



February 16, 2022

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Best Wishes to the Bartlett DECA Club Students, Aryanah Walker-Sanchez, Gabriella Villegas, Jolin Etpison, Lily Sigalovsky, Jessica Peets, Zaley DelRio, who are heading to the DECA State Competition March 10-12!



The Entire DECA Club at the Regional Competition at the DCU Center!

Face Mask Policy EPCFA Update



On February 9, 2022, the Governor announced that the statewide mask mandate will be lifted on February 28, 2022. **Beginning February 28th, the Webster Public School District will not enforce mask wearing in school, unless a person has tested positive or is symptomatic.** In the case of a positive result, students, staff, and/or visitors, must continue to follow the guidelines of isolation/quarantining and wear a mask for 10 days from their positive results.

Given the federal requirements for bus transportation, the Webster Public School District will continue to enforce mandatory mask wearing on all buses. Should the federal requirement be dismissed, the Superintendent will lift the mask requirement for the Webster Public School District.

It is important to note, any individual who wishes to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, can continue to choose to wear a mask in school.

The Face Mask Policy EPCFA (attached) was approved by the School Committee and on February 28th it will take effect. The district's COVID Protocols (attached) have also been updated. A few things to note:

- The COVID Leadership Team will continue to meet weekly
- COVID Data Dashboards will continue to be distributed weekly
- The current lunchroom set-ups will remain in place until we are assured COVID numbers remain low with the face mask mandate being lifted
- Students will not be required to wear masks for sports, unless they travel to a school district where the mask mandate has not been lifted
- Students and staff who have opted into the State Testing Program will continue to receive testing kits

The cumulative and weekly COVID Dashboards are attached for your reference.

Bartlett Renovation Project Design Update Forums

SAVE THE DATES AND BRING SOME FRIENDS!

March 9th - BHS Auditorium - 6:00 p.m.

March 30th - BHS Auditorium - 6:00 p.m.

To date, we have presented the prospective BHS Renovation Project Design updates to the Selectman, Finance Committee, Teachers and Staff, Bartlett High Students, and we held two Parent/Community Forums. We have plans to present it to our middle school students and at the Senior Center in March!



We have been working with the Massachusetts School Building Authority on this prospective project for two years! It is an exciting time for the community as this project moves into the funding stage in May. If the community supports this project, a newly renovated high school with up-to-date educational programming is expected to be complete by 2025! Please refer to our webpage www.webster-schools.org for more detailed information on this prospective renovation project.



Literacy Reset Update

The District Literacy Leadership Team works closely with the Hill Literacy Coaches and we are in the process of analyzing the recent Needs Assessment that Hill conducted at all three schools. The District Literacy Team recently developed a **Literacy Vision Statement** and this will guide the process we are undertaking to develop a comprehensive Literacy Plan across our district.

The Literacy Vision Statement

In Webster Public Schools, all students are critical readers, writers, speakers, listeners, and thinkers with strong, foundational literacy skills that allow them to thrive by accessing on-grade-level content in elementary, middle, and high school. All educators utilize resources and instructional practices that are high quality, evidence-based, inclusive and culturally responsive in order to provide equitable opportunities for all students to achieve in school and beyond.

The District Literacy Team Members

Paula Malone, John Haley, Sara Reardon, Rebecca Nasis, Debora Zablocki, Jessica Burokas, Lynn Gingras, Deborah Puishys, Robin Parmley, Heidi Peterson, Fran Thomas, Jill Chapdelaine, Kathleen Baris, Patty Mackay, Ruthann Goguen, and Statewide System of Support Team Members - Llama Maynard, Sheryl Rabbit, and Joan Tuttle.

Transitional Meetings/Outreach to Learn More about Bartlett High School



March 3rd: Innovation Pathways Presentations to accompany the Bartlett Renovation Design Update Presentation for Webster Middle School and Bartlett High School students

March 10th: Bartlett High School is bringing back **Bartlett Showcase Night (6:00 p.m.)** for incoming and existing students and families to showcase all the great programs for students. Innovative Pathways, Nichols Leadership Academy, National Honor Society, DECA, A Cappella, Drama, Sports, AP Courses, Dual Enrollment and One Goal Program will be highlighted! More to come!

Innovation Pathways Updates:

The first and second courses of the **Advanced Manufacturing Pathways** will be offered next school year; *Introduction to Engineering and Principles of Engineering*.

We anticipate training staff and utilizing the Project Lead the Way curriculum to start the **Health and Human Service Pathways**: The first course is *Principles of Biomedical Science*.

More information will be included in the 2022-2023 Bartlett High School Program of Studies. We encourage parents/guardians to become involved in the course selection process for their student/students.

What Is Innovation Pathways?

The Innovation Pathways program seeks to create a clearer connection between a student's educational experience and future opportunities for college and/or employment decisions.

What Industries?

Advanced Manufacturing and Health and Human Service Pathways were chosen based on the needs of our region. Both manufacturing and healthcare are showing strong projected job growth and are identified as areas of need by employers in and around Webster.

Why Pursue an Innovation Pathway?

- Learn more about a field you are interested in
- Understand coursework in the context of real jobs
- Focus on project-based and hands-on learning
- Gain skills that are relevant for careers or college in these fields including industry-specific certifications

Who Is Eligible?

All students entering 9th or 10th grade are eligible to apply to pursue the full pathway. Technical courses are open to all students.

What Are the Requirements?

Students will work with guidance to map out the appropriate courses and design a plan for program completion.

- Complete two technical courses (e.g., Intro to Engineering, Intro to Anatomy of Health)
- 100-hour Internship or Capstone
- 2 Courses that qualify as college level e.g., AP or Dual Enrollment

Interested?

If you are interested in one of these industry areas and eager to learn technical skills in a hands-on setting, consider applying to the Innovation Pathways program.

- Let your guidance counselor know you are interested
- Keep an eye out for upcoming student and parent events - March 10th Bartlett Showcase

Upcoming Dates

February 21-25 - No School/February Break

March 4 - 1/2 day of school for students; Professional Development for Teachers/Staff

March 8 - School Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

March 9 - Bartlett Renovation Project Design Update for Parents & Community, 6:00 p.m.

March 10 - Bartlett Showcase for Incoming and Existing Students and Families, 6:00 p.m.

March 11 - Webster Middle School Spring Semi-Formal Dance for Gr. 7 & 8, 6:00 p.m.

March 16 - School Building Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.



Think Spring!

Dr. Ruthann Petrino-Goguen