



PUBLIC SCHOOLS of
BROOKLINE 

Superintendent's Update

September 25, 2024



Runkle Named a 2024 Massachusetts School of Recognition

We recognize the John D. Runkle School for being named a **2024 Massachusetts School of Recognition**.

As part of its annual accountability reporting process, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) identifies a small number of Schools of Recognition. These schools demonstrate progress toward annual accountability targets, with an emphasis on the performance of all students in the school and the school's lowest performing students group.

This year, Runkle was in an elite group of only 50 schools statewide to receive this distinction. Congratulations to the Runkle community!

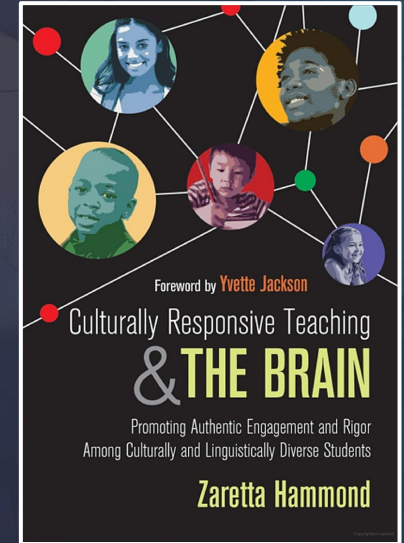


From the Office of Educational Equity

The Office of Educational Equity (OEE) is starting great! We are excited to announce that our Equity Leads completed the ***Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain*** professional development book authored by Zaretta Hammond over the summer.

We have hit the ground running with a new initiative. We have partnered with FRR, Runkle, and Lawrence to pilot Equity Cycles for middle school staff.

Our commitment to highlighting the importance of representation continues with our successful collaboration with the Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education (MPDE). Together with our Human Resources team, we participated in a Diversity Recruitment event hosted in Brookline on Saturday, September 7th. The event was a resounding success, showcasing our effective collaboration and commitment to diversity.

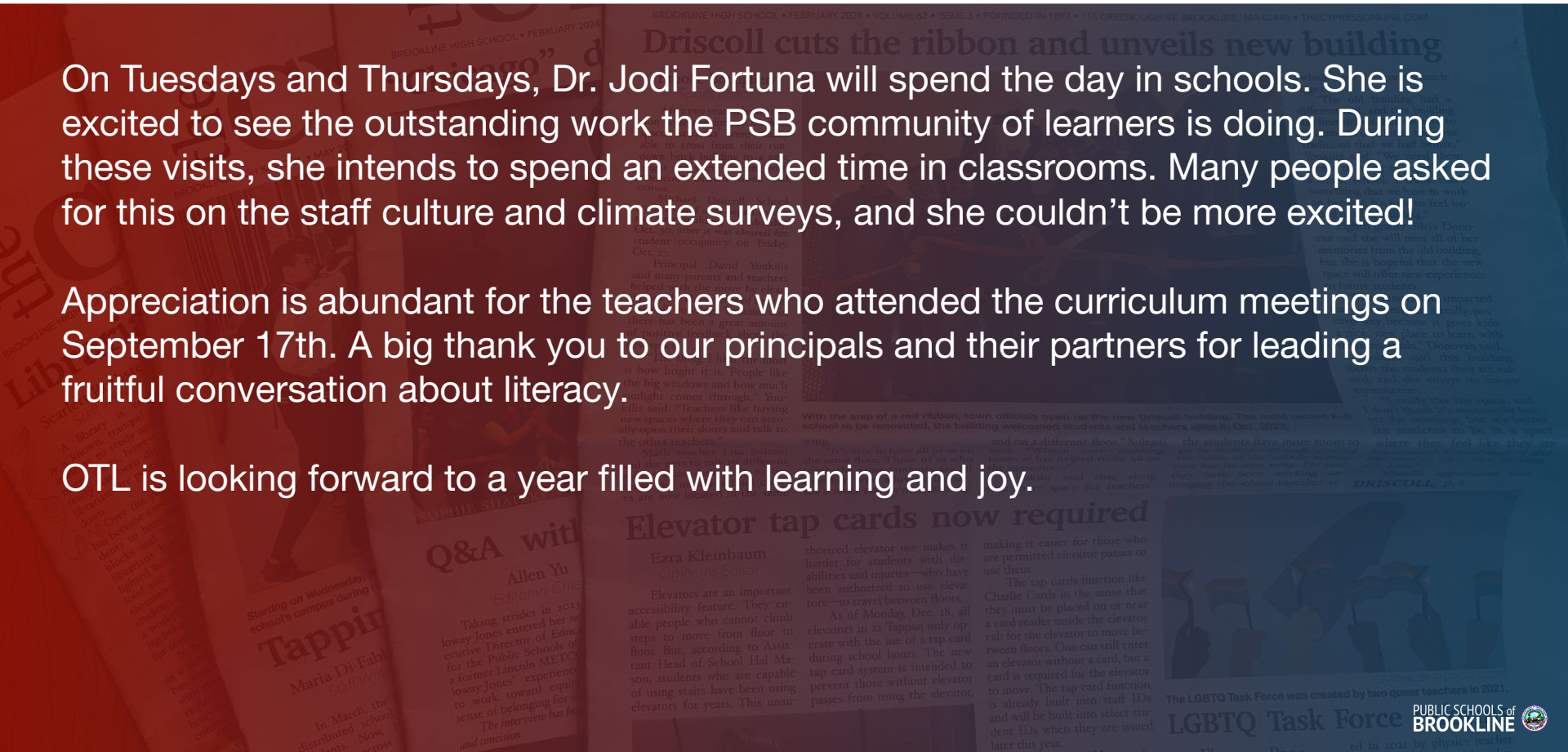


From the Office of Teaching & Learning

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Dr. Jodi Fortuna will spend the day in schools. She is excited to see the outstanding work the PSB community of learners is doing. During these visits, she intends to spend an extended time in classrooms. Many people asked for this on the staff culture and climate surveys, and she couldn't be more excited!

Appreciation is abundant for the teachers who attended the curriculum meetings on September 17th. A big thank you to our principals and their partners for leading a fruitful conversation about literacy.

OTL is looking forward to a year filled with learning and joy.



PSB: Private School Enrollment Trends

School Year	Private School Enrollment	District Enrollment (October 1)	Percentage
2018-19	1297	7855	16.5
2019-20	1323	7777	17.0
2020-21*	1532	6891	22.2
2021-22	1498	6828	21.6
2022-23	1426	7060	20.2
2023-24	1415	7039	20.1