

Superintendent Goguen

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

FY 20 Budget:

1. The FY20 budget \$21,598,767 was approved by the School Committee after the Public Hearing on April 23rd, 2019. We have been working collaboratively with the Town Officials and if the Governor's budget comes in higher than expected, the first \$40,000 will be reallocated to the schools and anything after that will be a 70%/30% split with the schools and town respectively. The public hearing presentation can be located on our website www.webster-schools.org
2. The district leadership team and principals have worked diligently to reallocate existing funds to support the following positions at each school. The net increase for the following list is \$25,693:
 - a) Park Avenue Elementary
 - i. Adjustment Counselor
 - ii. Grade 3 Teacher
 - iii. .5 FTE Custodian
 - iv. Reduction of 1 Special Education teacher
 - v. Reduction of .2 FTE Librarian
 - b) Webster Middle School
 - i. Full time Dean
 - ii. Additional time to make the part time Adjustment Counselor full time
 - iii. .5 FTE Custodian
 - iv. Reduction of 1 paraprofessional
 - c) Bartlett High School
 - i. Full time Dean
 - ii. Reduction of 1 Special Education teacher (currently vacant this year)
 - iii. Reduction of 0.5 FTE Foreign Language Teacher (due to low #s)
 - d) District
 - i. Part time ELL Coordinator (funded by LEA & grants)

The Town Meeting is May 13 ~ Bartlett High School Auditorium
Special Town Meeting @ 6:00 pm
Annual Town Meeting @ 7:00 pm



*Presented
by Bartlett
Drama*

**Friday,
May 10th @ 7PM**
&
**Saturday,
May 11th @ 5PM**

**\$10.00
Admission**

**Performances held in BHS'
Jacqueline D. Puliafico
Theatre**

Community Safety Fair!

1. As a result of community collaboration, we will be hosting a Community Safety Fair on Saturday **May 18th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the campus of the WMS and BHS.** This will be an outdoor family and community event where vendors will have interactive and informational tables that support learning more about SAFETY. Be on the look out the following hashtags on social media #safetyfirst and #webstersafety day.
2. There will be basketball tournaments, a space for a bike rodeo, the fire stations Smoke House, a tire changing station, a driving simulator, child seat and bike helmet safety, face painting and games!
3. We hope many folks are able to attend this first time event for us! The following organizations will be onsite this day: Webster Police, Fire, EMS, Maprfe, Boston Children's Hospital, North Village, Head Start, District Attorney's Office, Webster Recreation Department, Department of Mental Health, South County Community Partnership, PAE PTO, Harrington Hospital, Webster-Dudley Food Share, Before and After School Program, Project Bread, Lake Radio.

School Safety and Supports:

1. Given the increased reports of school discipline and attendance issues at WMS and BHS the following changes were made prior to vacation and both schools will have a full time Dean next school year as noted above in the FY20 budget information:

BHS

- Gina Nieves has been appointed as the Interim Dean at BHS until the end of the school year
- Barry Berthiaume will be the long term sub for the Quest program until the end of the school year

WMS

- Rick Porter our long term sub Dean will be stationed full time at WMS. (Principal Zajac is putting together a hiring committee to find a full time Dean replacement.)
- Peter Germano has been hired as the In-School suspension paraprofessional

Student Recognitions

From Mrs. Hoenig the 2019 Bartlett High School Super Team:

- ♦ Vinessa Tankis
- ♦ Christopher Hollows
- ♦ Julia Podedworny
- ♦ Zachary Candito
- ♦ Vivian Adams
- ♦ Leighah Beausoleil
- ♦ Ashlee Bartels
- ♦ Nathalie Perez
- ♦ Dariane Tooley
- ♦ Eric Vazquez
- ♦ Hannah Picchioni
- ♦ Duncan McIntyre
- ♦ Ognjen Milosavljevic
- ♦ John Bsoumai
- ♦ Kiara Elliott
- ♦ Nikki Bolton
- ♦ Sokleap Khem
- ♦ Diego Taborda
- ♦ Emma Bonneau
- ♦ Ashlee Cuellar

Student Recognitions

From the BHS Music Department and Mr. Peter Twiarga:

- BHS Marching Band Participated in UMass Band Day at Gillette Stadium with hundreds of students throughout New England
- BHS Band has three students auditioning for the Central District Jazz Band; Barry Kane on Bass, Madison Piehler on Alto Sax, Mia Lipman-Tessicini on Trumpet (Its been MANY years since the last band student auditioned)
- The BHS Jazz Bands performed at the 51st Annual Berklee High School Jazz Festival. Barry Kane and Abbi Poplawski both received awards for Outstanding Musicianship.
- The Pit Band received the "Best Band" award at the Central MA Show Choir Festival at Sheppard Hill Regional HS.
- The BHS Marching Band honors the Veterans of Webster/Dudley by performing annually at the Veteran's Day and Memorial Day Parades.
- The BHS Drumline supports the Webster Little League by providing musical support for their annual Opening Day Parade.

From the DECA Club and Mrs. Hoenig:

- 6 of 19 DECA student members attended the DECA State competition in Boston.
 - * Allison Grzembski
 - * Brandi Mercer
 - * Tyler Adolfo
 - * Ryan Zalewski
 - * Vangjel Gjergo
 - * Noah Azzaoui
- Tyler Adolfo will be traveling to Orlando for the International competition April 27th-May 2nd.

From Coach Dane Laboissonniere:

Our honorees this year were:

- Logan Paranto - Central Mass Football Coaches All Star, Telegram Super Team Honorable Mention
- Troy Johnson - Central Mass Football Coaches All Star, Telegram Super Team Honorable Mention, Central Mass Senior All-Star Game Selection

This week we celebrate and thanks ALL our Administrative Assistants across the district. They are instrumental with keeping the schools and district offices running smoothly and we are VERY GRATEFUL for all that they do each day to make the Webster Public School District a great place to be!

Thank YOU ALL!



Curriculum and Instruction:

1. This week Park Avenue Elementary School received over \$16,800.00 worth of math manipulatives for their classrooms. Teachers had requested more hands on learning materials and through the turnaround grant funds we have been able to purchase them.
2. Thank you Curriculum Director, Mrs. Jill Chapdelaine for ordering and organizing these new materials!

Take a look at the amount of new fun materials your children will be using to learn with! These boxes filled the halls at PAE! Thanks to our custodians who assisted with keeping the boxes stacked by grades to make unboxing and sorting easier!

New materials!



This represents one classroom's



Today!



Great things happen in Webster Public Schools Every DAY

Thanks to our dedicated teachers, staff and administrators.

We are making a difference and CARE!

1. Mrs. LaBonte's ELL class created lessons to learn more about how people celebrate Easter in America and their native country. They did a science experiment and colored eggs and examined the erosion of the colored tablets. They created an Easter Word Book as well and colored 72 eggs!



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2. The week prior to vacation, grades 3 & 4 received a special assembly focused on reading. Coach Kevin and Jake from the Worcester Bravehearts came to talk to them to encourage them to read at least 10 books for a free ticket to a Bravehearts game! This event was put together by Mrs. Cathy Cournoyer!



3. PAE held its first ever MCAS Assembly to assist our 3rd and 4th graders with celebrating what they know and can do! The assembly was run by our high school students! Cheerleaders, Basketball Players, The Drama Club and Band came over to CHEER on our 3rd and 4th graders! IT WAS A FANTASTIC EVENT where our high school students served as peer role models for our elementary aged students and everyone there sent the supportive message that “*We believe in you*” to all our students!



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3. The WMS Junior National Honor Society collected 8 boxes of clothing for Cradles to Crayon!
GREAT JOB!

4. The WMS Science Fair prior to vacation was a huge success. Thank you to Mr. Russell Holden for organizing this great event that allows our students to share their inventions!
Very Creative Inventions!

5. Mapfre's partnership with our school district is fantastic!

A couple weeks ago, their volunteers donated over 120 new and slightly used prom dresses!



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This week the Tomorrow's Leaders Group met with Mapfre managers to continue their work on short and long term goals in our BHS library!

Next week, through Mapfre's partnership we are bringing in the **In Control Driving Safety Program at BHS**. This program involves educational assemblies with Boston Children Hospitals Injury Specialists around driving safety, students taking and sharing survey results with parents and entering their completed forms into a raffle for one Driving In Control Course! A crashed car will be on site all week to emphasis the importance of driving safely.

6. Last night, 24-8th grade students were recognized at the first ever Nichols Honors Recognition Night at BHS. Principal Cushing, Assistant Principal Czernicki and Counselors Kim Granger and Chris Shen spoke to students and families about the Nichols Honors pathway and opportunities. It was a great event for all!



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7. The BHS Drama Club presents Hairspray May 10th and 11th....Get your tickets today!



Based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters

Presented by Bartlett Drama

Friday, May 10th @ 7PM &

Saturday, May 11th @ 5PM

\$10.00 Admission

Performances held in BHS' Jacqueline D. Puliafico Theatre

Upcoming Events - Mark your calendars!

4/26	BHS		Field Trip to Boston
4/26	PAE		Student of the month breakfast
4/27	BHS	9-5	Life Skills Health Fair
4/29	PAE	10	Tour of School for local Pre-Schools
4/29	PAE	1:30	Grade 3 Spring Concert
4/30	WMS	5:30	Grade 5 Family Math Night
5/1	District		Half Day of School for Students/Professional Development
5/3	BHS		College Fair
5/4	BHS	6-10	Prom
5/7	BHS	5	Super Team
5/10	BHS	7	Drama Present <i>Hairspray</i>
5/10	WMS	6	Spring Fling
5/11	BHS	5	Drama Presents <i>Hairspray</i>
5/16	PAE	6:30	School Tour for incoming Kindergarten students
5/18	District	11-2 pm	Community Safety Fair
5/23	WMS	6:30	Spring Concert
5/24	WMS	8am-2pm	Great East Festival
5/27	District		Memorial Day (No School)
5/29	BHS	6	Senior Awards Night
5/29	WMS		Washington DC Trip ~ Grade 8 Students
5/31	PAE	9	Student of the Month breakfast
6/5	WMS	8-12pm	Forensics Presentations Grade 8
6/6	WMS	10-5pm	Six Flags
6/7	WMS	10-5pm	Six Flags (Rain Date)
6/7	BHS	6	Graduation
6/11	PAE		Grade 1 Field Trip
6/12	PAE	9	Student of the Month breakfast
6/14	District		Last day of school ~ 1/2 day for students

In Webster ... Kindness Matters!

Happy Spring to all,
Ruthann Petruno-Goguen