

PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

Superintendent's Update - March 16, 2023



Agenda



- Community Highlights
- Superintendent School Visits
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- Spotlight on Excellence

Earlier today, we launched the **strategic planning process** with our Community Planning Team. Educators, parents/guardians/caregivers, and community members all convened at Town Hall with *Planning for Success* facilitator Dr. Ruth Gilbert-Whitner to **envision the future** and develop the mission, vision, and core values of a multi-year district plan.

This is the first of **four planning sessions** scheduled for this year, with the community planning team meeting again on **Thursday, March 30** to synthesize common themes and to analyze data and patterns.

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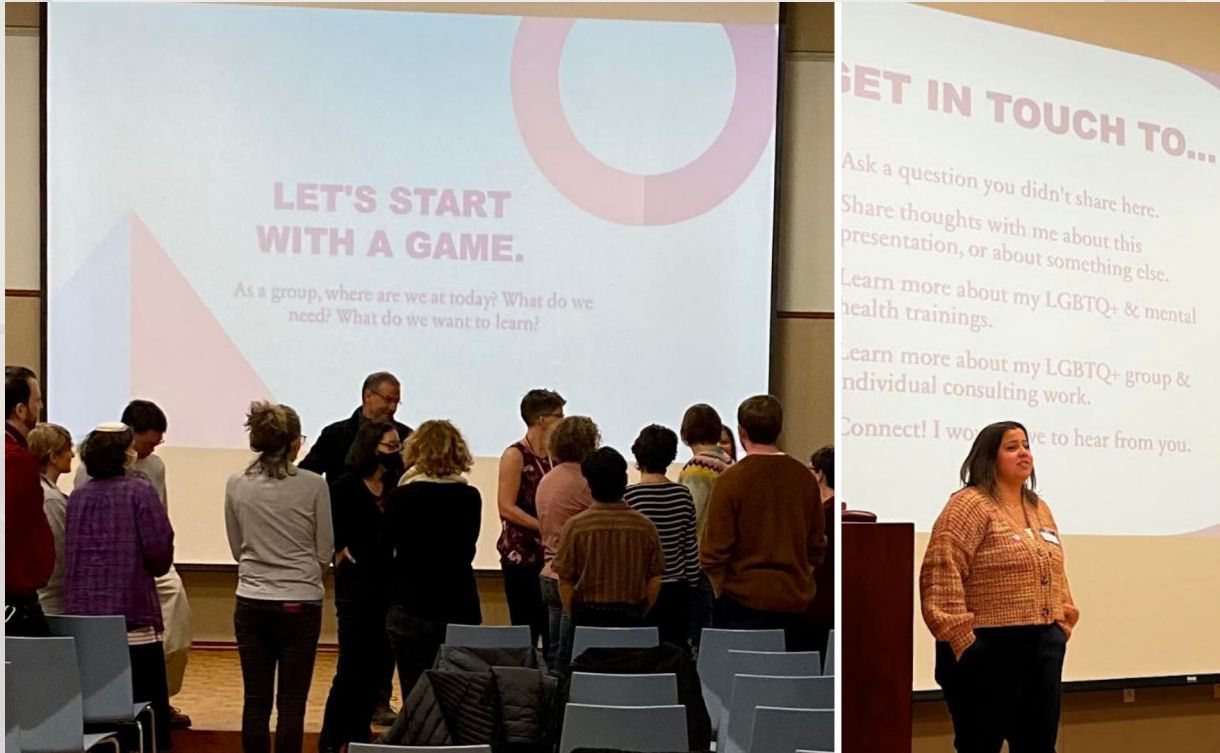




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As part National School Breakfast Week celebration, local community members, including **Massachusetts State Senator Cynthia Stone Creem, State Representatives Tommy Vitolo and Kevin Honan, Brookline Police officers Cheryl Molloy and Casey Hatchett, and New England Patriots mascot Pat Patriot,** joined the PSB Food Services team to help serve breakfast to our students!

National School Breakfast Week - Recap



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Wednesday, March 8:
Caregivers of LGBTQ+ Kids - Information Session (Presented by LGBTQ+ Task Force)

Tuesday, March 14: A Virtual Forum on Performing Arts Education at BHS (Presented by Friends of the Performing Arts)

Community Events - Recap

The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is now accepting nominations for Crossing Guard of the Year!

Communities around the Commonwealth are invited to recognize the individuals who keep our students safe during school arrival and dismissal. The winner(s) of our Crossing Guard of the Year Award(s) will be announced in late April and will also be recognized at the SRTS annual Safe Routes to School Award Ceremony in June.



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Brookline High School Drama Society's original play, *A Series of Fortune Events*, moves on to the **semifinal round of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild's State Drama Festival**, with students winning all-star company awards along the way!

Our students were terrific role models to other schools in theater etiquette and peer support - everyone had tons of fun! *A Series of Fortune Events* was directed by BHS Drama teacher Mark VanDerzee and recently retired BHS Drama teacher Mary Mastandrea. **Students will perform the show at Westford Academy on Saturday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m.**

Brookline Cares Hosts Skate Night Fundraiser

Recently Completed	
Lincoln	Friday, 3/10
Ruffin Ridley	Tuesday, 3/14
Runkle	Wednesday, 3/15
Upcoming	
BHS	Friday, 3/17
BEEP	Tuesday, 3/21
Pierce	Thursday, 3/23

- On **Friday, March 3**, I joined area Superintendents and local elected officials for an important FY24 Legislative Priorities meeting, hosted at Newton City Hall.

- On **Saturday, March 4**, I visited the Science Fairs at Heath and Driscoll Schools and observed some exceptionally curious and thoughtful student work.

- I look forward to joining 9th graders **tomorrow** in Physics class at 22 Tappan to see their “Circuit Project Presentations”.



Superintendent School Visits

- **St. Patrick's Day + Evacuation Day:**
Friday, March 17
- **Spring Equinox/Nowruz:**
Monday, March 20
- **Ramadan:**
Wednesday, March 22 -
Friday, April 21



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Important Dates



Spotlight on Excellence: PSB Visual Arts Department - The Indigo Project