

Governor Wentworth Regional School District
Superintendent District Update
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Teacher Appreciation Week: May 6th - May 10th

As we approach Teacher Appreciation Week, scheduled for May 6th - 11th, 2024, I would like to take a moment to extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude to the dedicated teachers within our district. These educators play an integral role in the lives of our students, spanning across grade levels, disciplines, electives, career technical classes, and special education programs. With a collective effort that impacts over 2,000 students, our teachers are the cornerstone of our educational community. Teacher Appreciation Week serves as an opportunity to honor and celebrate the tireless dedication and commitment that our teachers demonstrate year-round. Their unwavering passion and expertise are truly the driving force behind the success of our district, and we are profoundly grateful for their contributions.

Last Day of School: GWRSD June 21st; MSD June 20th

As announced to families and staff on Friday, April 19th, the GWRSD School Board approved Friday, June 21st, as the last day of school, with a half day scheduled. For MES, the last day will be Thursday, June 20th, also concluding with a half day.

Kingswood Regional High School NEASC Accreditation

At the March 3-4, 2024 meeting, the Commission on Public Schools voted to continue Kingswood Regional High School and Lakes Region Technology Center's Accreditation based on their Five-Year Progress Report. The Commission commended several achievements, including the establishment of the core values and beliefs team, implementation of departmental common rubrics and summative assessments, creation of new courses such as the Advanced Placement World History/Language & Composition course, and the adoption of a competency-based education format. Notably, the school has made significant strides in creating a portrait of a learner initiative, reflecting a commitment to holistic student development. Additionally, increased collaboration among faculty members, the 1:1 Chromebook program, comprehensive professional development plan, and regular student feedback practices were highlighted as notable initiatives. School officials are required to submit a Special Progress Report by February 1, 2025, addressing pending recommendations. Moreover, the school's Decennial Accreditation visit is scheduled for 2030, with the next Accreditation cycle beginning in 2027.

Strategic Plan Update

As we continue to progress with our strategic plan activities, I am pleased to provide an update on our recent initiatives and engagements. Throughout the month of April, I had the opportunity to present an overview of the entire plan and its timeline to all staff members. Specifically, on April 3rd, PK-8 staff participated in a virtual session during early release, while KRHS staff

engaged in an in-person session during their faculty meeting time on April 16th. During these sessions, we reviewed the focus areas outlined in the plan and addressed any questions or concerns raised by our dedicated staff members. Additionally, we have taken steps to advance our commitment to equity, wellness, and communication with families by securing services to conduct an equity audit, wellness resource assessment, and enhancing our website's features to better communicate our progress. It's worth noting that these efforts are pending state grant approval. Furthermore, as part of our ESSER III plan, we are developing strategies to address learning loss, enhance professional development in math and literacy, and promote social-emotional learning to improve academic achievement across all levels. Your continued support and collaboration are vital as we work together to achieve our strategic objectives and provide the best possible education for our students.