Memorandum

To: Albert Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: John Campbell, Principal, Berlin Memorial School
Date: January 9, 2025
Re: Report to School Committee

Berlin Memorial Highlights – January, 2025

Holiday Concert, 2024

An annual tradition in our school is the student Holiday Concert. Coordinated by our outstanding teachers, Jackie Bruss and Audrey Thompson, this is the first time in the school year our students perform for their peers and parents. This year's concert ended with a farewell tribute to Mrs. Bruss, who is leaving us after the first of the year.

If you are curious to watch the concert, you can follow this link:
https://youtu.be/7bvxdRK2g3c?si=tOs5hcueevhv1igJ

Student Council

One of our school-wide goals this year is to support students in developing increased independence. Student council is one way that we provide students with an opportunity to practice this important skill. In addition to planning school-wide events, they also are called on to provide student feedback to adults in the building. Most recently the student council met with me to discuss the perspective of students taking MCAS tests. The discussion was thoughtful and very helpful!

Rocket Math

Joey Flournoy, our Math Coach, has been promoting math fact fluency in our school through an on-line program called RocketMath. Students practice using their own accounts, and as they make progress they earn "stars" from Mr. Flournoy with they place on a large display in our cafeteria. There are already so many stars that the wall looks like a beautiful night sky. It's been a great addition to the work we are doing to improve in math this year!

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.