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# Superintendent's Update

April 10, 2025



# Terrific Tray Competition: Rebeca S. Palacios

Each month, the MA Farm to School and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, run the “Terrific Tray” competition with the goal of highlighting exceptional meals using local ingredients. Brookline won with an all-vegan school meal featuring kelp meatballs, cilantro-lime rice, salad and veggies from local farms, and herbs from BHS indoor garden.

In May, everyone will have the opportunity to vote for the Terrific Tray of the Year at <https://bit.ly/vote-2025tt> and the winner will be featured at the Healthy Kids, Healthy Programs Summit. Deadline is May 9.

**TERRIFIC TRAYS**  
FINALIST

**VOTE FOR  
BROOKLINE'S  
SCHOOL LUNCH**

MADE WITH  
LOCALLY GROWN  
AND PRODUCED  
INGREDIENTS

**VOTE**

[bit.ly/25TerrificTrayVote](https://bit.ly/25TerrificTrayVote)

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# Professional Learning for Fishtank ELA Curriculum

The Office of Teaching & Learning has held two literacy PD sessions to implement our new ELA curriculum, *Fishtank*. Thanks to the leadership of **Kristin Gray**, the literacy specialists, and teacher partners, these have been interactive and well-received sessions.

Our literacy specialists and K-5 teachers are excited as they explore the curriculum together.



# Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

The Office of Teaching & Learning held a full-day summit to build out their MTSS (multi-tiered system of support) model.

The MTSS planning team engaged in activities and learning to:

- Clearly define the rationale for updating MTSS goals and the corresponding revised strategy.
- Develop clear, actionable definitions for Tier 2 and Tier 3 instruction, outlining specific parameters for implementation, to guide consistent and effective support for students.
- Draft an assessment map that clearly outlines the purpose, timing, and tiers of all key assessments, facilitating data-driven decision-making.

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SPOTLIGHT ON EXCELLENCE

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**2025 'I Voted' Sticker  
Design Contest**

# 2025 'I Voted' Sticker Design Contest

**91**

**Submissions**

**9**

**Finalists**

**1,171**

**Votes**

**Hannah Chan**



**Aliya Gerber**



**Neve Atapattu**

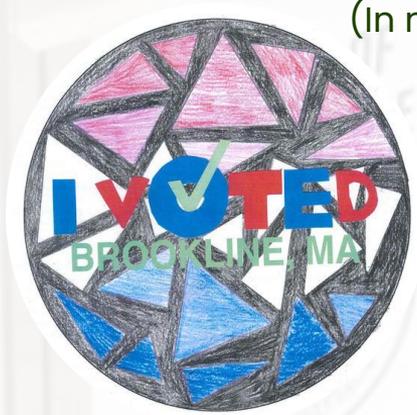


## **4th-9th Place**

(In no particular order)



**Elara Atapattu**



**Naila Alibhai**



**Nova Chan**

# The Winning Designs

**3rd Place**



**Sloane Miller**  
**1st Grade**

**2nd Place**



**Genevieve Bardin**  
**4th Grade**

**3rd Place**



**Sloane Miller**  
**1st Grade**

# 1st Place

## 2nd Place



**Genevieve Bardin**  
**4th Grade**



**Vivian Brousseau**  
**8th Grade**

## 3rd Place



**Sloane Miller**  
**1st Grade**

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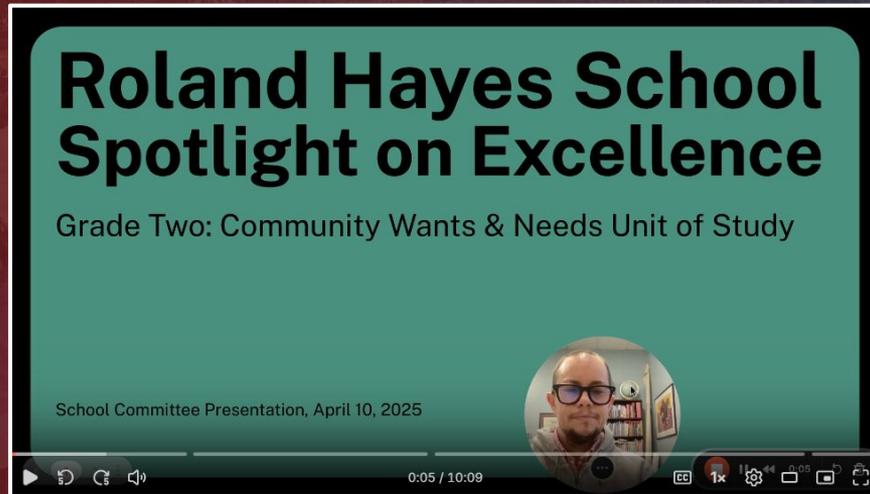
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## Roland Hayes School Community Wants and Needs Unit of Study by 2nd Graders

# Spotlight on Excellence: Hayes 2nd Graders

In this video, Hayes Principal **Asa Sevelius** talks about the incredible journey that their second graders took while learning about community wants and needs, with the goal of making a positive impact in the community.

The school collaborated with local officials and organized field trips to deepen the students' understanding of how the Town operates. The students even initiated a food drive and a craft sale, raising over \$340 for the Brookline Food Pantry.





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