



# King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

Date: February 5, 2024

Re: Superintendent's Update

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## **Congratulations to our Project 351 Ambassadors**

Tonight I would like to start my update by recognizing our annual Project 351 8th grade nominees: Liliana Lopes from Norfolk (parents Kristin and Christopher), Addison Kavanah from Plainville (parents Linda and Matthew), and Matigan Roach from Wrentham (parents Shannon and Kevin). Project 351 is a great program which Ms. Kreuzer and I fully support. Project 351 models service learning and civic engagement, and serves as a platform for students to value empathy, kindness, and inclusion. Project 351 Ambassadors are often unsung heroes and quiet leaders. Project 351 engages youth at a critical stage in their development, and helps to build courage and compassion. Our students joined ambassadors from all other 351 towns/cities in Massachusetts on January 13th, along with some Project 351 alumni such as our Student Council School Committee representative Aiden Shaughnessy, for their annual "Launch Day." Thank you to Ms. McIntyre and Mr. Jones from King Philip Middle School for serving as co-advisors for our student ambassadors. And I also want to acknowledge their parents here tonight for raising such wonderful students who we enjoy educating and working with every day. Pictured below on the next page is Principal Kreuzer, Matigan, Addison, and Liliana.



### **Superintendent Evaluation Process Training**

As a follow-up from our last Jan. 22nd School Committee Meeting, I will now provide a final overview of how to use the [Summative Superintendent Evaluation Form](#). As mentioned at our last meeting, 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. Tonight I will give you hard copies and also submit all of my reflections, evidence, and artifacts to you electronically (you will only get to see the linked artifacts/evidence by using the electronic documents). You will then have two weeks to read through everything and complete your individual summative evaluation. Please complete and submit your overall summative performance rating to Mr. Lehan and Ms. Petit by Tuesday, Feb. 20th. They will then compile your ratings and determine a final summative rating for you to vote on at the next Feb. 26th School Committee Meeting.

### **Update Regarding Future Possible Dedications**

Mr. Lehan and myself met with Mr. Rice and Mr. Wolloff separately on Jan. 24th. The next step in following the [School Committee Policy](#) related to dedications is for me through a Press Release to local news outlets to announce the intent to name the fine and performing arts wing/tennis courts after the individuals proposed and to invite members of the community to comment to me in writing or appear before the School Committee at the next School Committee Meeting. The School Committee will invite and meet with the petitioners (Mr. Wolloff and Mr. Rice) at the next School Committee meeting to listen to their explanation concerning the dedication request and take the request under advisement. Then lastly, at a subsequent School Committee meeting in March (or early April), you would make a determination and take a vote on the naming of the fine and performing arts wing/tennis courts (or hear other petitions for naming the fine and performing arts wing/tennis courts if they have been submitted).

### **Strategic Planning Update**

Next week on February 16th our Executive Leadership Team will have an introductory meeting with TLA (Teaching & Learning Alliance) representatives to discuss the first steps to begin to facilitate our next 2024-2029 District Strategic Plan. Here is a [document](#) which outlines major tasks that we will do in each step of the process. After this first introductory meeting, we will announce dates for our next District Strategic Planning meetings, which a few School Committee members will be invited to attend and participate in.

### **2024 Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Training Grant**

I am very pleased to announce that King Philip has been awarded a grant to help train our teachers and staff to build good habits and increase their awareness of deceptive techniques used by bad actors to gain unauthorized access to our protected systems. Thanks to Michael Bois and our technology team for facilitating this grant. Here is a link to our [Cybersecurity Awareness Training Grant Press Release](#) which provides more information.

### **Superintendent/Student Advisory Council**

On Jan. 23rd I met with a group of KPHS students whom Principal Bottomley and Oomiya Kawas from our Healthy KP Coalition had recommended. I am interested in hearing about our students' experiences at King Philip and I continue to strive to learn feedback for how we can continue to make KP a great district. I will begin to meet with these students on a monthly basis over lunch and in the future I also intend to meet with

some of our middle school students in a similar capacity. Below is a photo from my meeting with some of our high school student-leaders I met with.

