



# PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

## Superintendent's Update - February 9, 2023



# Agenda



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This past weekend, the BHS speech and debate team competed for bids at the NSDA **National Speech and Debate Tournament** in Phoenix, AZ in June 2023.

We congratulate **Simrah Bawa (Class of '24)** for scoring PSB's first ever national qualifier in the Speech competition! Her original oratory titled "The Ostrich and the lion: Information Avoidance" was one of the three chosen to represent the New England district.

We also congratulate **Brett Schneider (Class of '25)** for his selection as first alternate for the New England district in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition!

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# BHS Students Honored for Speech and Debate

## **We have launched the search process for a new Lawrence School principal.**

- We hosted two meetings this week - one with the Lawrence School faculty and one with Lawrence School parents and guardians - to discuss the process and begin to compile feedback for the leadership profile.
- During the weeks of February 27 and March 6, the Interview Committee will review all applications and conduct the first round of interviews.
- Second round interviews will follow, as well as opportunities for the entire school community to meet finalists.

We continue to monitor the number of **positive COVID-19 cases** within the community over the past few weeks:

- **52 cases** from 12/30 to 1/5
- **27 cases** from 1/6 to 1/12
- **39 cases** from 1/13 to 1/19
- **37 cases** from 1/20 to 1/26
- **32 cases** from 1/27 to 2/2
- **28 cases** from 2/3 to 2/9

We will continue to host COVID-19/Flu Vaccination Clinics for the community. Our most recent clinic was held at **Ruffin Ridley School on Monday, February 6.**

Recently Completed	
Lawrence	Monday, 2/6
Baker	Tuesday, 2/7
Pierce	Thursday, 2/9
Upcoming	
Ridley	Monday, 2/27
Baker	Tuesday, 2/28
Heath*	Wednesday, 3/1
Lawrence*	Thursday, 3/2
Driscoll*	Friday, 3/3

- On Friday, February 3, I was a guest of the Heath School PTO at their monthly meeting in the school cafeteria.
- Last Friday morning I also visited most of our school buildings to check-in with school leaders about cold weather preparedness.
- On Wednesday evening, February 8, I joined the English Learner PAC at their meeting.
- \*The spring dates for my “Superintendent School Days” begin on March 1. I look forward to spending an entire school day in each of our schools between March 1 and April 13.

# Superintendent School Visits



## Spotlight on Excellence: BEEP - Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Program