Memorandum

To: Albert Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: John Campbell, Principal, Berlin Memorial School
Date: February 6, 2025
Re: Report to School Committee

Berlin Memorial Highlights – February, 2025

Return to School

Our students and staff returned to school in January after a well-deserved break and got right back into the learning groove. We began mid-year bench mark testing after a couple of days to settle in, and we have been pleased with the results of our Aimsweb testing. In data meetings we have looked at student growth, and identified those students who could benefit from extra support. Those Title I activities are fully underway.

All School Meeting

As you know, we hold a monthly "all-school" meeting for students. These are generally broken into two sections, one for students in grades K-2, the second for students in grades 3-5. During those meetings we talk about school-wide behavior expectations, upcoming student activities, and we recognize the "hard working" student of the month in each grade. Our January meeting was a bit out of the ordinary however, as we combined the two groups to share in a silly retelling of that classic tale, *"The Three Pigs".* It was my pleasure to tell that story with the assistance of a Tahanto alumnus, Jack Campbell. *A good time was had by all.*

Professional Development – January, 2025

January 15th was the most recent in our series of half-day professional development opportunities. At the elementary level we were very fortunate to be able to offer a wide-variety of learning opportunities for staff. I was especially pleased to note that we were able to make a connection between elementary fifth grade teachers and their middle school sixth grade counterparts, a goal we have long had as we seek to further improve the experiences of our students who transition each year from elementary to middle school.

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.