



PUBLIC SCHOOLS of
BROOKLINE 

Superintendent's Update

June 6, 2024



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Update – Office of Teaching & Learning

World Language

- Grades 6-12 have made significant strides in planning a robust 6-12 program that equips students for the future.
 - Their focus, dedication, and hard work will give us a solid foundation for rebuilding a K-12 program.
- Our world language task force has concluded its work and is finalizing its recommendations in the following areas moving forward.
 - Development of thematic units
 - Professional Development on proficiency standards
 - Scheduling and the role of importance of World Language in PSB
- PEARLL has recently completed its thorough review of our high school world language program. The school committee will receive the report this fall.



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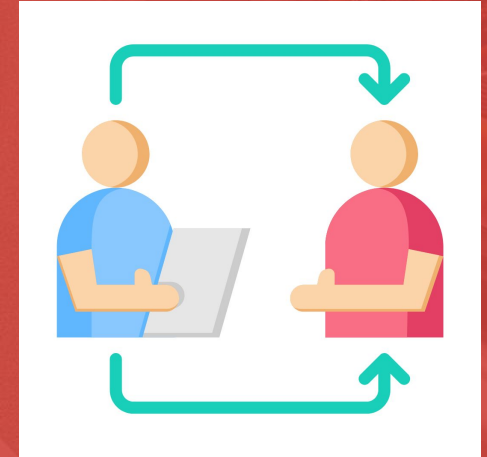
English Language Arts (ELA)

- Our work with the HILL for Literacy has concluded.
- Our last two sessions were focused on professional development on what makes a strong literacy program. With that knowledge, we then began the construction of our Literacy Action Plan.
- We have applied for and are awaiting news on acceptance to DESE's Tiered Literacy Academy.
- The Tiered Literacy Academy aims to improve literacy outcomes for students across the state. The academy provides strategic support to leaders, coaches, and teacher leaders, helping them to implement evidence-based systems, structures, and practices to support the development of literacy skills in a culture of deeper learning.

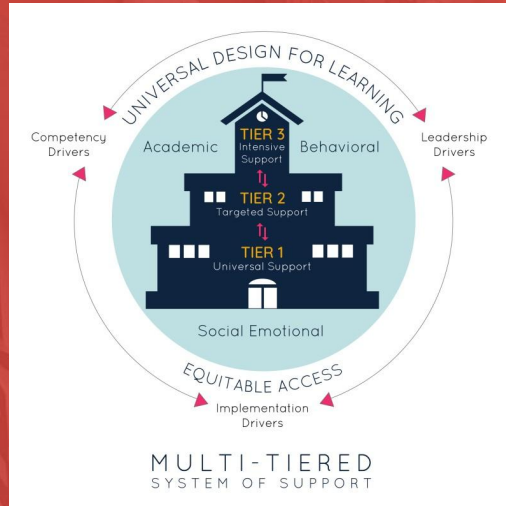
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The Tiered Literacy Academy will provide the District with:

- **Technical Assistance:** We will receive nine days of technical assistance, including a landscape analysis. We will also be guided to develop a Literacy Action Plan, an assessment/data plan, and a professional learning plan.
- It will also include **data check-ins**. This may include a summer professional learning retreat.
- **Coaching Support:** Each specialist on the team will participate in the train-the-trainer coach sessions and graduate course.

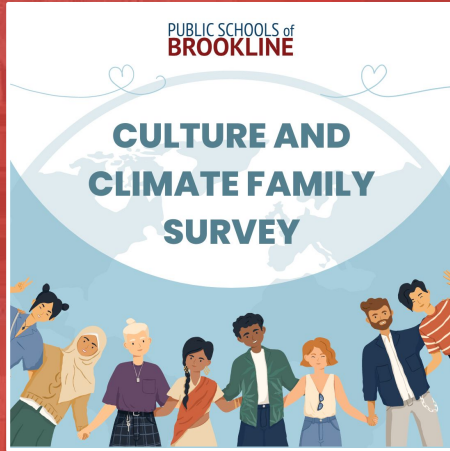


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- If we are accepted, we hope to leave the academy with a deeper understanding of **4 key MTSS levers**:
 - High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM)
 - Effective Instructional Practices
 - Data-Based Decision Making
 - Tiered Systems of Support
- A comprehensive Annual Literacy Action Plan, aligned to the components of the MA DESE Coherence Guidebook, to operationalize improvement efforts.
- Improved literacy outcomes for all students in targeted schools and districts, with a specific focus on historically marginalized student groups.

Update – Office of Educational Equity

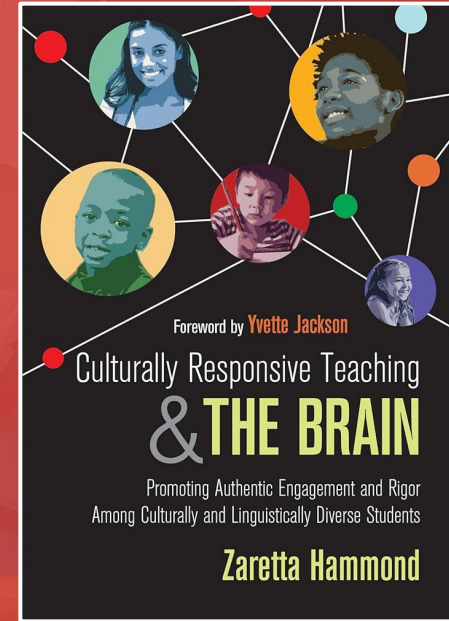


The **Family Culture and Climate Survey**, currently being administered in collaboration with OSS, will help us understand the experiences of students, parents, caregivers, teachers, and staff.

This feedback will have a crucial impact on OEE professional planning for FY25. We continue to encourage all to participate.

Update – Office of Educational Equity

- OEE is completing its final school Residency, focusing on Runkle, Baker, and Lincoln. It continues leading and supporting a comprehensive equity cycle at FRR.
- Launched our Equity Leads with a ten-hour professional training session beginning next week, focused on *Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain* by Zaretta Hammond.



Superintendent's School Visits

Recently Completed

Lincoln	Tuesday, May 28
Lawrence	Thursday, May 30
Hayes	Monday, June 3
BEEP	Wednesday, June 5
BHS	Wednesday, June 5

Upcoming

Driscoll	Friday, June 7
Lawrence	Monday, June 10
Ruffin Ridley	Tuesday, June 11
Lincoln	Thursday, June 13
Runkle	Friday, June 14



Spotlight on Excellence

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