



King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

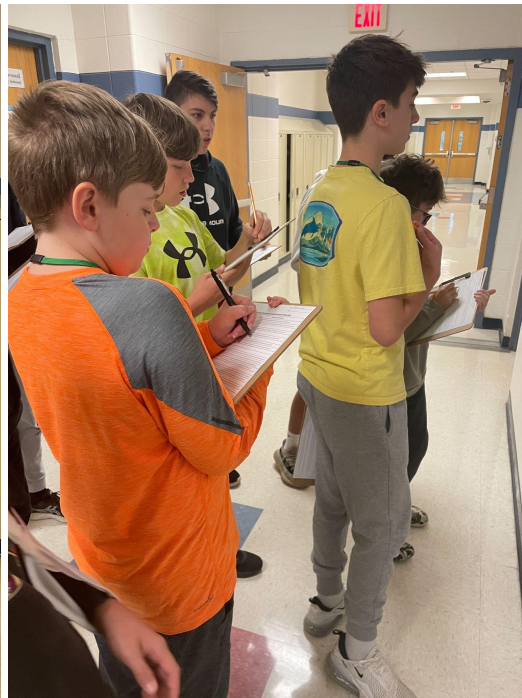
From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

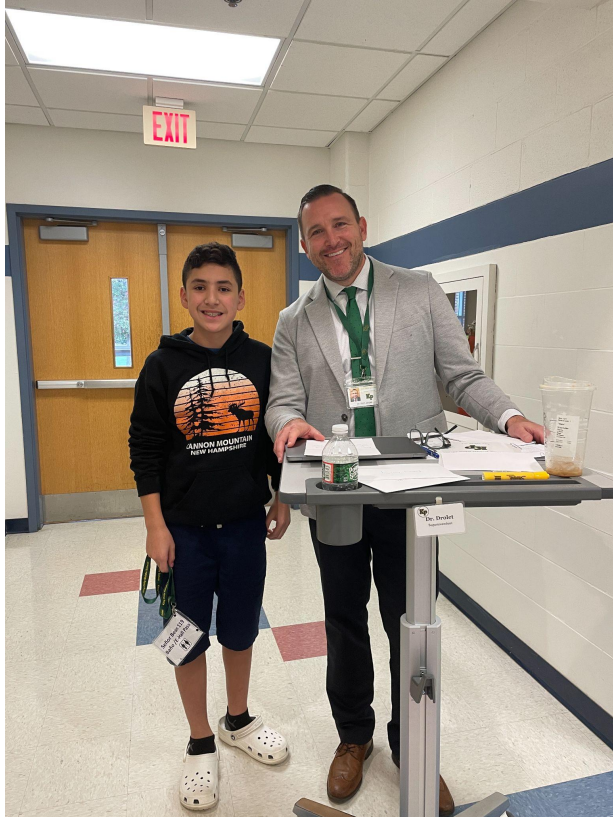
Date: November 6, 2023

Re: Superintendent's Update

King Philip Regional Middle School Superintendent Residency

I spent the week of October 16th through October 20th inside King Philip Regional Middle School. Well managed by our teachers, staff, custodians, food service providers, secretaries, and administrators, I enjoyed speaking with and getting to know some middle school students and many middle school staff members throughout the week. One of the highlights included participating along with staff wearing orange on Wednesday the 18th to participate in “Unity Day” in support of anti-bullying (led by Assistant Principal Mr. Connors). See some photos below.





Marching Band Performance

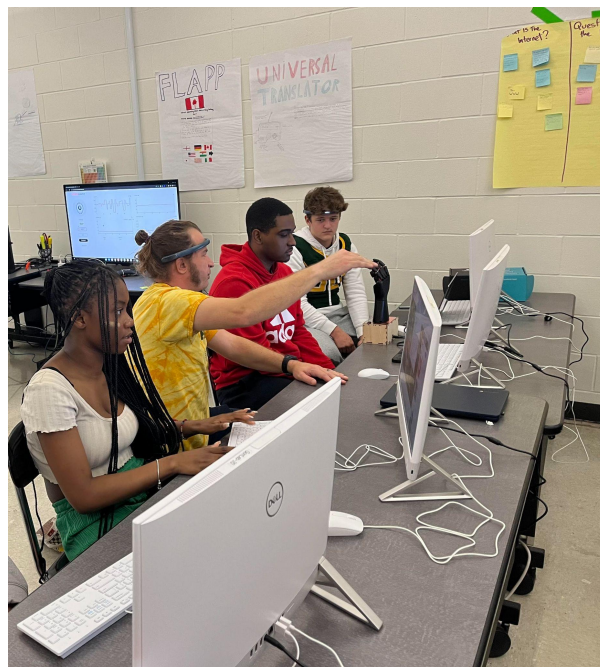
On October 27th, I attended the King Philip Regional High School Marching Band's final 2023 home performance on Mactaz Field as they practiced before their Bands of America trip to compete in New Jersey on October 28th. Their *da Vinci's Dream*

performance was very creative and well executed! See below for a post-performance photo of some of our Marching Band student performers.



Oct. 20th Commissioner Riley Visits KPRMS for STEM Week

On October 20th Dr. Gilson helped to coordinate a DESE visit to our King Philip schools. DESE representatives visited Dr. Hall's middle school class in which her class simulated food growth on the moon. And at the high school Mr. Gorr, pictured below with three of his students, shared a lesson incorporating robotic hands and brain controlled interfaces - if you look closely you can see the robotic hand and as well as Mr. Gorr and some of his students with their neuromaker headbands on. Here is the [Press Release](#) we shared.



Meeting with State Senator Rausch and State Representative Vaughn

On October 27th I met with our district's State Senator Rebecca (Becca) Rausch and her assistant Aidan Doherty. We spoke about advocating for state funding for public education and she also hosted a Town Hall event at Norfolk Town Hall on October 30th which you were invited to. Then on Friday, November 3rd I met with our district State Representative Marcus Vaughn. I learned about his background, how he moved from North Attleboro to Wrentham, and he spoke about a couple bills he was sponsoring. Mr. Vaughn expressed his support for our schools. It was invaluable to get Mr. Vaughn's feedback as a parent and community member. Pictured below is a photo of myself with Senator Rausch and a photo of Representative Vaughn, who spoke last Wednesday morning at our Annual DECA ceremony at the high school.



DECA Ceremony and Breakfast

As just mentioned, on November 1st Mr. Dow and our DECA students hosted a wonderful ceremony and breakfast. Besides Senator Vaughn, School Committee member Mr. Harmon attended, and KPRHS Principal Ms. Bottomley gave opening remarks. New students from each grade level were inducted into and new DECA officers for this school year were appointed and sworn in. After the ceremony, parents and DECA constituents were invited to and treated to a delicious breakfast. I would like to acknowledge and congratulate senior Ashleigh Guenette for being named this year's DECA President. She gave a great speech and I would like to thank Mr. Dow for leading such an exemplary DECA chapter and program at our high school. A couple photos from the DECA ceremony are on the top of the next page.



More Fall Sports Games

On October 17th, I was able to attend some of the home Unified Basketball game vs. Taunton as well as the Girl's Soccer game vs. Attleboro (see photos below). Although some fall teams' seasons have ended, a few are still competing in the playoffs!



STEM Night, Trunk or Treat, and Band Night

On the evening of October 26th, I visited KPRHS to see our “STEM Night” in the library coordinated by Science National Honor Society Advisor Ms. Elizabeth Hocking and our SNHS students. I also got to visit the Trunk or Treat event, which was coordinated by Ms. Snead and our Student Council members. Our Marching Band also performed as part of “Band Night” on the turf. See below for some photos which include a familiar face, former KPRSD School Committee member Christopher Brenneis who volunteered at STEM Night.

