the entire community.