

Superintendent Goguen

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

The summer months are very busy for us as we plan for another exciting year in the Webster Public Schools!

Summer school is in process at all of our schools and our **free summer meals** are being served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

- Thru August 19th at Park Avenue Elementary School
- Thru July 27th at Webster Middle

Please take advantage of this opportunity for your students!

On July 19th the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education will be filming a video about the **Farm to School Programs at Park Avenue Elementary School** highlighting the food from the Worcester Regional Food Hub. With parental permission some of our students may be interviewed!

On July 30th, **Congressman McGovern's Summer Meals Rock Tour** will begin at Park Avenue Elementary School! DESE Commissioner Riley along with Rob Leshin, Director of DESE Food and Nutrition Programs will also be in attendance for a roundtable discussion on the summer meals program.



Important Announcement

DESE supports:

BHS has been accepted in the **MA ESE Inclusive Tier 1 Academy** for the 2018-2019 school year. This program of support is focused on deepening Tier I instruction through UDL, PBIS, and SEL. This is a 3-year professional learning opportunity for us!

We hope to see Park Avenue Elementary School parents at the Meet and Greet for the new Principal, Mrs. Parmley, on Thursday, July 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the PAE school library!

On July 17th and 19th ...

We held our first ever ILT and DLT Summer Summit. We began our work by reviewing our new vision, mission, core values and expectations for our work as TEAM. We spent the first day reviewing each school's Turnaround Plans/ School Improvement Plans and coming up with initial action steps for the 2018-2019 school year. Each team is being supported by district administrators and consultants from the Department of Education and schools. We believe it is crucial to get our teachers more involved with analyzing instructional practices more closely to better understand and create our next steps towards improvement across the district as a unified team. This team will spend day two on learning more about creating equitable opportunities for all our students and reflecting upon how cultural sensitivity is a necessary component in creating positive learning environments for our students



Other summer updates:

- We are in the process of updating our Mentor Program for first and second year teachers
- We are in the process of updating our Employee Handbook and HR procedures
- We are in the process of planning and coordinating
 - A new Math Program K-12 which was selected by our teachers
 - A pilot for an ELA program for grades 6-12; StudySync
 - The training and use of a new district wide assessment system
 - The implementation of STEMscopes in grade 5 & 6 which includes science kits

Kind Regards,
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