



King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee
From: Colleen Terrill, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum,
Instruction and Assessment
Date: June 9, 2025
Re: Assistant Superintendent's Update

Learning Walks at KPRMS

On May 28th Tri-Town Grade 6 and Grade 7 Science teachers met to address gaps and overlaps in their curriculum. Building on insights from learning walks held earlier in the year, the group identified areas of unnecessary repetition and topics lacking sufficient depth or timely introduction. Teachers engaged in a focused review of grade-level standards and held collaborative discussions to ensure a more cohesive progression of learning. The team plans to reconvene in the fall, as a few of the districts, including KPMS, are in the process of piloting new science programs and reviewing curriculum options.

On May 29th the Tri-Town Grade 6 elementary English Language Arts and Social Studies/History teachers participated in learning walks and vertical curriculum conversations with the KPMS teachers. The learning walk and curriculum conversations offered a valuable opportunity for educators to begin aligning instructional practices and expectations. Together, the team created a shared document listing the novels, stories, and poems used at each grade level to identify overlaps and explore ways to deepen and build upon prior learning. The day also fostered strong collaboration, with educators forming connections that have continued beyond the meeting. Teachers remain in contact, actively sharing resources and ideas as they refine instructional strategies, strengthen curriculum alignment, and grow a cross-district professional learning community.

Applied Learning Leadership Institute (ALLI)

On May 12, 2025, Principal Michelle Kreuzer, Curriculum Leader and Civics Teacher Sean Jones, Project Lead the Way STEM Teacher Liz Orlando, and I were awarded a grant of \$11,400 from the One8 Foundation to participate in the Applied Learning Leadership Institute (ALLI). This opportunity will allow us to deepen our work around student engagement and applied learning both of which align with our district's strategic plan.

We are proud to be one of only 19 districts in Massachusetts selected to take part in this institute. As we did this past school year, our team will visit schools to observe applied learning in action. These visits will provide valuable insight into how other educators are successfully engaging students through real-world, hands-on learning experiences. This first hand exposure will help inform and strengthen our ongoing efforts to enhance student engagement and expand applied learning opportunities across our district.

Local Staff Development Opportunities (LSDO)

On June 5, representatives from the 17 member districts that make up Local Staff Development Opportunities (LSDO) came together to collaborate and share ideas for expanding professional learning opportunities for educators across all our districts. KP is a new member of LSDO this year, we are excited to join a network committed to supporting educator growth and development. Our educators took advantage of a variety of opportunities including workshops, job-alike sessions, and specialized courses. This summer, our teachers will have access to professional learning experiences sponsored by LSDO.

Innovation Career Pathways for Business and Finance:

On May 6th our Innovation and Career Pathways Team — Jessica Nutter, Mallory Connors, Sean Skenyon, Shawn Geary, Cheryl Rowe, Cheryl Dittrich, Nicole Bottomley, Sam Hilton and myself — received notification that KPRHS was received word that we received official designation for the Innovation Career Pathways for Business and Finance grant. This is the final grant in the ICP process. Receiving the Innovation Career Pathways designation will allow us to purchase resources and materials to further develop our Business and Finance programs, expand internship opportunities, and enhance career exploration experiences for our students. This critical funding will help us continue building strong, real-world connections that will prepare our students for future success.

Fine Arts Night

The Fine Arts Night was held on Wednesday, June 4th, at KPMS.







Southwick Zoo

On Friday, June 6th, Fine Arts teacher Ari Barrett and members of the Art Club presented individually painted animal plaques created by students to be displayed at Southwick Zoo. These plaques were gifted to become a permanent part of the zoo's nature path.



