

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA
REGULAR SESSION
APRIL 27, 2026
KING PHILIP REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - MEDIA CENTER
201 FRANKLIN STREET WRENTHAM MA 02093
7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** -Pledge of Allegiance
-Recorded by Wrentham Cable 8

2. **ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

3. **DELEGATIONS and VISITORS**

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Jill Brillhante, Ms. Colleen Terrill, Ms. Kyle Santos,
Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy, Ms. Venessa Petit

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anyone interested in commenting on an agenda item during the meeting or making a statement during the public comment period is asked to complete an information card and hand it to Mrs. Venessa Petit, School Committee Secretary.

5. **RECOGNITIONS**

Ms. Grace Lochhead-Norfolk School Committee Member - 1 year I.O.

CONSENT AGENDA

6. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:** *All items listed below are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

- Approval of Draft Minutes dated March 23, 2026 A.R.
- Approval of Draft Minutes dated April 6, 2026
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communications

7. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Student Council Report submitted by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon and given by Mr. Aiden Shaughnessy I.O.

8. **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- Superintendent's Update I.O.
- Assistant Superintendent's Update I.O.
- Director of Finance & Operations Update I.O.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

- FY27 The Education Cooperative Appointment (TEC) - Annual Vote **A.R.**
- FY27 Bi-County Collaborative Appointment (BICO) - Annual Vote **A.R.**
- New Student Activities Club/Activity Request (Horticulture Club) **A.R.**
- DECA Donation (\$5,000) **A.R.**

11. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

12. REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Lochhead **I.O.**
- Plainville School Committee Representative: TBS or Ms. Sharpe **I.O.**
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney **I.O.**

13. LATE COMMUNICATIONS

14. RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

15. ADJOURNMENT

A.R.

The items listed on this agenda are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair to be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

**King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of March 23, 2026 –DRAFT
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

Norfolk: Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon
Plainville: Mr. Bruce Cates, Ms. Michele Sharpe,
Mr. Greg Wehmeyer (joined at 7:03pm)
Wrentham: Mr. Joe Cronin, Ms. Erin Greaney,
Ms. Cait Lanza (joined at 7:04pm)

Members Absent:

Norfolk: Ms. Grace Lochhead
Plainville: All Present
Wrentham: All Present

DELEGATIONS and VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Jill Brillhante, Ms. Kyle Santos, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Ashley Cleverdon, Ms. Barbara Snead, Mr. Rob Garrity, Ms. Venessa Petit

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Lehan informed the Committee that the KP Varsity Girls Hockey Team would not be present this evening due to the coach's schedule. The team will be recognized at the next April 6 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required.

- Approval of Draft Minutes dated February 25, 2026
- Approval of Draft Minutes dated March 9, 2026
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communication

- A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Consent Agenda, including the draft minutes from February 25, 2026 and March 9, 2026 as presented. All in favor: Yes (6) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms.

Sharpe, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 6-0-0. Mr. Wehmeyer and Ms. Lanza were not present for the vote.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The March 23, 2026 KPHS Student Council Report was submitted by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

RECOGNITIONS (Continued)

Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, and Dr. Drolet recognized Mr. Wehmeyer and Mr. Cronin for their skill, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the School Committee, and expressed their appreciation for the significant contributions each has made in support of the District and its students. Both members were presented with plaques in recognition of their service.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Final FY27 Superintendent's Budget Narrative
- District Safety
- MSBA Roof Replacement Projects for KPRMS and KPRHS
- KP Girls Hockey Team in D2 State Championship-Mr. Lehan noted that the National Ice Hockey Officials Association will be awarding Mr. Ken Assad the "Coach of the Year" award. This award will henceforth be known as the "Ken Assad Coach of the Year" award for all future recipients
- King Philip DECA results from MASS-DECA State Conference
- KPHS Cheer Team

A copy of the Superintendent's Update is attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Final Adoption of FY 2027 Budget

Dr. Drolet shared Ms. Brilhante's slides, his budget narrative, and the final assessments for each town. The budget includes \$500,000 from Excess and Deficiency (E&D). The overall operational increase is 2.96%, with a 3.56% increase when reflected in the towns' assessments.

Dr. Drolet requested a motion to adopt the FY2027 budget, noting that a majority vote of the full School Committee is required for approval (6 of 9 members). After a brief discussion, the following motion was brought forward:

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin to adopt an FY 2027 total budget of \$43,184,424 with the following member town assessments:**

	Operating Assessment	Debt Service	Total Assessment
Norfolk	\$12,012,221	0	\$12,012,221
Plainville	\$8,658,952	0	\$8,658,952
Wrentham	\$12,339,011	0	\$12,339,011

- **All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7) Mr. Harmon, Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Sharpe; No (1) Mr. Wehmeyer; Abstain (0). 7-1-0 Motion carried.**

Establish a Peer Mentoring HS Student Activities Account

Ms. Brillhante stated that, while it was initially believed that no student activity account existed for peer mentoring at the high school, it was later determined that one had, in fact, been established. As a result, this item no longer requires a School Committee vote at this time. She further noted that any new subaccounts within the student activity accounts would require School Committee approval.

Award Computer Equipment Bid to Ockers Technologies due to Custom Computers Unable to Fulfill Order

Dr. Drolet informed the Committee that Custom Computer Specialists were unable to fulfill the equipment requirements outlined in the quote. He requested a motion to proceed with the next lowest bidder, Okers Technologies, at a total cost of \$117,620.00.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Mr. Cates to approve the quote from Okers Technologies in the amount of \$117,620.00 instead of the previous quote from Custom Computer Specialists. All in favor: Yes (8) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Sharpe, Ms. Lanza, Mr. Wehmeyer, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 8-0-0.**

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

No report.

Plainville School Committee Representative:

Ms. Sharpe reported that the next meeting will be tomorrow. She said the last meeting focused on the budget.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney reported that their budget hearing was held last week. The proposed increase was 6.98%, which is unusually high. She also noted that the vote for the new Roderick's School will take place in June and encouraged members to participate.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- **At 7:35 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cronin, to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan said the committee will reconvene in Open Session to have a vote on the 2026-2027 school calendar .

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- **At 8:01pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Lehan, seconded by Mr. Cronin to reconvene in Open Session. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Dr. Drolet requested a motion and a vote from the Committee to approve the revised 2026–2027 school calendar. This revision moves the half-day from December 9, 2026, to December 23, 2026, and incorporates parent-teacher conferences on December 2, 2026, for the high school and December 3, 2026, for the middle school.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Mr. Cates to approve the revised changes to the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 8:03pm, a motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (8): Mr. Lehan, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Cates, Mr. Wehmeyer, Ms. Sharpe, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Lanza; No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried 8-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit
Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on March 23, 2026:

Agenda
Draft Minutes from February 25, 2026
Draft Minutes from March 9, 2026
Bills/Warrants
Stuco Report March 23, 2026
Superintendent's Update
Final Adoption of FY 2027 Budget
Award Computer Equipment Bid to Ockers Technologies
2026-2027 Revised School Calendar

King Philip Regional School Committee
Minutes of April 6, 2026-Draft
King Philip Regional High School – Library
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093
7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members Present:

Norfolk: Mr. Jim Lehan, Mr. Eric Harmon, Ms. Grace Lochhead
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Wrentham: Mr. Joe Cronin, Ms. Erin Greaney, Ms. Cait Lanza

Members Absent:

Norfolk: All Present
Plainville: Mr. Greg Wehmeyer, Ms. Michele Sharpe
Wrentham: All Present

DELEGATIONS and VISITORS

Dr. Rich Drolet, Ms. Jill Brillhante, Ms. Colleen Terrill, Ms. Kyle Santos, Mr. Michael Bois, Ms. Ashley Cleverdon, Coach Tim Langevin, Assistant Coach Kate Holmes, KP Varsity Girls Hockey Team, Mr. Gary Brown, Ms. Venessa Petit

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Drolet and Mr. Lehan recognized the KPHS Girls Hockey Team and coaching staff for an outstanding playoff run. The team advanced to the Division 2 State Championship after multiple double-overtime victories and a Final Four win over Medfield.

Their season concluded with a hard-fought 2–1 loss to Milton at TD Garden. The team’s resilience and unity were especially meaningful following the passing of head coach Kenny Assad in December.

Dr. Drolet thanked the coaches, families, and student-athletes for their dedication and representation of King Philip. Coaches and players received certificates of recognition, and Coach Langevin accepted a commemorative plaque on behalf of the team. Mr. Lehan and Mr. Brown also commended the team and coaching staff for their exceptional efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT ITEMS All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required.

-Payment of Bills/Warrants

-Communication

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Harmon, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Greaney, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Lochhead; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

The April 6, 2026 KPHS Student Council Report was submitted by Ms. Ashley Cleverdon. A copy of her report is attached to these minutes.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- MSBA Roof Replacement Projects for KPRMS and KPRHS
- Chorus Gold
- Inaugural TEC (The Education Cooperative) Celebrates Teaching Event

A copy of the Superintendent's Update is attached to these minutes.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

- Open SciEd Grant
- Professional Learning Afternoon
- Career Fair
- Film Fest

A copy of the Assistant Superintendent's Update is attached to these minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Donation-The Gun 10K Shootaway (basketball shooting machine)

Dr. Drolet asked for the Committee's approval to accept the donation of a lightly-used basketball shooting machine, The Gun 10k by Shootaway, with an estimated donation amount of about \$4,500 from Mr. Jeff Kinney.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Cates and seconded by Mr. Cronin to approve the donation of a lightly-used basketball shooting machine, The Gun 10k by Shootaway, with an estimated donation amount of about \$4,500 from Mr. Jeff Kinney. All in favor: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Lochhead, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Mr. Cates thanked Mr. Kinney and his family for their kind donation. A thank you letter will be sent to the family for their donation.

Use of E&D funds for MSBA Accelerated Repair Program Schematic Design for KPRMS and KPRHS

Dr. Drolet explained that this step is required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) to allocate \$375,000 from the District's E&D funds for schematic design. As part of the schematic design

process, the MSBA would designate an architect/design team to help develop plans and projected costs for potential roof replacement projects at both KPRHS and KPRMS to be considered and voted upon by the member towns by the spring of 2027.

He noted the language was reviewed with legal counsel, meets all requirements, and was approved by the MSBA. It must be included in the meeting minutes and submitted with the Committee's approval to proceed with the Accelerated Repair Program through MSBA.

Seeing no further comments, a motion was brought forth.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Mr. Cates that the King Philip Regional School District hereby appropriates the amount of \$175,000 Dollars for the purpose of paying feasibility study and schematic design costs related to a potential Accelerated Repair Project involving roof replacement at King Philip Regional Middle School, 18 King Street, Norfolk, MA 02056, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and the King Philip Regional School District hereby appropriates the amount of \$200,000 Dollars for the purpose of paying feasibility study and schematic design costs related to a potential Accelerated Repair Project involving roof replacement at King Philip Regional High School, 201 Franklin Street, Wrentham, MA 02093, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair projects would materially extend the useful life of both schools and preserve assets that are otherwise capable of supporting their required educational programs, and for which the District has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the King Philip Regional School District School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the District is authorized to appropriate said amounts from available funds from our Excess and Deficiency (E&D) under the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Lochhead, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

KPTA Unit A MOA (Parental Leave)

Dr. Drolet asked the Committee for a motion and a roll call vote to approve the Unit A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding parental leave, as discussed in executive session.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Mr. Cronin to approve the KPTA Unit A MOA for parental leave. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Lochhead, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

KPTA Unit B Contract Ratification 2026-2029

Dr. Drolet asked the Committee for a motion and a roll call vote to approve the Unit B Contract Ratification for 2026–2029, noting that Unit B had voted unanimously to ratify the agreement.

- **A motion was made by Mr. Harmon and seconded by Mr. Cates to approve the KPTA Unit B Contract Ratification for 2026-2029. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Lochhead, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

None

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norfolk School Committee Representative:

Ms. Lochhead reported that they had their public budget hearing. They also voted to unanimously pass the budget.

Plainville School Committee Representative:

No report given.

Wrentham School Committee Representative:

Ms. Greaney had no report. Their meeting will be on April 14th.

LATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Lehan stated that a meeting is currently scheduled for May 4th, which is just one week after the next April 27th School Committee meeting. He noted that this meeting will be cancelled, as the April 27th meeting is only one week prior. However, he indicated that the May 4th meeting would be maintained if any urgent matters arise.

ADJOURNMENT:

- **At 7:31pm, a motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates to adjourn the meeting. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7) Mr. Lehan, Mr. Cronin, Mr. Cates, Ms. Lanza, Ms. Lochhead, Mr. Harmon, Ms. Greaney; No (0); Abstain (0); Motion carried 7-0-0.**

Mr. Lehan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Venessa Petit

Secretary to the School Committee

Documents presented on April 6, 2026:

Agenda

Bills/Warrants

Stuco Report April 6, 2026

Superintendent's Update

Assistant Superintendent's Update

Donation-The Gun 10K Shootaway (basketball shooting machine)

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KPTA Unit A MOA (Parental Leave)

KPTA Unit B Contract Ratification 2026-2029

King Philip High School

School Committee Report

Submitted by Ashley Cleverdon

Monday April 27th, 2026

School-Wide

Junior Prom was held on April 10th at Kirkbrae Country Club. The students in attendance had a great time, dancing with their friends, taking photos, and enjoying the gorgeous view.

Sports

Our spring sports teams are all off to a great start to their seasons. The current records of our teams as of April 19th are as follows: baseball (6-1), softball (8-2), boys lacrosse (4-2), girls lacrosse (6-2), boys tennis (5-2), girls tennis (5-2), girls track (2-0), boys track (2-0), and boys volleyball (5-3).

Business National Honor Society

On May 28th from 8 - 9:30 senior Mya McCormick will be hosting a networking and accounting case study event overseen by a prestigious accounting firm yet to be determined. This event is through the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA) Student Ambassador Program of which Mya is 1 of the 10 ambassadors in the state. All accounting students (approx. 45 students) will attend this event for networking and learning purposes with the goal of spreading awareness and interest in the accounting profession.

Leo Club

The KP Leo Club has had a busy April beginning with painting a banner in honor of Wrentham Lion's 85th Anniversary. Then they volunteered at numerous events throughout the tri-town including Norfolk Lions Talent Show (April 9th), Keep Wrentham Beautiful (April 11th), and Norfolk Field of Flags Envelope Stuffing (April 16th). This Saturday, they were also in attendance at the Norfolk Clean and Green event. Looking ahead, they will host blanket making in the KPHS School Cafe on April 29th and have elected their new board which will transition into office in the next couple months.

Peer Mentoring

Peer Mentoring will host their last social on April 29th after school, which will entail outside fun and practice for their upcoming Field Day. They have been hard at work preparing for field day being hosted on May 18th, with Franklin, KP Middle School, Taunton, and Mansfield all in attendance for this event!

Debate Club

The Debate Club has been continuing their meetings that occur every other Monday. While they still do traditional style debates, they have integrated a new style that allows for more nuance rather than a black and white debate during some of their bi-weekly meetings.

Class of 2029

The Class of 2029 is hosting a Dumpster Day fundraiser at KPHS on Saturday May 9th from 7-11am (or until the dumpsters are full). Anyone in the surrounding communities is encouraged to bring unwanted items (on the approval list) and students will take care of its disposal.

SADD

SADD is hosting their annual 5K-Miles for Maura on Sunday, May 3. Maura Howard, a former KP student, was killed by a drunk driver and her memory is commemorated each year to remind us all how bad decisions can be destructive and leave behind lasting painful memories.

Student Council

On the morning of Tuesday, April 14th, the King Philip Student Council administered its annual Presidential Election at a General Meeting open to the school. We are proud to report that junior Katelyn Harlow was elected with broad support and will succeed senior Aiden Shaughnessy as President of Student Council for the 2026-2027 term. Ms. Harlow has been a member of the Council for the past two years and currently serves as President of Peer Mentoring, President of the Young Adult National Ski Patrol at Blue Hills, organizer of our Unified Field Day for two consecutive years, and has been Chairwoman of multiple major events, including Class Competition, raised several thousand dollars for MASC Polar Plunge, and played a key role in our hosting of the Winter SEMASC Conference here at KP in February. We are looking forward to her advancement of the role of Student Council next year.

On Wednesday, April 15th, KP StuCo attended the final SEMASC regional leadership conference at Plymouth North High School. Thirty students including our Executive Board officers attended and networked with students, shared ideas, collaborated on ways to improve student quality of life, and voted in annual regional elections. We are proud to report that junior and current STUCO Treasurer Ashley Cleverdon was elected to the office of Delegate on the Southeastern Executive Board for the 2026-27 school year. Furthermore, we are even more proud to report that our advisor Mrs. Barbara Snead won the prestigious Jack Sullivan Advisor of the Year Award. She was recognized on stage in front of our region for her tireless work for the betterment of our school, her endless support of us students, her optimism and positivity, commitment to affecting positive change, and the mission of Student Council.

On Friday before break, StuCo hid 30 rubber ducks around the school. Anyone who found one got a small prize. It was a fun little event that had students searching throughout the school.

Student Council will elect the remainder of the Executive Board during elections at a General Meeting on Tuesday, May 5th and report its results to the School Committee at that time.

Follow the following social media accounts -- @kpstuco, @kphighschool, @kphsathletics, and Arbiter Live for sports schedules.



King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee

From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools

Re: Superintendent's Update

Date: April 27, 2026

Facilities Condition Assessment Update

KP's Facilities Manager Sean Darling, Director of Finance & Operations Jill Brilhante and myself have met twice now with Habeeb & Associates Architects to review their draft Facilities Condition Assessment and to provide our feedback. Melissa Boynton from Habeeb and Associates has been invited to come to our next School Committee Meeting to provide an overview of their Facilities Condition Assessment to you, which will serve as a basis to begin to inform our future capital improvement planning.

New KPMS Assistant Principal for 2026-2027

Click here for a [Press Release](#) announcing our new Assistant Principal at KPMS, Pam Storme, who will start this summer and begin to work with our students and staff during the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. Ms. Storme comes to KP with some great experience and references, having most recently served as McCourt Middle School Principal in neighboring Cumberland (RI).

MSBA Roof Replacement Projects for KPRMS and KPRHS

At our last meeting you voted for our King Philip Regional School District to move forward with using \$375,000 in E&D funds for schematic design for potential roof replacement at both KPMS and KPHS. This money, along with any future costs for the actual two roof replacements, should be reimbursed by up to 51% by MSBA. As a reminder, here are my [preliminary cost analysis slides](#) summarizing anticipated MSBA-projected costs for future roof replacement at both of our schools. I will let you know next steps once MSBA assigns us a schematic design team to work with, which I have been informed should begin at some point this summer.

KPHS Head Football Coach Brian Lee

As you know, Coach Brian Lee recently resigned as KPHS Head Football Coach. Here is the [Press Release](#) we sent out to announce the news and to show our appreciation of Coach Lee. I have invited Coach Lee to come to our next School Committee Meeting in order to recognize his accomplishments and dedication to the betterment of our King Philip football program and student-athletes over these past 21 years. Along with Principal Bottomley and Athletic Director Brown, I will be serving on the hiring committee for our next KPHS Head Football Coach.

TEC and Bi-Co Quarterly Updates (Q3)

As you know, I serve on the Boards for the two special education collaboratives our King Philip Regional School District is a member of. Click [here](#) for the Q3 TEC (The Education Cooperative) Update followed by their Proposed FY27 Budget. And click [here](#) for the Q3 Bi-Co (Bi-County Collaborative) update along with their FY27 Budget Proposal.



King Philip REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: King Philip Regional School District School Committee
From: Colleen Terrill, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Date: April 27, 2026
Re: Assistant Superintendent's Update

Career Fair

On Wednesday, April 15, the high school hosted its annual Career Fair, featuring more than 50 vendors in the Wood Gym and 14 other breakout sessions. These sessions highlighted a range of industry-connected experiences, including presentations in focused breakout sessions with a variety of industry partners. In addition, our technology students led interactive demonstrations using VR headsets.

The primary focus of the day was on the junior class, ensuring that every junior had the opportunity to attend and fully engage in the experience.

We are pleased to share that this year's Career Fair was an outstanding success for both students and vendor partners. Students connected directly with employers, explored a variety of career pathways, and gained valuable insight into the professional world, many leaving with new contacts and a clearer sense of their future goals. As one student shared, *"I am more prepared to think about my future because this event has shown to me that there are many different possibilities that can help me make a decision about what I want to do."* Another reflected, *"My eyes have really opened!"* while a third noted that *"a lot of the vendors provided very useful information and kind of gave you an idea of what you can do after high school even if it meant you weren't going to go to college."*

Vendors were equally impressed, noting the high level of student engagement and professionalism. One vendor described the event as “*very organized, clear directions, fun, I had a blast!!!*” while another shared, “*Students were engaging and asked great questions.*”

One participant shared that they had participated in previous years, but this year they could feel the energy in the room!

I want to commend the incredible work of our school counselors, Jessica Nutter, Sam Hilton, Marissa Falcone, Mallory Connors and Carissa Turene along with our new Career and Community Connected Coordinator, Michele Leonardo, who was hired this winter through the Innovation Career Pathway grant. This team dedicated countless hours to planning and executing a truly successful Career Fair for our students. Michele developed a comprehensive website <https://sites.google.com/kingphilip.org/kprhs-career-fair/home> that supported both students and vendors in preparing for and navigating the day. The success of this event is a direct result of their thoughtful planning, collaboration, and commitment.

Some [pictures](#) from the day!

ICP (Innovation Career Pathway) Update

As you know, we recently received official designation for our Innovation Career Pathways (ICP) in Business and Finance through a competitive grant process from DESE. Since that time, we have formed a dedicated ICP team (School Counselors Jess Nutter, Marissa Falcone, Samantha Hilton, Caressa Turenne and Mallory Connors as well as teachers Shawn Geary, Sean Skenyon, James Dow, Cheryl Rowe and Teacher Assistant Cheryl Dittrich and myself) that has been working collaboratively to implement the program and expand access for our students.

The goal of the ICP is to bridge classroom learning with real-world career experiences. This program provides students with meaningful opportunities to explore career pathways, engage with local industry professionals, and develop essential workplace skills such as communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and professionalism.

Through partnerships with businesses and community organizations, KP Career Connections, as the designation is now known, empowers students to make informed decisions about their next steps, whether that includes entering the workforce or military, pursuing technical training, or attending college. Our program is designed to strengthen relationships between schools and industry while building a sustainable talent pipeline that supports regional workforce needs.

Through the grant, we were also able to hire a Career and Community Connections Coordinator, Michele Leonardo, affectionately referred to by our school counseling staff as a “unicorn.” She has been an incredible asset to both our school and our students and has played a critical role in launching the KP Career Connections program. She has already begun developing a dedicated [website](#) to provide students with accessible, up-to-date information and resources. In addition, she has been instrumental in expanding our Career Fair, increasing internship opportunities for students, and building a strong and growing network of industry partners to support our work.

As we continue to build momentum, we are energized by the connections we have made with other districts engaged in this work. Our visits with Mashpee and Uxbridge have provided valuable insight and inspiration, helping us to envision what is possible as we continue to grow and refine our program. These partnerships not only affirm the strength of our current efforts but also spark excitement for future ICP designations and expanded opportunities for our students.

Professional Learning Afternoon

As I shared in my previous update, our March professional learning afternoon launched an important return to vertical alignment work across grades 7-12. Building on that momentum, departments came together again on April 15th for a second opportunity to deepen this collaboration.

The feedback from both sessions has been mainly positive. Staff have expressed a strong appreciation for the time to reconnect across grade levels and engage in meaningful conversations about curriculum, instruction, and expectations. Just as important, these sessions have generated thoughtful ideas for how to

strengthen and sustain this work moving forward such as more directed focus on grades 7-9 and grades 10-12 groupings.

As a result, we have intentionally built in continued opportunities for vertical alignment next year, with dedicated professional learning afternoons scheduled for October, February, and April. These sessions will allow departments to expand on this year's work, including planning classroom visits, sharing instructional practices, and further aligning student experiences across grades 7-12.

This ongoing commitment reflects our belief that the more aligned we are as a district, the more effectively we can support student learning and success.

Learning Walks

On April 7, Curriculum Teacher Leaders from the middle school had the opportunity to participate in learning walks at the high school alongside the district leadership team, and on May 5, high school Department Heads will take part in learning walks at the middle school.

These cross-building visits are a valuable part of our vertical alignment efforts, as they provide educators with the opportunity to observe instructional practices, analyze student engagement, and see classroom expectations across grade levels. By witnessing firsthand how students experience learning before and after their time in a given grade, staff can better align curriculum, strengthen transitions, and ensure a more cohesive and consistent educational experience for all students, as well as assist in building relationships with our educators across the district.

ELPAC Meeting

The English Language Parent Advisory Committee will be meeting Tuesday, April 28th at 5:30 PM at the Delaney School, 120 Taunton St., Wrentham for its final meeting of the school year. We are hoping families will join us for pizza and fun activities well connecting with other families.

**Come meet with other multilingual families
from Norfolk, Wrentham & Plainville!**

**Learn what ELPAC
can do for you!!**

**Important things to know
about partnering with
your child's school**

**Join us for pizza,
dessert and lots of
family fun!**

**APRIL
28th**

5:30 - 7:00 pm

**Delaney School
120 Taunton St.
Wrentham, MA**

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- FUN INDOOR GAMES
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Via email and U.S. mail

~~March 24, 2025~~

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Mr. Jim Lehan
Chair, King Philip Regional School Committee
18 King St.
Norfolk, MA 02056

Dear Mr. Lehan:

I am writing to officially welcome the King Philip Regional School District into The Education Cooperative (TEC)! Our member districts voted unanimously to extend membership to KP. I am providing the fully executed TEC Collaborative Agreement, effective July 1, 2025, for your records.

^{7/1/26} Prior to July 1, 2025, the KP School Committee will need to designate a representative to the TEC Board of Directors. This representative may be either the Superintendent or a school committee member. The TEC Board typically meets six times per year on Fridays at 8 am. The Board currently meets virtually. Once the School Committee has made this appointment, please send me a record of the vote.

In addition, under the Collaborative Agreement, new member districts are invited to designate a non-voting member of the Board for the remaining 2024-2025 meetings on May 9th and June 6th. If you would like to designate someone to join us this spring, please let me know so that I can send a calendar invitation. For your information, at the May meeting, the Board will be voting to approve the FY26 budget.

We are excited to have KP joining us, and I look forward to collaborating with your district!

Sincerely,

Emily J. Parks
Executive Director

cc: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of Directors
FROM: Jeanne M. Sullivan, Executive Director
DATE: April 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Board for 2026-2027

As required by Chapter 43, all Board members need to be annually appointed to the Collaborative Board of Directors.

In preparation for the 2025-2026 school year, please obtain a vote of your school committee appointing you to the BICO Board of Directors. This vote should be obtained prior to the commencement of the next school year.

After the school committee votes to appoint you to the BICO Board, please complete the attached form and have it signed by the chairperson of your school committee. The minutes should state that the appointment is made for the 2026-2027 school year.

Please return the signed form along with the minutes of the meeting at which the appointment was voted to:

Bi-County Collaborative
Attn: Anna Jewell
111 Robbins Road, Walpole MA 02081
ajewell@bicounty.org

This information has also been shared directly with your Administrative Assistants.

Thank you in advance for your help.



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(Superintendent of Schools)

_____ representative on the Board of Directors
(School District)
of Bi-County Collaborative, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4E as amended by Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2012 for the **2026-2027** school year.

_____ Date Vote Taken

_____ Signature of Chairperson

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Venessa Petit <petitv@kingphilip.org>

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1 message

Jill Brilhante (Google Docs) <comments-noreply@docs.google.com>

Wed, Apr 15, 2026 at 2:30 PM

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To: petitv@kingphilip.org

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Jill Brilhante • 2:25 PM, Apr 15 (EDT) **New**

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Venessa Petit <petitv@kingphilip.org>

please print this email and attachment: Horticulture Plant Sale

1 message

Richard Drolet <droletr@kingphilip.org>
To: Venessa Petit <petitv@kingphilip.org>

Tue, Apr 14, 2026 at 4:07 PM

Rich Drolet, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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From: **Jill Brilhante** <brilhantej@kingphilip.org>
Date: Tue, Apr 14, 2026 at 4:03 PM
Subject: Fwd: Horticulture Plant Sale
To: Nicole Bottomley <bottomleyn@kingphilip.org>, Richard Drolet <droletr@kingphilip.org>

Hi Nicole,

Can you please have Ryan fill out a New Student Activities Club/Activity Request Form to create this account within Student Activity. I have attached the form. I would like to get this added to our SC agenda for April 27. Please remind Ryan all monies need to be locked up in your area until an account is established.

Thank you!

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From: **Ryan Walsh** <walshr@kingphilip.org>
Date: Mon, Apr 13, 2026 at 6:46 AM
Subject: Horticulture Plant Sale
To: HSFaculty <hsfaculty@kingphilip.org>

Good morning KP friends,

Nicer weather means spring is upon us, thank goodness. Horticulture students will be selling a variety of plants this week before break and your support would be greatly appreciated. All the money raised will go directly to purchasing garden supplies to ensure future Horticulture students are able to continue their hard work around campus.

We have lots of annual vegetable plants (cucumber, carrot, and basil) and lots of perennial plants (daylilies, tiger lillies, milkweed, and some hostas). If you're interested in purchasing any plants, or simply want to donate, we'll gladly drop off your plants to your classroom. Everything will be first come first served throughout the week. If you're interested in buying anything, please respond to just me on this email and we'll put something together for you.

Horticulture students have grown many of these plants from seed dating back to January and have had to take care of them throughout the semester. It's been a labor of love to say the least. Your support remains very much appreciated. Prices for plants are down below. Thanks again.

Worm regards (get it???),
Ryan

Vegetable plants (in 4 inch pots) are \$3 a piece
All perennials are \$5 a piece
Well established hosta tubers are \$8

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Ryan Walsh
Special Education Teacher
KP Horticulture Club and Metal and Hardcore Club Advisor
Preferred Pronouns: He, Him, His
508-384-1000 Ext: 3322

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--Mark Twain

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KING PHILIP REGIONAL NEW STUDENT ACTIVITIES CLUB/ACTIVITY REQUEST FORM

(Completed by Faculty Member and submitted to Principal's Office)

Date of Request _____

Name of PROPOSED Club/Activity _____

Advisor Name _____ Advisor Email _____

Objective/Mission _____

Will participation be open to the entire student body? _____ Yes _____ No

If no, please list the criteria needed to become a member: _____

Approximate number of participants? _____

Specific source of funds (example: students/fundraising/donations)

Will members be involved in fundraising? _____

Types of fundraisers planned? _____

What will the funds be used for?

Will an activity fee be charged? _____ Yes _____ No If Yes, what is the
fee? \$ _____

How often will this club meet? _____

Will this club be participating in any field trips outside of the school day? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain _____

Signed: _____

(Advisor)

Approved: _____

(Principal)

Approved: _____

(Director of Finance & Operations)



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Jill Brilhante <brilhantej@kingphilip.org>

Fwd: Donation to be made for DECA program

Jill Brilhante <brilhantej@kingphilip.org>

Sat, Mar 21, 2026 at 3:32 PM

To: James Dow <dowj@kingphilip.org>, Jill Brilhante <brilhantej@kingphilip.org>

Hi James,

What an incredibly kind gesture from Mary Theresa McCombe. It's really touching that the Ober family chose to support our DECA students in Ron's memory—it's clear his legacy is going to make a huge impact here.

Since this is a \$5,000 gift, our district policy (File KCD) kicks in to make sure everything is handled by the book. It's a bit of a process, but here is the simplest way to get it done:

- The Check: Please ask Mary to make it payable to **King Philip Regional School District**. You can have it sent to myself and/or to your attention.
- The "Wait" Period: Per policy, you can't actually spend any of the money until the **KP School Committee formally votes to accept** it. We will add this to a future SC agenda.
- Specific Instructions: Since this is a generous memorial gift, could you ask if they have any specifics on how they'd like the funds spent? Whether it's for competition fees, travel, or specific student materials, knowing their intent helps us honor the donation correctly when we present it to the School Committee.
- Keeping it Separate: Once they vote "yes," the cash stays in its own dedicated account specifically for DECA. An account will be created and you expended from this account for items for DECA.

Could you just confirm with Mary about the "Payable To" name and let her know we're getting the official process started?

Let me know if you have any questions!

Jill

[Quoted text hidden]



Jill Brilhante <brilhantej@kingphilip.org>

Fwd: Donation to be made for DECA program

James Dow <dowj@kingphilip.org>
To: Jill Brilhante <brilhantej@kingphilip.org>

Thu, Mar 19, 2026 at 9:27 AM

Hi Jill, please advise. Thank you,

Mr. James K. Dow
King Philip Regional High School
[201 Franklin Street](#)
[Wrentham, MA 02093](#)
505-384-1000 Ext 3326
dowj@kingphilip.org
DECA Marketing Coordinator
"A Tradition of Excellence, A Foundation for Life"
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MASS-DECA Board of Directors



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From: **Mary Theresa McCombe** <marytmccombe@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 11:05 AM
Subject: Donation to be made for DECA program
To: dowj@kingphilip.org <dowj@kingphilip.org>

Hi James,

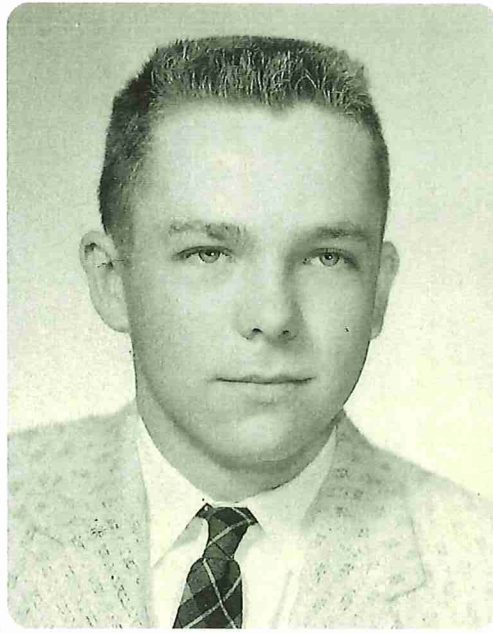
I am emailing at the suggestion of the main offer. The obituary for Ron Ober requested donations to your DECA program in lieu of flowers. [Ronald Foster Ober Obituary March 10, 2026 - Delaney Funeral Home](#)

My foundation would like to make a donation of \$5,000 to support your program. Please advise if making a check payable to King Philip Regional High School and sending it to your attention would be sufficient to get the funding to you.

Ron's son, Terry, is a very good friend of my husband.

Mary Theresa McCombe

JAMES H. DELANEY
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Ronald Foster Ober

April 21, 1941 — March 10, 2026

Norfolk

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Ronald Foster Ober

Ronald Foster Ober, age 84, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at Milford Regional Hospital in Milford, Massachusetts, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Framingham, Massachusetts, on April 21, 1941, to the late Albert P. and Catherine A. (Scanlon) Ober.

Ron spent his childhood in Franklin, Massachusetts, before his family settled in Walpole. As a boy, he discovered his passion for skating and quickly fell in love with the ice, often playing hockey with his trusty stick. He brought his talents to Walpole High School, where he played on the 1958 New England Championship team as a senior, and proudly scored the game winning goal in the Championship game. After graduating in 1958, Ron took courses at Clarkson College in Potsdam, New York, but a year later, he returned to Massachusetts to complete his bachelor's degree in business at Boston University, graduating with the Class of 1962, followed by his Master's in Business Administration.

Ron married his wonderful wife, Joanne E. Buck, on August 18, 1962, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole. The young couple first made their home in Morrisonville, New York, where Ron started his teaching career at nearby Saranac High School. About a year later, they returned to their hometown, initially living in South Walpole before settling in Norfolk.

Ron's teaching career really took off in Massachusetts, where he taught business courses at various schools over the years. He spent time teaching at Avon High School and Canton High School before accepting a position at King Philip Regional High School in Wrentham. While at King Philip, he helped start and advise the DECA program in 1971, and was later promoted to Vice Principal. Ron then changed careers, taking his passion for education to work in the sales of textbooks as a sales representative for Southwestern Publishing. He later returned to the classroom, teaching in Plymouth Public Schools at Plymouth North and Plymouth South High Schools, where he retired. Ron went on to teach inmates at the Dedham House of Correction and served as the accounting instructor at the Funeral Institute of the North East in Norwood.

Outside of work, Ron was an outdoor enthusiast and a member of several clubs, including the Walpole Sportsman's Association, Wrentham Angler's Club, and Holliston Sportsman's Association. His love for animals was just as strong—his home was always filled with pets like dogs, ponies, miniature horses, pygmy goats, chickens, parakeets, Bengal cats, rabbits, Vietnamese potbelly pigs, donkeys, and even a cow. As part of the New England Pony Racing Group, Ron and his family often traveled with his ponies, racing them on tracks on Cape Cod, Nantucket, and the former Orchard Downs in Lakeville. His races took him across New England, showcasing his dedication and love for the sport. Among all his animal friends, Ron was especially famous for his dogs, particularly labrador retrievers, which he trained expertly for both fieldwork, show and obedience for many local families. In later years, he also developed a hobby in tractor

pulling, proudly owning several Wheel Horse tractors and regularly participating in events at Francis Farm in Rehoboth.

Ron was a man of many interests, hockey, cars, and trying new things. His love for cars led him to buy and showcase a prize-winning Studebaker at local car shows. He served as a hockey coach for the New England Mustangs youth hockey team, a Junior Varsity coach at Canton High School and at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, sharing his passion and knowledge with young players.

But above all, Ron's true joy came from his friends and family. He loved meeting his Country Kitchen buddies every day to chat and solve the world's problems over coffee. Spending time with his wife, Joanne, and their children was his greatest pleasure—whether traveling, coaching their hockey teams, or teaching life lessons that started with taking care of all of their animals, including cleaning the stalls. Welcoming his granddaughters into his life brought him immense happiness; watching them grow up, follow their dreams and spending quality time with them was truly special to him.

Beloved husband of Joanne E. (Buck) Ober. Loving father of Dr. Timothy R. Ober, DVM of Wellington, Florida and Gordonsville, Virginia, Terrance R. Ober and his wife Kristen of Norwood, MA and their children Kelty and Maggie of New York, NY and Michael A. Ober and his wife Melissa and their children Vivian and Torrin of Bellingham, MA.

Brother of the late Albert Ober Jr., Arlene Donahue, Alberta Heinz, Joseph Ober, Louise Goodman, Dorothy Geehan, John Ober, George Ober, Kathleen Keeney, and Norman Ober. Brother-in-law of Jacqueline Ober and Elinor Ober both of Walpole. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend Ron's visitation on Sunday, March 22nd, 2026, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm in the James H. Delaney & Son Funeral Home, 48 Common Street, Walpole.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, March 23rd, 2026, at 10:00 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 10 Diamond Street, Walpole. Interment will take place privately at the request of Ron's family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Ron's name may be made at <https://gofund.me/7bd521c13>, to support King Philip Regional High School's DECA Chapter, which Ron founded in 1971. All funds raised will go directly towards subsidizing student's out-of-pocket costs to participate in programs that prepare emerging student leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance,

hospitality, and management. Alternatively, contributions to a charity of your choice are welcome.

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