



# King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

Date: March 18, 2024

Re: Superintendent's Update

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## **Recognition of KPHS Senior Lakshya Jain**

Congratulations to KPHS Senior Lakshya Jain who was recently named a 2024 [Coca-Cola Scholar](#). You may remember Lakshya when he gave a presentation to us in the middle school library last August about AI (artificial intelligence). Each year there are over 100,000 applicants and just 150 high school seniors are selected to receive this \$20,000 college scholarship. These students exemplify superior leadership, service, and academics. They are known as change agents who positively impact others in their communities. Lakshya and other Coca-Cola Scholars will attend a weekend in Atlanta in April to participate in a Leadership Development Institute facilitated by program alumni.

## **Plainville FinCom Meeting**

On February 27th Mr. Azer and I met with Plainville's Finance Committee to present our FY25 budget. School Committee Vice Chair Mr. Cates was also in attendance. The presentation went well and we were able to answer all of their questions. We received positive feedback on our presentation from Plainville Town Administrator Brian Noble and Selectboard Chair Jeff Johnson. On March 27th at 7 PM we will also be presenting our FY25 budget to Norfolk's Advisory Committee.

## **Mural for Malia**

Under the direction of Principal Kreuzer and KPMS Fine Arts teacher Ari Barrett, a mural to honor Malia Jusczyk's legacy was started last Friday in the "purple team" hallway at KPMS. The mural will include a quote and a yellow "MJ" heart. Teachers and staff who expressed an interest in helping with the mural, including myself, will be helping to finish up the mural after school on Friday afternoons in the coming weeks.



### **Superintendent's Report of Entry Findings**

As mentioned in my [Entry Plan](#) I shared with you last summer, I planned to share some of my "Report of Entry Findings" this March or April. Based on the work we are about to embark on as part of our District Strategic Planning process, which includes data analysis and analyzing additional feedback through a survey which hundreds of people have taken, as well as focus groups involving many more community constituents, I will now plan to share my Report of Entry Findings later this summer as opposed to this spring. I think it's important to include feedback gained as part of the District Strategic Planning process in my Report of Entry Findings.

### **Fine and Performing Arts Wing Dedication**

As you know, following the [School Committee Policy](#) related to dedications, on February 6th I announced through a [Press Release](#) the intent to name the fine and performing arts wing after Peter Tileston, and invited members of the community to comment to me in writing or appear before the School Committee. At our last meeting, Mr. Woloff was here to explain his proposed dedication request. As School Committee members, you

were to then take his request under advisement. Tonight you will make a determination and take a vote on the naming of the fine and performing arts wing (or hear other petitions for naming the fine and performing arts wing if they have been submitted). Included in your packets are scores of email messages I have received from various community members in support of this dedication in honor of Mr. Tileston.

### **Strategic Planning Update**

Here is a [Press Release](#) which we shared with King Philip parents/guardians and community members two weeks ago to solicit feedback as part of the Strategic Planning process through a Focus Group and a survey. We are also doing Focus Groups with other KP constituents such as town officials, teachers, students, and administrators within the next week. As mentioned at our last meeting, I am now looking for up to 3 School Committee members (perhaps one from each town - could be fewer than 3) to serve as a member of our Strategic Planning Committee. As a reminder, here is a [document](#) which lists the Strategic Planning Committee meeting dates.