

Governor Wentworth Regional School District
Superintendent District Update
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Safety & Security: Homeland Security TableTop Exercises

On Thursday, March 21st, the Governor Wentworth Regional School District, along with Middleton and Brewster participated in tabletop exercises facilitated by New Hampshire Homeland Security. These exercises provided an invaluable opportunity for school administration, staff members, and representatives from local law enforcement and fire departments to collaborate and consider hypothetical emergency scenarios. With a Homeland Security representative assigned to each of the twelve schools involved, the event was dynamic, well-attended, and highly participatory. The dedication of our staff and school board members, who were present to observe and support, was noted and appreciated by Homeland Security. This event served as an important step in enhancing our preparedness and response capabilities, and the Safety and Security Taskforce looks forward to reconvening in the fall to address the next steps in safety preparation.

Portrait of a Learner

I am pleased to present the insightful findings derived from the recent Portrait of a Learner survey, a comprehensive initiative engaging a total of 1,198 votes for attributes across various segments of our school community. This inclusive survey encompassed students from Elementary, Middle, and High School levels, parents, staff, community members, and the esteemed School Board. The primary goal was to discern the attributes collectively valued and prioritized in our learners.

The survey results unveiled a consistent consensus on certain attributes, with "Critical Thinking / Problem Solving," "Collaboration and Communication," and "Strong Academic Skills" emerging as the top-ranked attributes. These findings were gleaned from a diverse pool of respondents, including the following number of votes per attribute: 1022 votes from Elementary, 1071 from Middle School, 1294 from High School, 525 parent votes, 1443 staff member votes, 20 community members, and 15 School Board representative votes toward attributes.

- Critical Thinking & Problem Solving-**Problem Solving**
- Grit & Resilience- **Perseverance**
- Social Responsibility & Positive Community Member-**Positive Community Member**
- Executive Functioning- Organization, Focus, and Self Direction-**Self Direction**
- Strong Academic Skills- **Academic Success**

Looking ahead, the Portrait of a Learner team is scheduled to convene on April 4th to consolidate the data and finalize the attributes guiding our learners' development. The team will present the comprehensive findings to the School Board at the meeting in May providing an opportunity for further discussion and alignment on our shared educational goals.