



King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

Date: January 22, 2024

Re: Superintendent's Update

School Resource Officer Todd Schwalbe and KPRHS Staff

On behalf of Ms. Bottomley and King Philip High School, I would like to take a minute to recognize our beloved SRO Todd Schwalbe. As you may know by now, on Jan. 4th Officer Schwalbe handled a difficult medical situation with the utmost leadership, care, and support. He did not hesitate to apply life-saving measures to help a student in need. We are so incredibly grateful for Officer Schwalbe not just for this heroic act, but also for everything he does on a daily basis walking the halls, connecting with students, and helping us to provide a learning environment that makes all students feel safe. To quote Ms. Bottomley, "We are incredibly grateful for Officer Schwalbe' quick response, professionalism, and calm demeanor during a tense and scary situation for many."



In addition to SRO Schwalbe, we would also like to recognize five other staff members who have been invited to be recognized this evening: custodian Tom Lawler, custodian Steve Cline, nurse Tara Esposito, assistant principal Kip Lewis, and counselor Stephanie Doucett. Each of these individuals played an integral part in securing help and supporting the student and our high school. And finally, we also wanted to acknowledge our wonderful students, as well as Gary Brown, Karen Archambault, and Jill Poirier.

Update Regarding Future Possible Dedications

At a previous School Committee meeting, Mr. Wolloff spoke about naming and dedicating the fine and performing arts wing of the high school after an individual. Since then as you know, Bill Rice also reached out about naming our tennis courts after two individuals. Both Mr. Wolloff and Mr. Rice were given the nomination forms as part of our School Committee Policy related to when we get a request like this. We have both nomination forms back from Mr. Wolloff and Mr. Rice and this information will likely be in your packets for the next School Committee meeting. Per the policy, Mr. Lehan and myself will meet with Mr. Rice and Mr. Wolloff (separately) this week, then place the dedication request on a future School Committee agenda after meeting with them. After that, I would announce through local news outlets the intent to name the fine and performing arts wing/tennis courts after these individuals and invite members of the community to comment to me in writing or appear before the School Committee at its following meeting. After that, the School Committee will meet with the petitioners at another scheduled School Committee meeting to listen to their explanation concerning the dedication request and take the request under advisement. Then lastly, at the following School Committee meeting you would make a determination and take a vote on the naming of the fine and performing arts wings/tennis courts (or hear other petitions for naming the fine and performing arts wing/tennis courts if they have been submitted).

Youth Leadership Summit

I want to recognize some of our amazing student leaders who Dr. Nerlino reported did a fantastic job presenting at the MIAA/MSAA Youth Leadership Summit at Holy Cross on Friday. These high school students share a commitment to making schools safer and more inclusive for everyone. They are compassionate students who inspire and instill hope in others. Dr. Nerlino reported how many audience members (both educators and students) came up to talk to them after their presentation, singing their praises. While these students could have opted to not attend the summit because then they would not have had to make up their ALEs from missing school Friday morning, they still chose to participate. Besides Dr. Nerlino, a shout out also goes out to Mr. Wolloff, Ms. Pickart, and Ms. Dougias for their flexibility in allowing the students to participate in this event and make up their ALEs. Some of our student leaders are pictured on the next page.



Superintendent Evaluation Process Training

Now I will provide a brief overview of how to use the [Summative Superintendent Evaluation Form](#). This training should (1) familiarize you with form, (2) give you a better understanding of the four standards you will rate me on, (3) give you a better understanding of how you will rate me on the progress toward my goals, and (4) help you determine how to individually rate my overall summative performance. Before or around the time of the next School Committee meeting, I will submit all of my reflections, evidence, and artifacts to you. You will then have about three weeks to read through everything and then complete and submit your overall summative performance rating to Mr. Lehan and Ms. Petit, who will then compile your ratings and determine an overall rating based on an average of your nine individual performance ratings.

FY25 Budget Narrative

Here is a link to my initial [FY25 budget narrative](#), which will continue to be updated in the next month. Ultimately, an updated version of this initial narrative will be shared with the three Town Administrators and the community in order to provide more detailed information about our King Philip Regional School District's 2024-2025 budget proposal.