



To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Superintendent's Update

Date: December 15, 2025

KPHS Football Completes Undefeated Season with D3 Super Bowl Victory



King Philip Regional High School ended our 2025 Fall Athletic Season on December 5th by winning the MIAA Division III Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium, completing a remarkable undefeated season. The Warriors earned a 21-10 win over Hockomock league opponent North Attleboro to finish the year at 13-0 and claim their second state

title in three years. The team's season was defined by strong play on both sides of the ball. The Warriors outscored their opponents by a margin of 412-114. The Warriors were led by six senior captains: Brodie McDonald, Kyle Danson, Nate Crisci, Liam King, Tallan King, and Ryan Greenwood. The coaching staff is led by four-time Super Bowl Champion Brian Lee. Our football squad is composed of individuals who come together as a team. Our players are very talented, but they are even more disciplined, hard-working, and selfless. Coach Lee and our entire coaching staff lead our football team with determination and grit. They teach our student-athletes how to develop skills, persevere, work hard towards a goal, and also to respect the opponent and the game. I would like to acknowledge Athletic Director Gary Brown who said, "Our coaches are critical to the success of our programs and Coach Lee does a great job of teaching the game of football and life lessons that build character and great community members. We are incredibly proud of all our student-athletes and coaches. We are elated to see all their sacrifices rewarded with the football program's fourth state championship." The Super Bowl win came after a strong finish to the regular season. KP defeated rival Franklin 49-19 on Thanksgiving, giving the Warriors eight wins in the past ten Thanksgiving Day games vs. Franklin. KPHS Principal Nicole Bottomley added, "The entire school and community are incredibly proud of the accomplishments of our student athletes, coaches, and staff."

Here is a [link to the KPSN \(King Philip Sports Network\) Super Bowl 2025 Preview video](#). KPHS teacher Jodi Greenleaf and her students do a phenomenal job each week highlighting our athletic teams.

Norfolk Citizens Academy

On the night of December 4th Ms. Brilhante and I, along with Norfolk Elementary Superintendent Dr. Ingrid Allardi, presented information about education in Norfolk to the "Norfolk Citizens Academy" at the H. Olive Day Elementary School. This is a group of Norfolk residents that has been meeting weekly this fall to learn about many of Norfolk's municipal departments. I was able to discuss and share some of the great things happening in KP, as well as talk about our upcoming MSBA capital projects, how our budgeting and funding formula works, and also talk about many of the services we provide to our students. Here is a [link to my presentation](#).

Next Facilities Manager Sean Darling

I am pleased to announce the hiring of KP's new Facilities Manager, Sean Darling. Mr. Darling currently serves as the Facilities Supervisor for Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative, where his responsibilities include maintaining and repairing the interior and exterior of the properties, providing leadership and supervision of

custodians, and communicating with administrators regarding maintenance requests and financial planning. Prior to working at Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative, Mr. Darling worked for five years as a Maintenance Technician for the Millbury Public Schools. Sean grew up and currently resides in Uxbridge with his wife and four children. When he isn't working, he is dedicated to cheering on his kids at their many sports and activities, as well as enjoying camping with his family and being outdoors.



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Mr. Sean Darling started at KP today. Mr. Joe Zahner, whose last official day in KP will be Monday, January 5th, will be spending the next 2-3 weeks helping to onboard and train Mr. Darling in all things related to facilities management at our King Philip Regional Schools. I would like to publicly thank Mr. Zahner, who intends to pursue other career interests, for his many years of hard work and service to our King Philip Regional School District. Mr. Joe Zahner is and will always be KP at heart. Simply put, thank you Joe!

KPHS NHS (National Honor Society) and KPMS Inaugural NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) Induction Ceremonies

Last Thursday evening on December 11th, I attended the annual NHS Induction Ceremony at KPHS. I was fortunate to be able to thank our supportive families and also congratulate our 82 new high school National Honor Society student members, who joined our other 90 current NHS members at KPHS. And this Thursday evening, December 18th, I am excited and honored to attend and speak at our middle schools' inaugural National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) Induction Ceremony. 50 eighth graders will be inducted into KPMS' inaugural NJHS.

KPHS NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges)

Accreditation Visit

Last Sunday through Wednesday the NEASC Decennial Visiting Team came to our King Philip Regional High School. I would like to thank our four School Committee members (Cait Lanza, Bruce Cates, Eric Harmon, and Jim Lehan) for meeting with the NEASC Decennial Visiting Team on Sunday evening, December 7th, to talk about the great things happening in our high school, our Strategic Planning process last year, and also speak in general about KPHS from the School Committee's perspective. After meeting with School Committee members, the NEASC Decennial Visiting Team took a tour of our high school led by students, met with the school and district leadership teams, school counselors, teachers and department heads, and many students. They visited every classroom at KPHS. Some of our students also got to showcase some of their work with the NEASC Decennial Visiting Team! The NEASC Visiting Team then worked each night back at their hotel, drafting their report. Upon leaving on Wednesday, December 10th, they shared that draft report with us, which overall seemed very positive. We expect to receive their formal report in a few months, which will include commendations and recommendations. I would like to thank and acknowledge Principal Nicole Bottomley and her team, as well as teacher Rachel Faris, for all of her hard work and assistance in organizing this exhaustive visit which will lead to continued NEASC Accreditation for our King Philip Regional High School.

Mary Poppins Musical

On December 5th, 6th, and 7th many of our KPMS and KPHS students performed the Broadway musical Mary Poppins here in the KPHS auditorium. This musical performance was 3 hours of pure entertainment. The sets were spectacular, band performing live music in the pit was amazing, and the acting and singing of our students was absolutely phenomenal. Ms. Terrill, Ms. Kreuzer, Ms. Bottomley and I all attended the Sunday afternoon show and we were all so thoroughly impressed. Below is a photo of our students in action and I would like to thank and congratulate Director and Choreographer Courtney Bottomley, Music Director Ryan DeWolfe, Costume Production and Designer Bettina Pasquantonio, Grady Auditorium Production Manager Joseph Ferreira, and Fine and Performing Arts Director Joshua Wolloff. So many of our students performed admirably and impressively. It's hard to just name a couple, but I was particularly impressed with two of our main actors/singers Isabella Sharpe who starred as Bert and Annabelle Andre who starred opposite Bert as Mary Poppins (both centered in the photo below).

