

**To: Parents and Guardians**

**From: Ruthann Goguen, Superintendent**

**Date: October 27, 2017**

**Re: Weekly Update**

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Happy Friday!

Now that I've been in the District for three months I am hosting a round table discussion. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to gather your feedback and input regarding your experiences with the Webster Public Schools. These sessions will be held from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at each of the schools:

Park Avenue Elementary School	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Webster Middle School	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bartlett High School	November 7 <sup>th</sup>

Immediately following this roundtable discussion, each school will be hosting an informational session from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM on the following topics:

Park Avenue Elementary School – New Report Card Information
Webster Middle School – New Report Card Information
Bartlett High School – Introduction of PBIS

I hope many parents/guardians can attend! Babysitting and light refreshments will be provided. Flyer is attached.

#### MCAS

We have received the Parent Reports and they are being processed at each school. We are coordinating our efforts at all three schools will be sending these out on the same day.

Our entire school district is in the process of analyzing the MCAS results in relationship to our existing programs, instructional practices and resources. It is evident there is room for improvement and as noted in my letter that you will receive with your child's results there have already been substantial changes in the district. I want to reassure parents/guardians that teachers and administrators will be working together to put together new steps to address learning gaps that exist. These steps will be shared in each school's improvement plans.

#### Home / School Connection

It is crucial that parents/guardians attend the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences to learn more your child's academic progress. Please contact your child's/children's school to schedule these important meetings. The stronger our home school connection is the better off our students are!

### BHS School Council

BHS is looking for parent volunteers to join their School Council team. Please contact Principal Steve Knowlton if you are interested.

### Community Partnerships:

We have been approved as a Property Tax work off site for Senior Citizens and Veterans in Webster. All Senior Citizen / Veteran volunteers will be Cori'd and need to start their application with the Jean Travis at the Senior Center. To date we have one volunteer who will be working in PAE library and assisting at the front desk at BHS.

### Preventing Hate Speech in K-12 Schools

I attended this free conference this week at the College of the Holy Cross. It was sponsored by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts Civil Rights Unit. I was able to share valuable information with my team on the BACPAC program at Boston's Children's Hospital - a program that provides intensive supports for students who have experienced being bullied.

Take Care, Mrs. Goguen



# Webster Public Schools

is hosting a  
Superintendent's Round Table



I am gathering parent/guardian input...

**We will be having light snacks!**

**We will also be providing childcare by the NHS during our meetings.**



## Dates to remember:

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017 @ 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Park Avenue Elementary School**  
@ 6:00 pm Report Card Informational Meeting at Park Avenue Elementary

**Thursday, November 2, 2017 @ 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Webster Middle School**  
@ 6:00 pm Report Card Informational Meeting at Webster Middle School

**Tuesday, November 7, 2017 @ 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Bartlett High School**  
@ 6:00 pm PBIS Informational Meeting at Bartlett High School

**Together we can make a difference!**