

DUDLEY-CHARLTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Committee

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I have several important items to share this evening.

As we prepare to close out the 2025–2026 school year, I would like to thank our students, staff, families, School Committee members, and community partners for their continued support throughout the year. The final weeks of the school year provided an opportunity to celebrate accomplishments, recognize service, honor our graduates, and reflect upon another successful year in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District.

Marfan Foundation Walk

I would like to provide an update regarding our Heritage student, Monty, who has worked to raise awareness of Marfan Syndrome throughout the year. Following the student's presentation and advocacy efforts, members of the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District community participated in the recent Marfan Foundation Walk in Boston.

The event provided an opportunity to support individuals and families impacted by Marfan Syndrome while increasing awareness and understanding of this important medical condition. We are proud of Monty's leadership, courage, and commitment to advocacy. In recognition of his efforts, Monty was selected to cut the ceremonial ribbon opening this year's event.



Quo Vadis Recognition

I am pleased to announce this year's Shepherd Hill Regional High School Quo Vadis recipients:

- Dr. Corey Stefan
- Mr. Sean Ducharme

The Quo Vadis Award recognizes individuals whose service, leadership, and commitment have made a lasting impact on students, colleagues, and the school community. On behalf of the District, I extend my sincere congratulations and appreciation to both recipients for their many contributions to Shepherd Hill Regional High School and the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District.

Statewide Graduation Framework Update

Earlier today, Governor Healey and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released the final recommendations of the Statewide Graduation Council regarding new statewide graduation framework and future Massachusetts graduation requirements.

At this time, district administration is still reviewing the released requirements and their potential implications for local graduation requirements, curriculum, staffing, scheduling, and resources.

The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents (M.A.S.S.) issued a statement supporting the Commonwealth's continued commitment to maintaining high standards for earning a high school diploma and noted that the proposed framework has the potential to promote rigor and consistency across Massachusetts. M.A.S.S. also emphasized that successful implementation will require adequate funding, support, flexibility, and sufficient planning time for school districts.

I will continue to monitor developments and provide updates to the School Committee as additional guidance becomes available and as the District has an opportunity to fully review the recommendations.

Retiree Recognition

As we conclude the 2025–2026 school year, we also recognize the dedicated employees who will be retiring from the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District. This year, the District recognizes 22 retirees whose collective service spans hundreds of years of dedication to the students and families of Dudley and Charlton.

This year's retirees include:

Mason Road School

- Karen Hoke

Charlton Elementary School

- Andrea Berman

Shepherd Hill Regional High School

- Susan Briere
- Patricia Covill
- Elaine Garrepy
- Matthew Morway
- Andrew Leach
- Christopher Stowe
- Judith Narwrocki
- Deborah Samia

Charlton Middle School

- Patricia Kasierski
- Louis DeCataldo

- Patricia Fitzgerald

- Christa Mansur

Heritage School

- Pamela Walsh-Houghton

Dudley Elementary School

- Dawn Davey
- Lisa Petrell-Delude
- Anne McElroy
- Lisa Bilis

Dudley Middle School

- Michael Manske
- Patricia Seagrave

District Office

- MaryEllen Cerbone

This evening, principals will have the opportunity to recognize these retirees and reflect on the many contributions they have made throughout their careers. On behalf of the School Committee and the District, I extend our sincere gratitude for their years of service and wish each of them health, happiness, and fulfillment in retirement.

School Year 2025-2026

As another school year comes to a close, I want to thank every member of our school community for their partnership, support, and commitment to our students. The accomplishments we celebrate are a reflection of the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the hard work of our students. We look forward to celebrating the Class of 2027 and beginning another successful chapter for the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District.

Respectfully Submitted:


Steven M. Lanarche
Superintendent

Here a few important dates for school year [2026-2027](#)

August

Monday, August 31, 2026 - Educator New Staff Orientation

September

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 – First Day of School – grades 1-12+

Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – First Day of School - Kindergarten

Friday, September 4, 2026 – Early Release – All Students and Staff

Monday, September 7, 2026 Labor Day - all schools closed

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 - First Day - Prekindergarten

Friday, September 25, 2026 – Early Release Day – All Students