
Superintendent's Newsletter

May 12, 2021

Dear Students, Families and Staff,

I hope everyone finds some time to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been experiencing! It's been great seeing the flowers and trees blooming after our long winter months.



News and Updates:

1. At Monday's Town Meeting the Town passed a budget. I continue to be thankful to the entire Webster community as a whole, for their ongoing support of our district. Through the FY22 budget, the district will continue to focus on supporting students and addressing social/emotional issues and any learning loss that occurred during this global pandemic. The following new positions will be added:
 - a. PAE
 - i. School Adjustment Counselor
 - ii. Academic Interventionist
 - iii. Additional Special Education Teachers
 - b. WMS
 - i. Academic Interventionist
 - ii. School Adjustment Counselor (recently hired)
 - c. BHS
 - i. Academic Interventionist

2. As a reminder, **this Friday, May 14th is a full day of school for PAE and WMS** (BHS has had full day Fridays all year). Both PAE and WMS are setting up afternoon schedules to ensure additional support with literacy is provided to students. We are in the process of doing a Literacy Reset across the district and working with DESE and literacy consultants.

3. **Bartlett High School Building Project Update:**

- a. Save the Date of **May 27th** for the **Bartlett High School Building Project Community Kick-Off Forum**. This virtual meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. The zoom link is in the attached flyer and posted on our website. This is a great way to learn more about the current status and future of the Bartlett High School Building Project. The details of the Educational Visioning Plan for the future will be shared. Great things are happening and I encourage all to attend to learn more about the future of Bartlett!
- b. Another Community Forum is scheduled for June 17th at 7:00 p.m. More to come!
- c. **Teacher Forums are scheduled for June 18th**. WMS & BHS @ 12:00p.m. and PAE @ 1:00p.m.

In the Preliminary Design Development phase we met many times with the MSBA, OPM, Architects, Educational Visioning Consultant, and the School Building Committee. All the work and meetings resulted in a final Preliminary Design Plan that was submitted to MSBA on April 16th. (Note: All of the School Building Committee meeting information can be located on our website [School Building Committee Meeting Information](#)). We are currently waiting for feedback from the MSBA to proceed with the next phase, the start of the Preferred Schematic Report. It is very important that we gather feedback from all constituents in this phase as the final Preferred Schematic Report is due to the MSBA early July. Once MSBA approves the Preferred Schematic Report, the district is locked into the option. I encourage everyone to take part in the community forums to learn more about the options and to learn more about how the Educational Visioning Plan for the future impacts the learning spaces at Bartlett High School.

4. **DESE Tiered Focus Monitoring Update:**

During the week of May 10, 2021 the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) conducted a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of The Webster Public Schools. The Office of Public School Monitoring visited the school district to monitor compliance with federal and state special education and civil rights regulations, as well as review our English Language Learner services.

This review of programs happens every six years. Areas of review related to special education included student assessments, determination of eligibility, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process, and IEP development and implementation. Areas of review related to civil rights include bullying, student discipline, physical restraint, and equal access to school programs for all students.

In addition to the onsite visit and review of electronically shared documents, parent outreach occurred. The review chairperson from the Office of Public School Monitoring sent all parents of students with disabilities an online survey that focuses on key areas of their child's special education program. Survey results will contribute to the development of a report that will be

provided to the district once the review is completed. The Office of Public School Monitoring interviewed a team chairperson, the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC), as well as school and district administrators. Records were pulled and reviewed onsite as well. We look forward to the feedback from the Office of Public School monitoring in order to assure high quality programs for all students in Webster!

5. From DESE: Emergency Broadband Benefit Program:

The [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#) is a [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) program](#) that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. [Eligible](#) households can receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on their broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- Up to a \$75/month discount if their household is on qualifying Tribal lands

A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. Households can begin applying for and enrolling in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program on **Wednesday, May 12**. The program will end when the fund runs out of money or six months after the Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the COVID-19 health emergency, whichever is sooner.

6. Covid Dashboards are attached for your review.

7. District Attorney Joeseeph D. Early's Safe School Newsletter is attached for your review

8. Looking ahead...

- a. BHS Graduation is June 11th
- b. Step up day for students is June 16th
- c. Last day of school is a half day on June 18th

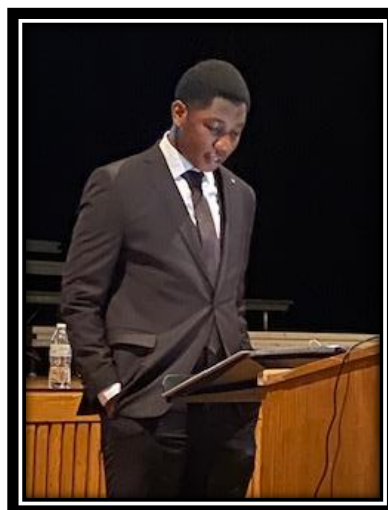
Congratulations to the Bartlett High School Super Team!

These students were celebrated on May 3rd for their outstanding efforts. The video of their each student's speech can be found on the BHS website under Videos – [BHS Super Team Video](#)

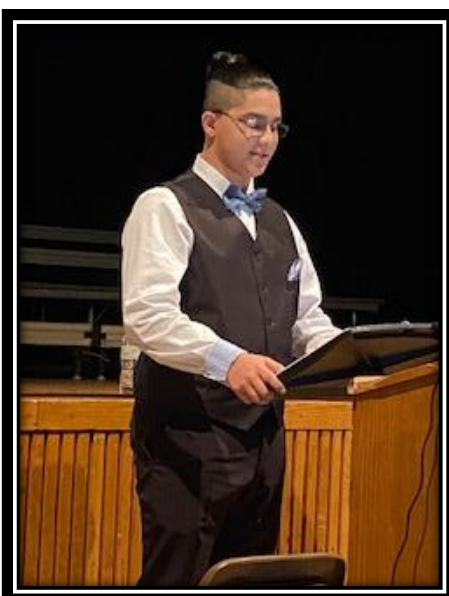


Bartlett High School Super Team!

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Kind Regards,
Dr. Goguen