

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee

03.11.2026



I have several items to share this evening.

Last Day of School

Based on the school calendar and snow days used to date, the last day of school for students is currently scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2026. Should additional weather-related cancellations occur, that date would be adjusted accordingly. As always, the district will continue to monitor the calendar and keep families and staff informed of any changes.

Shepherd Hill Engineering Program Grant

I am pleased to share that Shepherd Hill Regional High School has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the One8 Foundation in support of the [Project Lead The Way](#) (PLTW) High School Engineering Program.

This funding will be distributed over three years and will help support and expand opportunities for students to participate in high-quality applied learning experiences in engineering and related fields. Through this program, Shepherd Hill joins a network of more than 350 schools across Massachusetts implementing PLTW programming.

As part of the grant, district and school representatives will participate in the One8 Foundation Grant Convening on April 15, 2026, which will bring together grant recipients from across the state to collaborate and learn from one another as these programs continue to grow.

Student Recognition – PLTW Biomedical Award

I would also like to recognize Shepherd Hill Juniors Addison Foster and Elyce Peculis, who were recently named winners of the Project Lead The Way Biomedical Award through Student Industry Connects 2026.

Industry professionals reviewing their project highlighted the students' comprehensive research, analytical thinking, and ability to interpret diagnostic data and develop targeted recommendations. Their work was described as highly organized and reflective of a strong understanding of diagnostic testing and data analysis.

This recognition speaks not only to the students' dedication and intellectual curiosity, but also to the exceptional instruction provided by Mr. Tom Courtemanche and the opportunities available through the PLTW Biomedical program at Shepherd Hill.

USS Constitution Essay Contest

I would also like to recognize Charlton Middle School student Wesley Albuquerque, whose work was selected as a winner in the USS Constitution Historic Essay Contest.

Wesley's essay received high scores from the contest review panel and earned him recognition as one of the statewide winners. As part of this honor, he will receive a commemorative plaque and a duplicate plaque bearing his name and Charlton Middle School will be permanently installed onboard the USS Constitution. His essay will also be published in the ship's commissioning book that will be kept aboard the historic vessel.

Congratulations to Wesley and to teacher Charles Farrar, who encouraged students to participate in this meaningful opportunity.

Massachusetts School Nurse Leader Award

I would also like to congratulate Stephanie Moisan, who will be recognized at the [Massachusetts School Nurse Organization](#) Spring Conference on March 21, 2026 as the Massachusetts Nurse Leader of the Year.

This recognition highlights the important role our school nurses play in supporting the health, safety, and well-being of our students each day. We are proud of Stephanie and grateful for the care and professionalism she brings to her team and our school community.

Clark Tournament Appreciation

I would also like to share a note of appreciation received from the [Clark Tournament](#) Committee, thanking Shepherd Hill Regional High School for hosting the Large School Boys Quarterfinal games of the 85th Clark Basketball Tournament.

The committee specifically recognized the outstanding work of Athletic Director Chris O'Donnell for his planning and coordination of an event that brought together eight teams, officials, staff members, and hundreds of spectators throughout the day.

Teen Driver Safety Program – April 3, 2026

On April 3, 2026, upperclassmen at Shepherd Hill Regional High School will participate in a Teen Driver Safety program presented through the [ThinkFast](#) Interactive initiative.

Teen driver safety is an important issue nationwide, and this program uses an engaging and interactive format to reinforce safe driving behaviors aligned with state and national guidelines. Through peer engagement and real-time learning activities, the program encourages students to view safe driving as the social norm and promotes responsible decision-making among new and future drivers.

Programs like this support our ongoing commitment to student safety and preparation for responsibilities beyond high school.

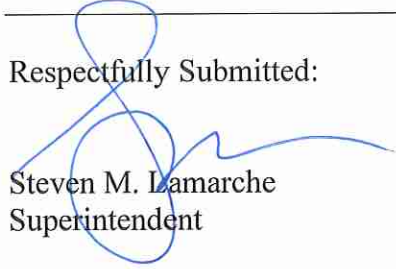
Dudley-Charlton partners with JAK-L

Finally, I would like to share information about the [Jak-L Foundation](#) 5K Run/Walk, which will take place on June 13, 2026 in Oxford, Massachusetts.

The Jak-L Foundation works to support youth mental health awareness and suicide prevention efforts throughout our region. Events like this bring together students, families, and community members to promote awareness, connection, and support for those who may be struggling.

Additional details about the event are included in the attached flyer.

Respectfully Submitted:



Steven M. Lamarche
Superintendent

Here a few important dates in [2026](#)

March

Thursday, March 26, 2026 – Early Release All Students – Parent/Caregiver Teacher Conferences

Friday, March 27, 2026 – No School All Students – Educator In-Service Day

April

Friday, April 3, 2026 – Early Release All – Good Friday

Monday, April 20 – 24, 2026 – Spring Break

May

Friday, May 22, 2026 – Early Release All Students – Educator Professional Development

Monday, May 25, 2026 – No School – Memorial Day

Sunday, May 31, 2026 – Class of 2026 Commencement

June

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 – Early Release All Students – Last Day of School 2025-2026 SY

JAK-L STRIDES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Memorial Run / Walk

5K



\$30 Before
April 1st
\$35 After
April 1st
\$40 Day of

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Start Time: 9:00am

ELECTRONIC
TIMING

MEDALS FOR RUNNERS & WALKERS

Oxford Community Center
4 Maple St Oxford, Ma 01540



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In Our local school systems