

# Superintendent Goguen

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Dear Students, Families and Staff,

This past week marked 18 years of dedicated service for Mr. Michael Makara to the Webster Public Schools. At Mr. Makara's last School Committee meeting on Tuesday, he was recognized and thanked for his outstanding leadership and professionalism. Mr. Makara has served as the School Board Chair and member for the past 18 years and has dedicated many countless hours to advance the Webster School district. Mr. Makara served on two school building committees, four superintendent search committees, and numerous negotiations committees. Mr. Makara's family and friends were in attendance at this meeting and in his honor the new School Committee conference room has been declared the "Michael Makara Conference Room."

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## Upcoming Events

### May 1

BHS Super Team Banquet

### May 2

Half day of school PD for Staff

### May 4

BHS College Fair

### May 4 and 5

BHS Play – Arsenic & Old Lace  
7pm

### May 5

New Admin Office Open House  
9-12 (77 Poland Street)

PAE PTO Carnival 11:00am to  
3:00pm

### May 11

WMS Host the Great East  
Festival

### May 12

BHS Prom

### May 14

Final PAE PTO Meeting

### May 17

BHS Spring Concert

## More Important News

The proposed FY19 budget of \$20,929,695 has been created collaboratively with District Administrators and the School Committee. It has been created with the following goals:

1. To improve student programming and student achievement rates
2. To continue to provide up to date resources and relevant professional development for our staff.
3. To keep student learning & student programming the central focus to all budgetary decisions and to prioritize our high needs group with includes economically disadvantaged (50%), special education (21%), and ELL population (9%)
4. To take a systems wide approach – rather than school by school approach- to achieve more efficiencies across the district and to build a stronger more cohesive Pre-K 12 program for our students.

The Public Hearing was held on April 24<sup>th</sup> and the presentation is on our website under the Office of Business and Finance Department tab. Town Meeting is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the BHS Auditorium. We hope many parents take the time to attend this important meeting. Our own Impressions Show Choir and Pit Band will be opening up the meeting by singing the National Anthem!

### Other News & Updates:

1. We received DESE's low-income \$10,000 equipment grant to purchase 2 new warming units for PAE and BHS to replace aging equipment.
2. Representative Joseph McKenna is presenting an amendment to the bill to support no less than \$100,000 to assist with safety improvement for Bartlett High School. We will keep you informed on its progress.

## Great Things Continue to Happen Across the District!

**BHS Student Council Students participated in Earth Day and cleaning up Webster!**



**Worcester's District Attorney Joseph Early Jr. presented the dangers of distracted drivers to our juniors and seniors.**



**Webster Public Schools Adopted McGraw-Hill Wonders as our Core ELA Program in grades K-5**

As previously shared, we reallocated resources across the district to find some savings. The following additions are:

Park Avenue Elementary:

- 1.0 Special Education Teacher (budget neutral)
- 1.0 Physical Education Teacher – (budget neutral)
- 1.0 Librarian

Webster Middle School:

- .5 Foreign Language Teacher
- 1.0 Grade 6 Teacher
- 1.0 Special Education Teacher 5 & 6 (budget neutral)
- 1.0 Special Education Teacher Grades 7 & 8
- 1.0 Paraprofessional for STAR program (budget neutral)

Webster Middle School

- Stipends- 1 additional Grade Level Coordinator
- Athletics- Spring Track and Field
- 1.0 Special Education Team Chair

Special Education:

- 1.0 School Psychologist grades 4 -8

District:

- .5 FTE Part time Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Superintendent

Connor Brennan and Dylan Thomas competed at the International DECA competition in Atlanta, Georgia. Connor received a silver medallion for the top 10 exam score in business law and ethics category. Way to go Connor and Dylan!



Kind Regards,  
Ruthann Petruno-Goguen



# MAY 5, 2018 OPEN HOUSE

77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570  
9:00AM ~12:00PM

## Webster Public Schools Administrative Offices

Please join us in our OPEN HOUSE which features all the hard work and dedication that our Bay Path Regional Vocational High School Students put into the NEW Administrative Offices.

Open House

