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BROOKLINE 

Superintendent's Update

May 15, 2025



NEASC Visit at BHS

Brookline High School had a very successful decennial visit from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' (NEASC) accreditation team from Monday, April 14 through Wednesday, April 16. This visit was a follow up two years after their Collaborative Conference visit in May of 2023. BHS worked with the original team and NEASC's director of accreditation to identify several priority areas for improvement at BHS.

One foundational element of school accreditation is school safety and security. The planning and implementation of BHS's access control system deeply impressed the decennial visit team. Their memorable quote from 2023 was, "*This is a beautiful school and campus. Now lock it.*" BHS has succeeded in doing this, while allowing access to students, staff, families, and visitors.

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There are three other areas where BHS has made substantial progress:

- Developing a Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), including major progress on the BHS Building Curriculum Accommodation Plan (BCAP). This goes live on our district and high school websites well in advance of the 2025-26 school year.
- Working on a common curriculum format within and across departments as well as more common assessment practices and structures. These intra and cross-department efforts began this year and will continue for the next two to three years.
- Structured, focused professional learning that helps teachers develop a core of strong instructional, assessment, and student support approaches, practices, and strategies. This was declared a focus area in 2023, and the decennial visiting team was impressed by the progress made on providing professional learning for educators.

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One area that needs to be tackled with urgency in the next year is a district-wide vision of a graduate. The visiting team helped us think about ways this could look and be done efficiently and effectively.

Overall, it was a great visit. The Director of Accreditation has asked Head of School Anthony Meyer, social studies curriculum coordinator Jen Martin and English curriculum coordinator John Andrews to present to the NEASC Board of Directors on Friday, May 16,



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State Leaders to Visit BHS Lunch Program

Members of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), state legislators, School Nutrition Directors, and members of the Massachusetts School Meal Nutrition Standards Commission have requested to visit the lunch program at BHS due to the outstanding work of the PSB Food Services department.

The purpose of this tour is to illustrate the impact of investment in universal free school meals, as well as a wrap-up to the 2024-2025 School Meal Nutrition Standards Commission. The tour will include opportunities to interact with students, taste school meal samples, and see Brookline's fantastic school nutrition program in action.



PSB Food Services

PSB Shines at Music in the Parks Festival

Last Friday, May 8, 140 PSB students across grades 5-8 took top honors at the Music in the Parks Festival held at Six Flags in Agawam, MA. The event featured a high number of competing music groups, with schools from Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

Here's how our groups performed:

- **Voices of Brookline (Town-Wide Chorus)**, directed by Rianne Gibson with accompanist Melodie Linhart, earned **1st place**.
- **Brookline Youth Orchestra**, directed by John Ferguson with assistant director Irina Naryshkova, earned **1st place**, received a **Superior** rating (the highest possible), and was named the **Best Overall Middle School Orchestra**.
- **Town-Wide Concert Band**, directed by Emy Hardy with assistant director Rick Stone, earned an **Excellent** rating and placed **4th**.
- **Town-Wide Jazz Band**, directed by Rick Stone with assistant director Kenny Kozol, earned an **Excellent** rating and placed **2nd**.

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A special thank you to our passionate and dedicated music teachers who led the trip — Kenny Kozol, Rick Stone, Emy Hardy, John Ferguson, Irina Naryshkova, Rianne Gibson, and Melodie Linhart — as well as Performing Arts secretary, Sonya Joyner, who helped manage the many logistics to make this event a success.





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SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE

Pierce School: Black History Month Door Project



McNeil



Goodman



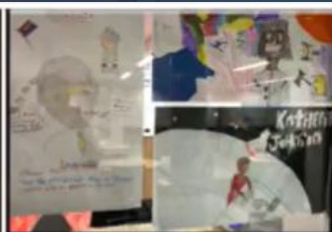
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