



Superintendent Goguen

October 10, 2019

Dear Students, Families, and Staff,

Webster Pride!

Carolyn Somers, grade 10, attended the National Academy of Future Physicians this summer and received the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence.” The Congress of Future Medical Leaders is sponsored annually by New Charter University’s National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists for several thousand high school students. The Congress is an honors program with strict academic requirements. During the Congress, students learn about state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and are inspired by world changing researchers, futurists, and technologists that include Nobel Prize winners, top medical deans, leaders in medical research and cutting edge technology, as well as leaders from private industry.” Congratulations to Carolyn on her incredible achievement and for having the insight to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



College and Career Pathways

I recently had the opportunity to visit the Immokalee Foundation in Immokalee Florida to learn more about how they are partnering with the Collier County Public Schools, colleges and local business partners to create pathways for students to explore careers in Engineering, Education and Business Management.

I was joined by Representative Joe McKenna, Bill Fredericks from Senator Fattman’s office and Mr. Chris Roberts. The purpose of this trip was to learn more about the student programming and partnerships and to see if what parts we might be able to replicate in Webster.

The Immokalee Foundation’s mission is to provide academic support to the underprivileged migrant students of Immokalee. They start their supportive programming in 6th grade and work with students through high school and beyond. They provide mentoring, after-school and summer programming, and career related real-life experiences so students can make accurate choices on what they want to do make a living. Students are engaged the career pathway of their choice, provided paid internships, provided opportunities to take college courses while in high school, and they earn free tuition to college or leave high school with industry certifications which lead to immediate employment.

The program is supported through donations and community volunteers who mentor individual students. The Immokalee Foundation provides wrap around support to students who meet the criteria of maintaining good grades, attendance and participation in all of their afterschool and summer programming. The goal of the programming is to ensure students are gainfully employed and working in a field that truly interests them.

I also learned a lot about the Collier County Public Schools and the specific career focused pathways they have developed in their public schools. They have NAF academic academies in Engineering, Finance, Health Services, IT, Hospitality and Tourism, and Aerospace and Aviation Technology.

BHS Renovation – MSBA Eligibility Period

The Immokalee Trip and learning about some of the best practices that are in place in the Collier County Public Schools came at a perfect time, because we are in the beginning phases of planning for a potential Bartlett High School renovation project. We recently submitted the Educational Questionnaire to the MSBA and some of the ideas that came from our teaching staff and administrators included instituting more academic and career focused pathways for our students.

The Eligibility Period concludes on March 27, 2020. It is our goal to have the newly formed School Building Committee for this project to have an amount for a Feasibility Study submitted to the Webster School Committee and Selectman in December. This will be brought to a town vote in January. The reimbursement rate is currently 78.6%!

2019 MCAS Results

Parent/Guardian MCAS results and information letters have been sent home. We encourage you to review these results and discuss them with your child, your child's teacher(s) and building administrators.

This year for the first time in a long time, the **District's** overall *Accountability* classification has moved from *Requiring Assistance or Intervention* to *Not Requiring Assistance or Intervention*. As a district, we are showing 97± substantial progress toward state targets.

Bartlett High School students took the Next Generation MCAS in 2019 and Bartlett's *Accountability* classification is *Requiring Assistance or Intervention*. Progress toward improvement targets is 28% moderate progress toward state targets with an accountability percentile of 6%. This classification puts Bartlett in the lowest performing 10% of schools and the low subgroup performance for white and high needs subgroups has been noted. As a school requiring assistance or intervention, there is a turnaround plan and school improvement plan in place and additional supports from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Webster Middle School's *Accountability* classification is *Requiring Assistance or Intervention*. Progress toward improvement targets is 68% substantial progress towards state targets with an accountability percentile of 8%. This classification puts Webster Middle in the lowest performing 10% schools. As a school requiring assistance or intervention, there is a school improvement plan in place and additional supports from the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education.

Park Avenue Elementary School's *Accountability* classification is *Substantial Progress* toward state targets. Progress toward improvement targets is 64% substantial progress toward state targets with an accountability percentile of 15%.

The Department of Secondary and Elementary Education's accountability system weights the following into an overall accountability score. Achievement Rate, Student Growth Percentile, High School Completion Rate, Dropout Rate, Extended Graduation Rate, Advanced Coursework, and Chronic Absenteeism. Detailed reports for each school. More detailed reports can be located at

<http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/accountability/report/district.aspxlinkid=30&orgcode=03160000&orgtypecode=5&>

Safety

1. Every month we have a District Safety Meeting with Principals, Webster Fire, Police and EMS. We continue to expand our safety preparedness drills and I am pleased to share we ran A.L.I.C.E. Lockdown drills at all three schools and central office last week.
2. The safety and well-being of all students is our top priority. As many of you know, allergic reactions to food ingredients can be severe and life-threatening. As a result, Webster Middle School now joins Park Avenue and Bartlett High School with having **nut-free classrooms**. We kindly request that you refrain from sending snack items to school with your child that contain nuts or nut products. Avoiding these products is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction.

Two-Way Communication & Home to School Partnerships

1. I am seeking to form a Bully Intervention Committee and would like to have a few parent/guardian volunteers to assist with updating our Bully Prevention and Intervention Plan. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Lori Glennon at lgjennon@webster-school.org
2. Our ELL Parent Advisory Group will be meeting 4 times this year and we are seeking parent/guardian volunteers to assist us with the ongoing improvements of our EL programming and practices. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Margarita Nieves at mnieves@webster-schools.org The first meeting is scheduled for November 5th.
3. Our SPED PAC Advisory Group is meeting on October 16th, at the District Administrative Offices at 6:00 p.m. We are seeking to increase the number of parents/guardians on this important committee. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Maria Santerre at msanterre@webster-schools.org
4. We continue to look for Substitute Teachers in all three of our schools. If you are interested or know of a college student in the education track, please have them contact Lori Glennon at lgjennon@webster-schools.org

The Webster Education Foundation is on the verge of dissolving due to a lack of funding and participation from the community. We are reaching out to the community one last time to see if there is any interest in joining the board and keeping the non-profit together. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Becky Snyder at beckysnyderwef@gmail.com or Amy Huchowski at amyprscila526@yahoo.com

Portsmouth Team Building along with our Administration and Instructional Leadership Teams worked collaboratively building bikes. The bikes and helmets were donated to the Park Avenue Elementary School Preschool classes.



Youinc is pleased to announce that on October 9th, they will celebrate the opening of the Career Pathways Program, located at 121 Main St. in Webster.

Youinc works with youth between the ages of 16-24 who are interested in pursuing their High School Equivalency Diploma (HiSED), Short Term Trainings, Assistance with Post Secondary Education, Work Readiness and Pre-Employment Skills. Their program is **FREE** for eligible students. **Program Director** - Kate Pesa 508-552-7300

Upcoming Events

1. Through our ongoing partnership with Mapfre and Boston Children's Hospital, Injury Specialist Barbara Digirolamo will be returning to WMS on October 17th and PAE several days in November to conduct safety lessons for our students.
2. Chad Hymas is returning to our district to work with our students Oct. 21st, 22nd and, 23rd. He will be presenting the evening of October 21st at the Gladys E. Kelly Library at 6:00 p.m.

Reminders:

- October 14th - No School Columbus Day
- October 19th - BHS Homecoming Dance
- November 11th - No School Veterans Day
- November 13th - Parent Teacher Conferences in the evening
- November 14th - ½ Day of School and Parent Teacher conferences in the afternoon
- November 22nd & 23rd - BHS Play - The Crucible, contact BHS for pre-sale tickets!
- November 28th - 100th Year Anniversary of Bartlett High vs. Southbridge Thanksgiving Day Game in Southbridge!
- November 27th - ½ Day of School
- November 28th-29th - Thanksgiving Holiday

Kind Regards,
Ruthann Petruno-Goguen, Ed.D



Happy Fall



Career Pathways Program

For eligible 16 – 24 year olds

We Provide:

- ▶ HiSET Preparation
- ▶ College Exploration & Financial Aid Assistance
- ▶ Work Readiness and Financial Literacy Workshops
- ▶ Volunteering and Field Trip Opportunities
- ▶ Paid Work Experiences related to your Career Interest
- ▶ Free Short Term Certificate Trainings

Contact one of our locations near YOU:

Program Sites:

- ▶ **Worcester** 508-552-7303
- ▶ **Whitinsville** 508-266-2125
- ▶ **Milford** 508-473-2178
- ▶ **Webster** 508-461-9503

- ▶ **Program Director**
Kate Pesa 508-552-7300



**Bartlett High School Drama
Presents...**



The Crucible

By Arthur Miller

Friday, November 22nd @ 7 PM

&

Saturday, November 23rd @ 5 PM

Pre-sale \$7.00

Admission @ Door \$10.00

**Come watch the haunting but true story of the Salem Witch
Trials**

**Performed with permission from Dramatists Play Service, Inc.
BHS' Jacqueline D. Puliafico Theater**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

"One of the 10 Most Inspirational People in the World!" - The Wall Street Journal

“Opening Doors: Achieving Success in School and in Life” with Chad Hymas

Monday, October 21, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Gladys E. Kelly Public Library

2 Lake Street, Webster, MA 01570



NOT TO BE MISSED!

BEST SELLING AUTHOR

APPEARED ON OPRAH AND
DOCTOR PHIL

RECOGNIZED WORLD-CLASS
WHEELCHAIR ATHLETE

In the summer of 2003, Chad set a world record by wheeling his chair from Salt Lake City to Las Vegas (513 miles).

AWARD WINNING SPEAKER

At 37 years of age, Chad is the youngest person to ever receive the CPAE award and to be inducted into the National Speaker Hall of Fame.

THE **WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**
INVITES COMMUNITY MEMBERS,
PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND STUDENTS
TO ATTEND A VERY SPECIAL EVENING
PRESENTATION WITH **CHAD HYMAS**

Chad inspires, motivates, and moves audiences, creating an experience that touches hearts for a lifetime. And he's coming to Webster to share his incredible story and inspirational wisdom with all of us and our community!

You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! His stories are relevant and moving, his courage unprecedented, and his insights... profound.

FUNDED THROUGH TITLE IV, Part A ☐ OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ☐ ALL ARE WELCOME

Substitute Teaching

OPPORTUNITIES EVERYDAY!

WHEN: Taking Applications Now!

WHERE: Webster Public Schools

- Bartlett High School (BHS) ~ Grades 9-12
 - Webster Middle School (WMS) ~ Grades 5-8
 - Park Ave Elementary School (PAE) ~ PreK-4
- Email : Lori Glennon at lglennon@webster-schools.org
 - Call : 508-943-0104 x 40011
 - In Person: 77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

Substitute Training

Where: Administration Office, Michael Makara Conference Rm.
77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

- September 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.
- September 26, 2019 At 10:00 a.m.

Substitute Teaching

\$85.00 per day

Paraprofessional

\$78.00 per day

Also in need of Substitute
Cafeteria Workers



Special Education Parent Meeting

Wednesday,
October 16, 2019

Location:

District
Administration Office
77 Poland Street,
Webster, MA 01570

Time of event:

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Contact information:

[kbaris@webster-
schools.org](mailto:kbaris@webster-schools.org)
508-943-0104

*Please join the Director of Student Support Services,
Kathy Baris, for an informational meeting for
Special Education Parents.*

*Information regarding the status of the Special
Education Parent Advisory Council will be discussed
along with plans for the Basic Rights Training to be
scheduled this fall.*

Hope to see you there!