Memorandum

To: Albert Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: John Campbell, Principal, Berlin Memorial School
Date: April 3, 2025
Re: Report to School Committee

Berlin Memorial Highlights – March, 2025

MCAS Testing

The 2025 MCAS testing season is upon us. Students in grades three through five will take the ELA MCAS test in two parts, on April 8th and 10th. As is tradition here at Berlin Memorial, we take a low-key approach to testing, encouraging children to "do their best" because that is what we expect from them everyday.

Celebration of Learning, 2025

On Wednesday, March 26th, Berlin Memorial participated in the second annual "Celebration of Learning." This afternoon allows children to bring the parents (and grandparents and others) to school to show them what they have been learning this year. The event was extremely well attended with very positive comments from everyone.

Term Two Report Cards

Report cards for the second trimester were sent home on Friday, March 28th. These "standards referenced" report cards are intended to give parents a sense of their child's progress over the previous sixty days. Teachers spend a good deal of time getting these ready, and I've appreciated their thoughtful comments. I would note that we sent home an unusually high number of attendance letters this trimester. Much of that increase was due to a pretty nasty flu bug that swept the school. It is, nevertheless, a good reminder about the importance of being present at school as often as possible.

Upcomning Grade Five Events

- *Nature's Classroom* - Currently 27 of 30 BMS fifth grade students have made the commitment to join us at Nature's Classroom. We will be traveling to the Charlton site in May.
- *K'Nex Challenge* – Another fifth-grade tradition – students from Boylston Elementary will be traveling the BMS to participate in the 2025 K'Nex Challenge on Wednesday, June 11th!

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.