Superintendent's Report:

It has been another eventful year in the King Philip Regional School District. The School Committee and I would like to thank the communities for the continued support they show for our school district and children. King Philip continues to work hard to ensure that our students meet with success both in and out of the classroom.

King Philip Regional School District has an average 98% of our students scoring proficient or higher in English Language Arts, 91% in mathematics and 94% in science. Our average SAT score on the reading and writing portion of the exam was 590, the average score on the math portion of the exam was 578. King Philip's graduation rate was 96%. Also, 87% of our students go onto higher education, with a vast majority entering science, technology, engineering or math areas. In collaboration with our three towns, King Philip continues to work at improving student outcomes while working with our fiscal committees to ensure appropriate allocation of your tax dollars.

Students at King Philip Regional High School have over 20 AP courses to select from. All students in the King Philip Regional School District by the time they have graduated have completed credits reflective of the State's established Mass Core which is a rigorous set of classes required for matriculation into state schools of higher education. Additionally, the district's student's successes in academic achievement can also be measured by their competitiveness for acceptance to post-graduate institutions of learning.

Community service initiatives remain a focus of King Philip High School demonstrating our commitment toward civic responsibility. KP Cares is a service organization that spans grades 9-12, where students give back to our students, families and community members who are struggling. Our Leo Club is the largest Leo Club in the world with well over 250 members at the high school level. KP Cares in association with all clubs and athletics played host to Relay for Life for the second year in a row. This year these groups honored Henry Carr at their Fight Back Festival.

King Philip Middle School:

Language Arts
We continue to implement fresh and innovative activities like interactive journals and technology-oriented storyboarding to enhance the experience of reading the beloved novels, The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton and The Giver, by Lois Lowry. The students were as engaged and excited about the classics as ever before. Over 100 language arts students submitted entries to the Norfolk Quill for their Teen Poetry Contest.
In 7th grade, we enhanced our independent memoir unit by having all students read *An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff, and every student selected his/her own memoir to read. Eighth grade students explored the dark and mysterious world of Edgar Allan Poe, reading several classic works from the Lord of Horror. They also immersed themselves into the world of theater and stretched their acting muscles as we read William Shakespeare's classic, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Students spent time in the auditorium learning about stage directions, theater terms, as well as Shakespeare's influence on modern day music.

A school-wide read, Echo, a Newbury Honor Award recipient, was selected for summer reading this year. Echo was part of a continued effort to educate about social injustices that have occurred through time.

**Math**
A Math League was again offered by the advisor, Mr. David Boll. The members were: Samantha Asprelli, Jack Bernier, Rasya Bollu, Declan Breen, Lily Brown, Harry Brown, Gina Brown, Nicholas Canning, Payton Foley, Andrew Longobardi, Delia Mahoney, William Matarano, Andrew McDevitt, Brooke Mullins, James Norton, Colín Sheeran, and Palina Yakimovich. King Philip competed against Franklin, Mansfield, Milton Academy, Milton Public, Norwood, and Sharon.

**New England Math League Competition**
Currently, our math program places in the top 15% in New England and is a top math school for performance in Norfolk County. Top Scorers from 6th Grade included: Lucas Morreale; Harry Brown; and Tyler Johnson. Top Scorers from 7th Grade included: Sheela Pandit, Connor Sachleben, Rasya Bollu, Matthew DiFiore, and Diego Nieto.

**Math-A-Thon**
King Philip Middle School seventh graders participated in St. Jude's Research Hospital Math-A-Thon for their 10th year! Overall students have raised in excess of $120,000 towards research and the cure of childhood cancers.

**History**
The seventh-grade ancient history team welcomed Mr. Timothy Montgomery, a student-teacher from Bridgewater State University, to King Philip Middle School. Mr. Montgomery was mentored by Mrs. Denise Ryan.

**Science**
Highlights of the year for seventh grade included but are not limited to: a compound campaign, composing song lyrics to teach about characteristics of life, examining slides of cells under a microscope, modeling respiration with a bottle and a balloon, showing mitosis in cells with cookies and frosting, DNA replication flip books, and genetic disorder projects were just a few of the many fascinating topics covered in the natural science curriculum.
In eighth grade the fall focus was on life science, including ecology, natural selection and biomes. Winter and spring topics were earth science and physical science. Students celebrated the years end by constructing cars almost entirely out of paper, then raced the cars down a 16 foot ramp that ends in a brick “wall”.

The Science department worked with consultant, Professor John Papadonis, Cambridge College to align with new MA 2016 standards.

**World Languages**
As a way to highlight global poverty and needs around the world, Spanish students participated in lessons from “Living on One Dollar a Day”. Later, we connected with Peace Corps volunteer Patrick Sephton from Amherst, MA and were able to raise $485.00 to support the village Buena Vista, in Cocle, Panama. Throughout the year, we were able to correspond with him and our donations went towards the construction of a potable water project. In Buena Vista, the Peace Corps dug through 5 kilometers of jungle to arrive at the town. Students also sent a care package filled with letters and treats (stickers, barrettes etc.) for the kids and a mosquito net and a water filter- all donated by kids.

The French classes took a trip to Newport, RI to tour some of the historic mansions modeled after French Chateaus. They had a wonderful day and learned about the history of the architecture and interior design and the influence of the French in the United States.

Additionally all world language students have learned about holidays, foods, festivals and other aspects of culture and trivia from many countries and report being able to use the languages “in their real lives”. We are delighted with the progress and the global connections our students have made.

**Unified Arts**
**Media Arts (Mr. Dan Allen)**
Students in Media Arts increased their awareness of Distracted Walking; Energy Conservation and Energy Efficiency; Anti-Aggression and Anti-Bullying in School; and ways in which the world can be changed using environmentally friendly resources. All of their learning resulted in extraordinary team based public service announcements.

Students from **Announcements Club** and **Media Arts Classes** filmed and edited **Friday Video Announcements** to be shown to the entire school population each week. The Announcements were also posted on the KPMS YouTube channel for students and parents to view at home or on their devices.

Students from **Student Council** and **Media Arts Classes** filmed and edited a new **KPMS Student Orientation Video** to be shown to all incoming 6th graders and their parents during school visits from all three sending towns.
Students filmed and edited video from many school activities and projects in all academic areas, to be used in class as instructional video or as a highlight or culminating activity for the program.

**STEM Accomplishments (Mrs. Susan Hall)**
The STEM curriculum is continually evolving with changes in standards and technologies. Grade seven STEM students completed several units through engineering challenges and computer programs. A highlight of this year's program was the incorporation of "Future Goals", an online STEM program. The National Hockey League (NHL) and the National Hockey League Players’ Association (NHLPA) and the Boston Bruins partnered to launch the Future Goals program, a North-American initiative that provides students with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education opportunities. The program brings cutting-edge, digital learning opportunities into classrooms at no cost, and prepares today’s students to be the innovators and leaders of tomorrow.

Hockey Scholar is a new course launched as part of the Future Goals Program that leverages highly interactive gameplay and the sport of hockey to teach students to understand important Science, Technology, Engineering and Math concepts. The course utilizes an exploratory learning approach, exposing students to foundational STEM concepts, scientific thinking and data/graphical analysis through real-life STEM applications.

Susan Hall wrote and received a grant to purchase a 3D printer. The grant was funded by Merck, a pharmaceutical company with offices in Milford, MA who support STEM education initiatives. Her students are learning 3D modeling and will print their creations on the new printer. Additionally, she is working with the Boston Red Sox on a STEM Day at Fenway Park. The inaugural day was held April 18 where students dropped protected eggs off of the Green Monster. Next year's STEM Day will incorporate many more activities.

**Music Program**
(KPMS Band Highlights)
This school year has brought many accomplishments to the band and choral program at King Philip Middle School. The King Philip Marching Band won the US Bands Group 3 National Championship. Five KPMS Students were selected to participate in the Southeast District Honor Bands and choirs: Maddie Cron, Matthew Beatty, Declan Derfier-Murphy, Hayden Holster, Maddie Soares. Both the 7th and 8th Grade Bands under the direction of Mr. Michael Keough received gold medals at the MICCA Concert Festival. In a culminating award winning music experience, the University of Massachusetts Amherst Wind Ensemble came for a day of clinics with the middle school bands and our students engaged in an concert with them. Ben Webster, KPMS alum and now professional musician and composer, was commissioned by the band to write Dulce Kantiga, that was featured at this performance. From amongst 500 bands, the 8th Grade Band was selected to perform at the Massachusetts All-State Music Festival.
Students in both the Honors Chorus and the 7th and 8th Grade Chorus under the direction of Mr. Ryan DeWolfe had a fantastic Spring Concert performance at the high school on Thursday, March 16th. This concert was a combination of performances from both the middle and high school choruses. This was also the first year that the King Philip Choral Program offered an opportunity for the elementary school students to participate in a choral workshop. The elementary students performed with the middle and high school choruses at the Spring Concert.

Students in the 7th and 8th Grade Chorus had a successful performance at the MICCA competition and brought home a gold medal. The Honor Chorus earned a silver medal as this MICCA competition. This was the first year that the Honor Chorus participated in the MICCA Choral Festival.

Finally, this successful music year concluded with students in the choral program performing popular musical selections at our Middle School Pops Concert held on May 30th.

**King Philip Middle School:**
**Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities**

**DRAMA CLUB (Mrs. Osborne, Mr. DeWolfe, Ms. Duffy, Mr. Jones)**

The KP Drama Club enjoyed another successful year with their spring production of *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* This year’s musical was record-setting, not only with a cast size of nearly ninety students and a tech crew of twenty, but with four sold-out performances before the curtain went up opening night, on March 24th. The middle school drama club continues to attract our many artistic 7th and 8th grade students and offers them the opportunity to showcase their talents on and off the stage.

Makayla Hickey, Sarah James, Shannon Kearns, Mia Morganelli, Cassidy Muldowney, Molly O'Brien, Lauren Nee, Molly Pillar, Sydney Pochay, Mia Morganelli and Shannon Kearns.

Working hard behind the scenes included the middle School tech crew included: Meghan Breen, Camryn Cooper-Noyes, Holly Clement, Christian Dadasis, Jalal Elbatal, Paige Dhillion, Jessica Haehnel, Eric Howells, Kylie Lindo, Molly Lindo, Tyler Mattson, Nicholas Mullen, Evan McGuire, Ezra Park, Graham Randall, Sierra Raegan, Zach Sorel, Sam Tobar-Fawley, Sam Woodward, and Annika Yanoshak. KPMS appreciated the support of the high school mentors: Josie Talerman, Sophia Maglio, Piper LaPointe, Michael Sweetman, Philip Kaelbling, Chris Currier, Abbey Citarella and Sarah Seaburg.

**Student Council Accomplishments 2016-2017**
This year, Whitney Hartwell and Jenna Brady led a Student Council of thirteen students, 7 seventh grade students and 6 eighth grade students. The eighth-grade students were Charlie Agricola, Thomas Beck, Marin Cormier, Yousef Lotfi, Lindsey Moskal and Aly Wood. The seventh-grade students were Flynn Duffy, Jalal Elbatal, Andrew LaBerge, Piper McKerrow, Sydney O'Shea, Tim Raisman and Jack Tobichuk.

The Student Council opened with a Sock and Blanket Drive. In November, they collected food for the King Philip Food Drive. On November 23rd, the Student Council led the school in a King Philip Amazing Race: Warrior Edition and planned a school-wide Pep Rally. In December students sold Candy Canes in the cafeteria for $1 to raise money for families in need for the holidays. A Coat Drive was held in January. The Student Council also put on a Book Drive in February, as well as hosted a Basketball Tournament to raise money for The WaWa Project, a non-profit organization providing children with disabilities in Ghana, West Africa with an education. On March 2nd, the Student Council participated in Read Across America. They ran a Penny Challenge, collecting money for Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In April Beads of Hope were sold for $1 to benefit the Pan Mass Challenge. The Student Council also had students write thank you cards for teachers on apples in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. In addition, they assembled Teacher Appreciation goody bags to give out on May 4th. In May the Student Council helped sixth graders tour the middle school.

**Science Club**
The Science department organized the 3rd annual Lip Sync Battle to benefit Huntington’s Disease. Over the past few years this event has raised over $500 for HDSA. Annually, we have about 80 students participating in the science club.

**KPMS Ski & Snowboard Club 2017 (Coordinator: Mr. Dan Allen)**
The KPMS Ski & Snowboard Club spent Wednesday nights at Wachusett Mountain again last winter. We had 262 students and 20 chaperones participate in ski club this year! We took over the mountain with our 6 motor coaches and almost 300 KPMS skiers rolling in each week. Students of all ability levels were welcome to participate in Ski Club. Some students had never skied before and took beginner lessons, some
advanced their skills as intermediate skiers, and some are already weekend ski racing experts.

**KPMS Friday Video Announcements Club 2017 (Advisors: Mr. Dan Allen, Ms. Lisa McIntyre, and Mr. Kory Kotouch)**

The KPMS Friday Video Announcements Club met every Wednesday to film the Friday Video Announcements, which were shown to students during homeroom each week. Even though this was a drop-in club (students may attend any weeks they are available and skip others), we did have a great core group who attended almost every week. Some of the mainstays were:

Matthew Beatty, Alyssa Boucher, Andrew Campanella, Noah Crowley, Valerie Dickinson, Michael Earls, Randy Hepburn, Samir Ihjul, Courtney Imbaro, Jillian Lemieux, Caleb McKearney and Graham Randall.

Congratulations to our outstanding newscasters. You did a great job!

**Student Ambassadors (Advisors Mr. Jones & Ms. McIntyre)**

The year began by welcoming more than sixty students to the program, spanning both seventh and eighth grade. The new Student Ambassadors worked to promote the first of their projects during the year, World Kindness Week, which took place in mid-November. Shortly after World Kindness Week, the Student Ambassadors assisted the KPMS Student Council in the planning and the execution of the fifth annual pep-rally for KPMS Spirit Day, held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break.

The Student Ambassadors continued taking the trip to Maples Rehabilitation Center in Wrentham, Massachusetts throughout the year. During this time Student Ambassadors socialized, crafted, and sang with the residents of the center, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The Student Ambassadors continued their involvement in Project 351, a statewide program that empowers teens to make change and progress within their community. Eighth graders Jackson Fletcher, Katarina Schneider, and Ryan Boucher represented KPMS and the Student Ambassadors by being the Project 351 ambassadors for KPMS and the communities of Wrentham, Norfolk, and Plainville. To support Jackson, Katarina, and Ryan in their endeavor to create a spring service event to collect clothing and other goods for Cradles to Crayons, the Student Ambassadors sponsored a clothing drive as well as their third annual dodgeball tournament at the end of March. Over 150 students participated in the tournament and many other students spectated and supported their classmates during the event. Overall, the event was a tremendous success, with 54 bags of clothing and $1,353.03 being donated for Cradles to Crayons.

The KPMS Student Ambassadors concluded their year by hosting a luncheon for some of KPMS's other unsung heroes in June. The KPMS Student Ambassadors recognized the support, hard work, and effort of the KPMS secretaries, nurses, bus drivers,
custodians, and tech department by providing lunch as well as small tokens of their appreciation on this afternoon. Overall, the Student Ambassadors had a successful year of growth and look forward to continue growing next year.

**Pokemon Club**
Mr. Kotouch had another successful year advising the Pokemon club. Participation in the Pokemon club tripled in number this year! The club’s goal is to allow Pokemon players to unite as a community and to enjoy the fun-filled game that it is. The Pokemon club intends to achieve this purpose through weekly meetings, occasional movie-screenings, and occasional tournaments.

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STAFF RECOGNITIONS:**
We had several teachers complete their Masters of Education: Mrs. Alison Reyes for Middle School Language Arts from American International College, Ms. Shelby Russell for English Language Learners from Framingham State University, and Ms. Lisa McIntyre for Special Education from American International College. Mrs. Hall continues to pursue her doctorate in Middle School STEM teaching and learning.

**Middle School Staff Changes:**
We welcomed two new colleagues to the eighth-grade ELA department: Mr. Conor Jacobsen, M. Ed. joined us after spending four years teaching seventh grade here at KPMS, and Ms. Lauren Duffy who spectacularly filled in as a long-term substitute for Mrs. Christine Longden's maternity leave.

We also welcomed Mrs. Jamie Osborne, M.S, an experienced eighth grade teacher of many years here at KPMS, to the seventh-grade department. Additionally, student teacher, Elizabeth Manguso from Bridgewater State University was mentored by our tech savvy seventh grade teacher, Melinda Parker, M.Ed., MA. And finally, we welcomed long-term substitute Sarah Bond, who was instrumental in allowing our talented Susan Stoller to retire from the department after thirty-six years of exceptional teaching.

**King Philip Middle School:**
**Student Academic Achievements**

KPMS was proud to have two eighth grade students published for their outstanding poetry in the Norfolk Quill Poetry Periodical: Leah Smith and Alexis Manning.

This was our 7th time taking students to the MIT trivia challenge. This year's team consisted of Rasya Bolli, Jacob Brawley, Hayden Kozola, Lucas Morreale, and Andrew Pham.
King Philip Regional High School:
Student Academic Achievements

The students at King Philip Regional High School have been outstanding in their academic accomplishments! 84% of our 2017 graduating class went on to four-year colleges, and another 6% went on to attend two-year colleges. Our students in the Class of 2017 are attending, Cornell University, Brown, Tufts University, Penn State, Northeastern University, and Wentworth Institute of Technology just to name a few. Senior Brett Mazur received two congressional nominations being accepted to both Annapolis and West Point. Brett chose West Point. Jillian Heasley was named as a National Merit Scholar. Sonia Deodas, John Dewitt, Stephen Malacaria, Elizabeth McGinn and Kevin Sanderson were awarded commended status in the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

The Class of 2017 was proud to name Eshan Patel as Valedictorian and Voravich Silapachairueng as our Salutatorian. Sierra Corso and Jaron May made King Philip High School History when Sierra won the Gold Scholastic Art Competition and Jaron May was elected as the International DECA president. John DeLuca and Brett Mazur were selected to the All State Academic Team. These two football players were among the top 33 football scholastic athletes in Massachusetts.

Shane Quinn was the top scorer in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute Math Invitational winning himself a $1,000 scholarship should he attend WPI. Nathaniel Holmes was the author of a TOP TEN essay! The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History awarded both KP and Nathaniel a cash prize for his fine work. Senior Allison Carlow was recognized for perfect attendance throughout her KP Career! Zaymee Syeda received an award from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese for her excellence in Spanish.

Our phenomenal art department represents strongly at the Scholastic Art Contest. Haleigh Bolduc, Allison Carlow, Sierra Corso, Sarah Durno, Jason Hehn, Rachel Mancour, Isobel McCue, Amy Provencher and Katherine Tobichuk all placing in this prestigious contest.

King Philip High School DECA program at the 2016 International Career Development Conference was named international champion again at the conference held in Anaheim, CA.

Nicholas Sammarco and Nicholas Simmons for sports and entertainment promotion and Meghan Piller, Katherine Tobichuck and Taylor Peterson for Learn and Earn all won within the top ten! Ashley Geurtin and Jaron May were awarded the National DECA Emerging Leaders Award and Jaron with Ashley as his campaign manager was elected as the President of International DECA for 2017-2018. Jaron is the first student from Massachusetts to be elected to this prestigious position.
KPTV swept the 2017 National Student Television Academy of Arts and Sciences Emmy Awards! Isabel Agricola, Sarah Butts, Tim Crowley, Jaron May and Jackson Pepper all were honored at WGBH in Boston where they picked up their National Student Television Academy Awards.

King Philip Regional High School:
Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

Athletically, we demonstrated our KP Pride with the following victories: Our Warrior Football program won the State Championship, Boys and Girls Swim, Boys Soccer, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, and Girls Softball were Hockomock League Champions and all went on to play in the state tournament. Finally, KP Coach John Adams and Senior wrestler Nick DeGloria achieved their 100th victory together! Bradley Oliveira is a State Champion for Wrestling.

King Philip is rich in programs that focus on giving back to others. KP Cares is a club that is active all year long with events such as Luminary Night, White Out Cancer and “Chop to Stop/Shave to Save.” Chop to Stop/Shave to Save is a great event; KP Cares invited volunteers from local hair salons to set up in the cafeteria and shave heads or cut participants hair; each of these events donated all raised funds to the Jimmy Fund, local families battling cancer and raising childhood cancer awareness. KP Cares hosts Operation Dress Up by reaching out to families for donations of prom gowns, shoes and accessories. Volunteers offer to tailor the gowns, and the library becomes a boutique for a night of shopping for those who need financial help with prom attire. These are just a few of the many, many things KP Cares brings to the KP family.

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils, King Philip was awarded designation of Gold Council of Excellence, one of the highest awards a council can achieve! Our award winning Student Council is involved in many exciting happenings! Their focus is on enhancing our school community and the KP Community as a whole. Events such as Spooktacular and the Easter Bunny Breakfast fill our high school with young children that will eventually roam our halls.

King Philip Model UN represented King Philip High School well throughout their competition season. St. John’s Preparatory hosted the first conference of the year. Danielle Devine was awarded Best Orator, Jake Webster Best Diplomat and Jack DeWitt Best Overall Delegate! Later in the season at the UMASS MUN XVI KP won the award for Best Large Delegation with Jake Webster winning Best Delegate-UNFCC, Emily Walsh-Best Delegate-Press Corps, and Kat Livar Outstanding Delegate-DISEC. Finally, in their last competition, Chessa Mackenzie and Daniel Ray took home 1st place for the Best Delegates.

KP Drama and GAPS’ is always entertaining! King Philip Drama presented “The Hound of Baskervilles” in the Fall and “Rowan & Martin’s Laugh In” in the Spring under the direction of Mr. Joseph Ferriera.
Our music program excels in all endeavors! "The Pride and the Passion" competed in the US Bands Northeast Regional and National Marching Band Competitions. Their production, "Bella Rose" won the US Bands Division III New England Championship, and the US Bands Division III National Championship. Our band was a MICCA State Gold medalist while our chorus took the Silver medal. The following students were accepted into the Massachusetts Music Educators Association All-State Program: Griffin Boynton-Voice, Timothy McQuaid-Clarinet, Andrew Buckley-Trombone, Kevin Yu-French Horn, W. Fisher Steinbrecher-Percussion.

**High School Staff Changes:**
The high school added several new teachers; Ms. Mallory Howard—Guidance Department, Ms. Anna Balaschi—World Language Department, Ms. Julianna Fernandez—World Language Department, Ms. Kathleen Gonsalves—Science Department, Ms. Elizabeth Hocking—Science Department, Ms. Theresa Brooks—Special Education Department, Ms. Michelle Leach—School Psychologist, Ms. Jennifer Newman—School Adjustment Counselor, Mr. Russell Booth—Math Department, Mr. Connor Bourgoin—English Department, Ms. Allison Bisio—School Adjustment Counselor, Ms. Missy Taddeo—Teaching Assistant, Mr. Christopher Brown—Teaching Assistant, Mr. Jeffrey Fountain—Teaching Assistant.

**King Philip Regional School Committee:**

The King Philip Regional School Committee has continued to work with the three member towns of Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham, to develop a responsible budget while offering King Philip Regional School District students the best possible educational and extracurricular programs. The School Committee has remained sensitive to local budget constraints and continues to be transparent with its budget and with the school district's requirements. On behalf of the School Committee, thank you for your continued support as we strive to provide our young people with a solid foundation for success in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Zielinski

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski, Superintendent
King Philip Regional School District