

PUBLIC SCHOOLS of
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Superintendent Report

March 3, 2022



Agenda



- School Visits
- Community Engagement
 - Women's History Month
 - Menstrual Products Dispensary Update
- Statement on Current Events
- Spotlight on Excellence

A group of students in period costumes performing on a stage. The students are dressed in various historical or theatrical outfits, including a man in a long coat and hat, a woman in a green dress and hat, and a man in a suit and bow tie. They are standing on a wooden stage with a dark background and blue stage lights.

Superintendent School Visits

Recently completed:

- Lawrence (2/18)
- Lincoln (3/3)

Upcoming:

- Pierce (3/7)
- Driscoll (3/14)
- Baker (3/14)
- BHS (3/16)
- Ridley (3/17)
- Heath (3/18)

An illustration of three women's profiles in shades of purple and pink, facing right. The text "March is Women's History Month" is overlaid in white.

March is Women's History Month

Photo credit: Facing History and Ourselves

As expressed by the Center for Civic Education, Women's History Month is "a time dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of women, as well as discussing the numerous obstacles that still remain to full equality."

We encourage you to use the time in March to celebrate the stories of women within and outside of our curriculum, to help impart to our students the unequivocal fact that **women's history is history.**

Community Engagement

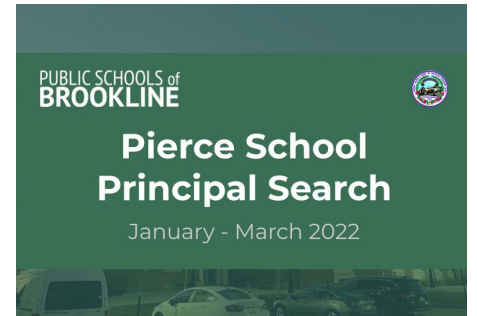
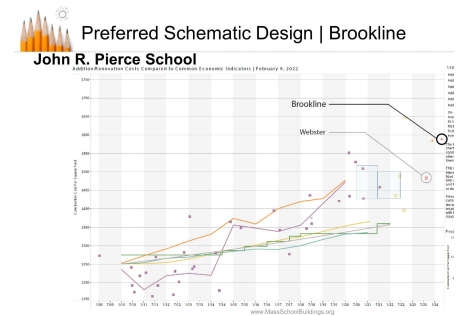
**2/18: BHS Lunar
New Year
Celebration**



**3/2: Remarks to the
MSBA Board of
Directors**

**First round
interviews for
Pierce Principal
this week**

*Meetings with parents and guardians:
Monthly meeting of Parent Leaders on March 2*



Menstrual Products Dispensary Update

In 2019, then-BHS student Sarah Groustra led a town-wide movement to have all Brookline Public Buildings make menstrual products in both male and female bathrooms. Here's where each PSB school stands in terms of the installation:

School	# Dispensers	Delivered	Work Order created	Install Complete (Scheduled)
Pierce	7	Yes	Yes	(3/4/2022)
Baker	6	Yes	Yes	(3/4/2022)
Runkle	3	Yes	Yes	
Heath	4	Yes	Yes	
Lincoln	2	Yes	Yes	
Ridley	7	Yes	Yes	
Lawrence	4	Yes	Yes	3/3/22
Driscoll	5	Yes	Yes	
BHS	11	Yes	Assessing	

On Recent World Events

Disheartening events around the world can stir up a lot of emotions within us, particularly if we have a close affinity with those involved.

For those of us who are personally affected by these difficult times, I want to express that we see you and support you. We are here with you now during these dark times and will be with in the future as events change.

We encourage you take care of yourself, and reach out for help if you need to. Continue to stay informed and avail yourself of the many opportunities around our community for learning and solidarity.

It is the mission of the Public Schools of Brookline to ensure that "every student develops the skills and knowledge to pursue a productive and fulfilling life, to participate thoughtfully in a democracy, and succeed in a diverse and evolving global society". As such, we look forward to helping our students and staff access the resources and tools they need help cultivate conversation, compassion, and understanding in these times of great need.



BHS Welland Elevator

- The BHS elevators (last rebuilt in the 1997 renovation) were near the end of their useful life and have required more attention in recent times.
- 5 elevators (4 passenger, 1 freight) at 115 have been rebuilt by Delta Beckwith managed by Skanska as part of the deferred maintenance portion of the HS Project.
 - Upgrades to the service for the Welland Road elevator (the accessible route to the 4th floor) have not improved its functioning.
- BHS has been working with the Building Department and Skanska at each stage along the way and have been told consistently from Delta Beckwith that things were fixed that there would be no further problems.
 - Each time, a new issue has arisen, leading to additional down time. The Building Department thoroughly has documented the issues we have experienced with this elevator throughout this school year.
- BHS is working with the Building Department to explore options in terms of the timeline of repair and other adjustments to rooms we can make within the building.

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Spotlight on Excellence

Lawrence School *Climate Action Team*