

# DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee

08.21.2024



I have a few items to share,

We are incredibly excited about the opening of our school year, and I want to express my deepest appreciation for all of our staff. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to our students and the communities of Dudley and Charlton have been nothing short of remarkable. As we embark on this new school year, I am confident that their passion and professionalism will continue to inspire our students and create a nurturing and stimulating environment for learning, helping every student strive to reach their full potential.

Here are a few important dates to start our 2024-2025 school year.

## August

Monday, August 26, 2024 – Staff orientation

Tuesday, August 27, 2024 – First Day all students [exception K/Prek. Sept. 3]

Friday, August 30, 2024 – Early Release Day – All students and staff

## September

Monday, September 2, 2024 – Labor Day, no school all students and staff

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – First day Kindergarten/Prekindergarten

Friday, September 27, 2024 – Early Release Day – All students

## October

Friday, October 10, 2024 – Early Release Day – All Students/ Parent Conferences – All

Monday, October 14, 2024 – Columbus Day – no school all students and staff

## November

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – Staff In-service Day, no school all students [Election Day]

Monday, November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day – no school all students and staff

Wednesday, November 27, 2024 – Early Release Day - All - Thanksgiving Break

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday November 29, 2024 - All - Thanksgiving Break

As shared with the School Committee, the need for an additional teacher at Dudley Middle School emerged in the middle of the summer due to increased registrations in 7th grade. This grade has traditionally been a larger cohort, pushing the limits on class size. Initially, this was seen as an anomaly, but the continued increase in registrations has made it clear that the situation must be addressed. As previously mentioned, we posted the position and successfully hired a qualified teacher to start the school year. However, in line with our practice, the additional position must be approved by the School Committee. The position will be funded through our hiring practices this summer and supported by the School Choice account.

I respectfully request that the School Committee provide a favorable vote this evening.