



King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Colleen Terrill, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Date: March 9, 2026

Re: Assistant Superintendent's Update

PLTW Grant

On February 26, 2026, we were notified that we received a \$16,000 grant through Project Lead The Way (PLTW) to support the launch of *Introduction to Engineering* at KPHS. During the new course proposal process, Ms. Amy Remy expressed interest in teaching [PLTW's Introduction to Engineering](#) course, which prompted the district to apply for this grant opportunity.

The grant will cover three years of program fees, providing access to the curriculum as well as summer training for Ms. Remy. In the fall, we will also have the opportunity to apply for an additional grant to help offset the cost of supplies and provide further financial support to expand the course offering.

AI Working Group

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Generative AI have been popular topics in education over the past few years. As we work to understand new tools emerging on a daily basis, manage the safety of their use, and stay ahead of rapidly evolving technologies that students are already exploring, it has presented both opportunities and challenges. We are looking to develop common language, resources, and put guidance in place for teachers and students. Mr. Bois and I will be hosting our first AI Working Group this Thursday, March 12, 2026 to begin these discussions.

Professional Learning Afternoon

On Wednesday, March 11, 2026, our professional learning afternoon will focus on vertical alignment. The entire district will gather at the middle school so that staff can join their 7–12 grade level departments. The purpose of these meetings is to strengthen vertical alignment across the middle and high school by fostering open dialogue and developing shared goals that support greater coherence and improved student outcomes.

This type of collaboration has not occurred since prior to the pandemic, making it a valuable opportunity to reconnect across grade levels. High school department heads and middle school curriculum team leaders have been working together to plan the afternoon, and administrators will also be attending and supporting the meetings.

Open SciEd

As part of our ongoing work to implement the new middle school science curriculum, OpenSciEd next year, the district applied for a grant to support professional learning for our teachers.

Today, Michelle Kreuzer, the middle school science teachers Jamie Wilfert and Jen Adams, and I participated in an interview as part of the grant review process. Ms. Wilfert and Ms. Adams serve as our curriculum champions for OpenSciEd, and today they shared their perspectives, asked questions and sought information to be able to bring back to the science department.

We expect to hear within the next few weeks whether we have been selected to receive the grant funding, which would help provide professional learning opportunities to support high-quality implementation of OpenSciEd in our middle school classrooms beginning in the 2026/2027 school year.

KPMS Student Ambassadors

This morning, the middle school's Student Ambassadors traveled to Jackson Elementary in Plainville to participate in Read Across America Day. During their visit, the middle school students spent time in classrooms reading with and to our youngest learners, creating a meaningful opportunity for connection and a shared love of reading.







