

March 23, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe its spring! With the long winter we have missed 6 days of school due to snowstorms. At this point of time, our last day of school will be Friday, June 22nd and it will be a half-day.

FY19 Budget

The proposed FY19 budget has been approved by the School Committee and was presented last night to the Finance Committee. The Tri- Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2nd and the Public Hearing will be held in April. The proposed FY19 budget was created with a focus on providing equity for all students through our curriculum and instruction development and closing the learning gaps for our high needs students. The proposed budget is \$20,929,695.

The following positions are included in the proposed FY19 budget:

Park Avenue Elementary:

1. 1.0 Special Education Teacher for Kindergarten (budget neutral with reallocating the special education teacher)
2. 1.0 Physical Education Teacher - (budget neutral with reallocating a P.E. Teacher)
3. 1.0 Library Media Specialist

Webster Middle School:

1. 0.5 Foreign Language Teacher
2. 1.0 Grade 6 Teacher
3. 1.0 Special Education Teacher for grades 5 & 6 (budget neutral with reallocating a special education teacher)
4. 1.0 Special Education Teacher for grades 7 & 8
5. 1.0 Paraprofessional for the STAR program (budget neutral, eliminate BHS Para)
6. Stipends - 1 additional Grade Level Coordinator
7. Athletics- Spring Track & Field

Special Education:

1. 1.0 Special Education Team Chair for Webster Middle School
2. 1.0 School Psychologist grades 4 -8

District:

1. 0.5 FTE Part time Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Superintendent

The District Leadership Team has worked collaboratively on the proposed FY19 budget and believes the reallocations of staff, additional special education staff at the elementary and middle schools, will assist with building stronger academic and enrichment programs for the student in Webster. The District Administrative Team will continue to focus on the benefits of early intervention, building a cohesive PreK-12 curriculum plan between all three schools, and using data to evaluate the success of our existing programs.

Writing opportunities for our students:

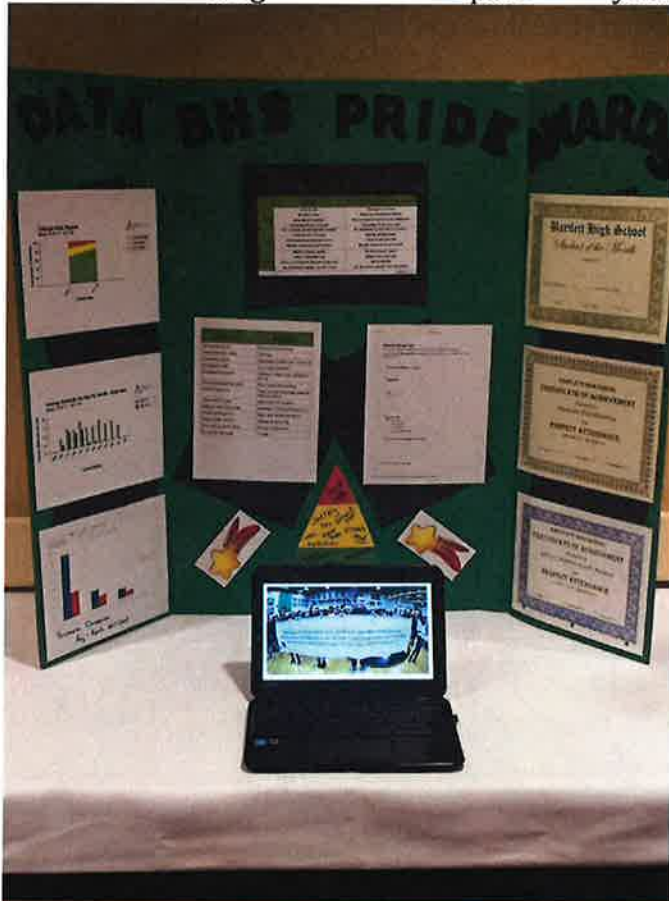
I am inviting our students to participate in the creation of a big book that will be donated to the Webster Town Library's time capsule! I thought it was important to have Webster student voices represented in this time capsule. The Library committee is delighted we will be collaborating with them on this project. I encourage you to speak to your child/ children about participating in this fun activity that will make its way into Webster history. Students are asked to share their short stories, essays and artwork related to **what schools is like for them in the year 2018**. A flyer has been distributed to all students to bring home and is also attached.

Other Updates:

1. On March 20th, the administration at the middle and high school collaborated with the Webster Police and a drug sweep with dogs was conducted. I am pleased to inform all families that the sweep was conducted in a timely fashion with no incidents.
2. Congratulations to Connor Brennan and Dylan Thomas for coming in 3rd in the State in Business Law and Ethics at the DECA competition. They will be traveling to the National DECA competition in Atlanta!



3. The BHS PBIS team presented on how effective PBIS is at the high school at a workshop yesterday. Thank you to the team of teachers and administrators who have been working on this for the past three years!



Pictures of the week:

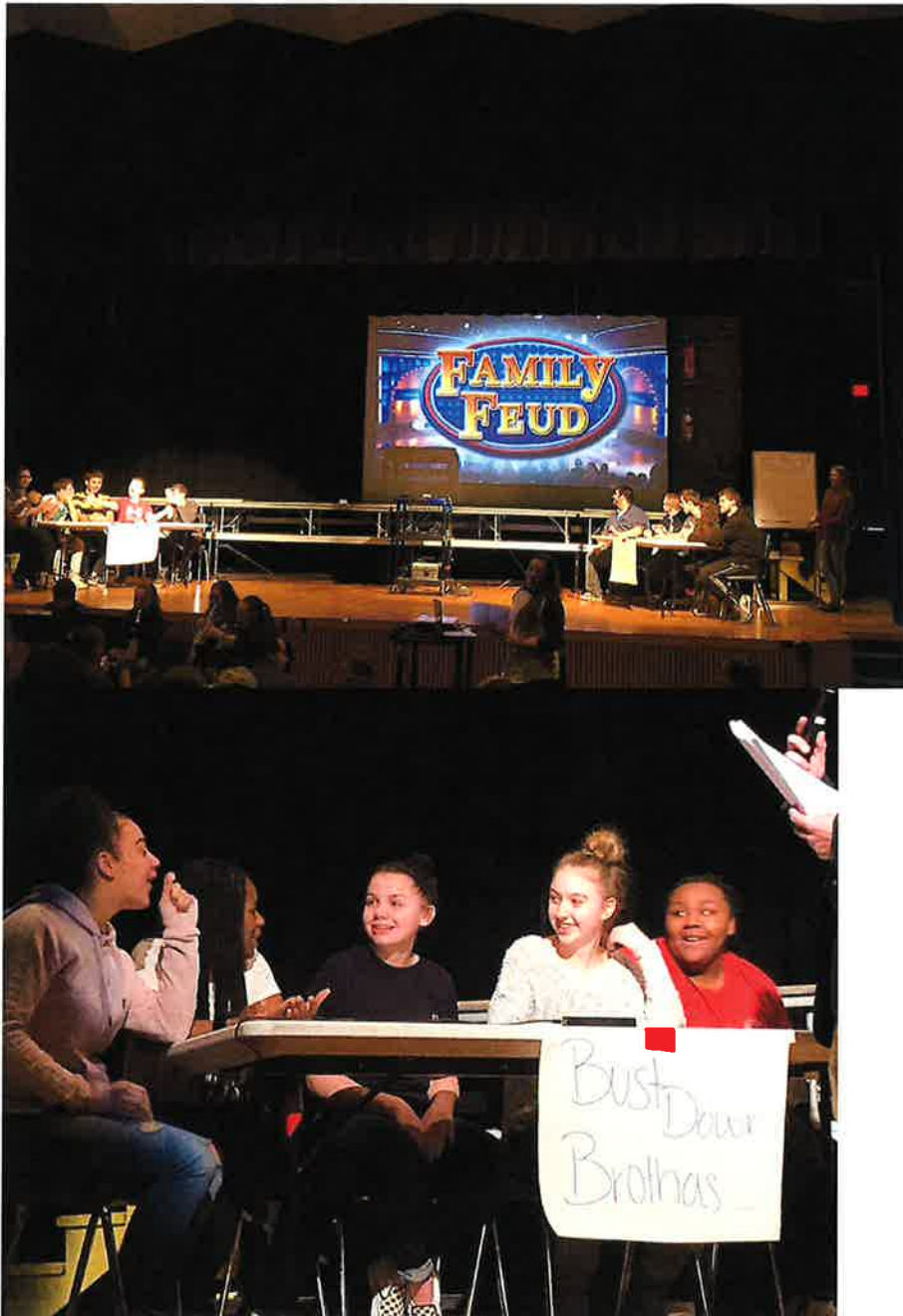
Thank you to Mr. Peter Carney, Mr. Peter Twiraga, and the Music Booster parent volunteers and all the students who shared their wonderful talents with us this past weekend at the Central Mass. Junior Show Choir Festival!







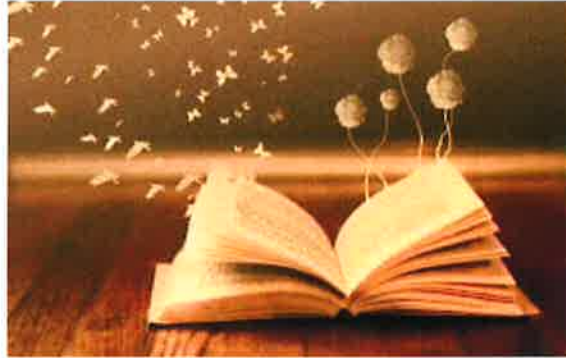
NHS organized a fun Family Feud night at BHS.





Kind Regards,
Ruthann Petrino-Goguen

Seeking Webster Public School Students
to assist the
Webster Public Library with their
Time Capsule Project!



K-12 Students please submit your
short stories, essays, pictures, or
artwork on
*What are the Webster schools like
for YOU in the year 2018?*

Your work will be collected to create a BIG Book of
the Webster Public School students' views on our
school district and placed in the Library's Time
Capsule.

Send your submission to Superintendent Goguen by
April 13th, 2018

