



# King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

Date: October 16, 2023

Re: Superintendent's Update

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## **First KPRHS 2023-2024 Peer Mentor Social**

After school on September 27th I attended the first Peer Mentor Social of this school year (see photo below). Thanks go out to advisors Pat Dennis and Lisa Halloway, as well as our many other staff and student volunteers, for leading and participating in this program. The goal of the peer mentoring program is to strengthen student ties to the community. Peer mentors serve as role models to some of our students with IEPs by providing support and friendship during the school day as well as during monthly meetings, field trips, and school activities. There are over 100 KP students in our peer mentoring program, including some students from our 18-22 year-old Links program, as well as some of our out-of-district students.



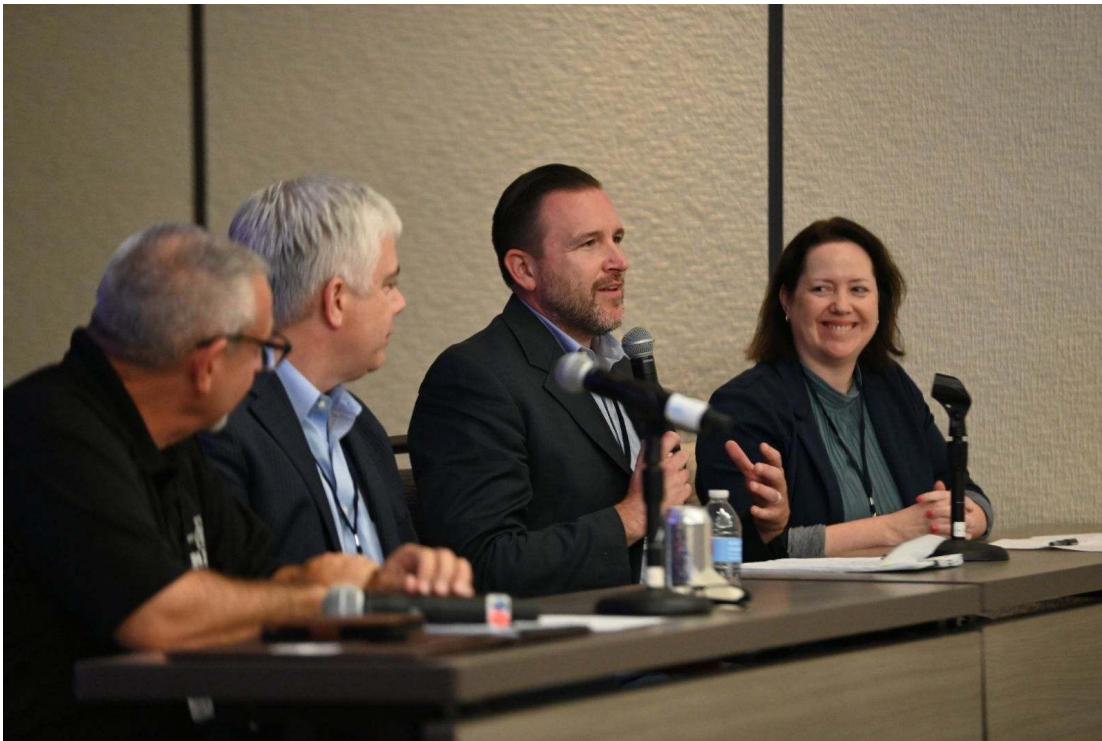
## **Bill Rice**

Also on September 27th I met with Bill Rice. Mr. Rice was a legendary King Philip teacher, administrator, coach, and athletic director. He retired from our district as the middle school principal a number of years ago. During our meeting I learned a lot from him, as he shared a lot of great historical information about our King Philip Regional School District. Pictured below is a photo of some of our KP student-athletes running in their JV cross country match against Milford, which I attended last Tuesday afternoon that took place at the *William A. Rice Recreation Complex* (named after him). It was a great day to go since it also happened to be “Senior Day.” In addition, I wanted to share an example of a weekly video segment that Ms. Greenleaf and her students produce here at KPRHS as part of the [King Philip Sports Network](#) (KPSN segment from 10-6-23)



## **New England Association of School Superintendents Conference**

October 4th through October 6th I attended the New England Association of School Superintendents (NEASS) Annual Conference, which was held this year in Newport, RI. This 205th annual conference is interestingly the oldest annual superintendents' conference in the country, which was first held in the 1800's when superintendents traveled to get there by horse and buggy. The theme for this year's conference was: *Courage to Lead: "We cannot control the wind, but we can direct the sail."* There were a record number of attendees at the conference this year and besides attending some good sessions, I was also able to present on a panel, facilitated by retired KP Superintendent Zinni, about effective communication for school leaders (see photo below).



## **Meeting with Wrentham Town Administrator**

On October 12th I met with Kevin Sweet, Wrentham's Town Administrator. We had a great meeting and discussed things such as Wrentham's past building renovations (Town Hall and Public Safety Building) and the new [Roderick School Building Project](#). I have now met with all Town Administrators from each of our three towns.

## **Monthly Superintendent-Principal Visits Beginning**

On Oct. 13th I met with KPRMS Principal Ms. Kreuzer for a couple hours. We discussed school happenings, reviewed her draft goals, and visited some classrooms. Next week I will conduct a similar superintendent-principal visit at KPRHS with Ms. Bottomley.