# PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

# Mission, Vision, and Goals

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#### **Mission**

The mission of the Public Schools of Brookline is to educate and inspire every student to lead a fulfilling life and make positive contributions to our world.

### Vision

Brookline provides every student with an extraordinary education, through enriching learning experiences and a supportive community, so that they may develop to their fullest potential.

## Goals

#### **Goal 1: Joy in Learning**

Our schools are dedicated to teaching students to be involved, active learners who work hard, think critically and creatively, and communicate effectively. We emphasize high expectations for all students and seek to instill a lifelong joy in learning through a rich curriculum that will allow students to find and succeed at what they love, and flourish in their lives.

#### **Goal 2: Excellence in Teaching**

Passionate, knowledgeable, skillful teachers are the core strength of our schools. Our educators provide a dynamic and rewarding learning experience for students. We are committed to supporting a professional community that creates and sustains an atmosphere of intellectual excitement, innovative instruction, personal growth, and strong relationships between faculty and students.

#### **Goal 3: Culture of Collaboration**

An extraordinary education requires the coordinated efforts of many. Towards this end, we strive to solicit and foster collaboration between and among educators, administrators, community organizations, government institutions, private sector, and other interested parties, with the best interest of students serving as our guiding principle.

#### **Goal 4: Celebration of Difference**

Brookline is presently and historically diverse. We celebrate this diversity, and we commit to providing an education that authentically and deeply reflects the different perspectives, cultures, and experiences of our community. We strive to include the full range of Brookline voices, not just in our academic curriculum but in all school-based activities.

#### **Goal 5: Commitment to Equity**

We are committed to eliminating barriers to educational achievement in our schools. To this end, we create policies and practices so that every student, regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or socioeconomic status, experiences a safe and welcoming environment in our schools, and receives the resources and support they need to take fullest advantage of the opportunities a Brookline education offers. We recognize the existence of great disparities in private means among PSB students, and will do everything possible to ensure that private resources do not determine student outcomes.

#### **Goal 6: Ethic of Wellness**

For our students and the world around them to thrive, our schools must contribute to an ethic of wellness. PSB will attend to the social and emotional development of its students, so that they may flourish personally, build positive relationships, and contribute to a more caring and just world. PSB will also teach and adopt sustainable practices, inspiring and empowering students to be good stewards of the Earth.