

The Public Schools of Brookline
School Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 14, 2017
Superintendent Report
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MSAN Scholars Presentation: Follow-Up

Last week, our Minority Student Achievement Network (MSAN) Scholars presented to the School Committee their learning from the fall 2017 MSAN student conference. In the course of their presentation, the students raised important information about student discipline. In this report, I share with the Committee some important data from Brookline High School as it relates to this issue.

In January, 2017, BHS Headmaster Anthony Meyer and I received suspension data for the first three months of the 2016-2017 school year. From September, 2016 through November, 2016, fifty-one BHS students received suspensions (in and out of school suspensions). Forty of the fifty-one suspensions, or 78%, were issued to students with disabilities. By comparison, during the first three months of this year (September 2017 through November 2017), twenty-two students received suspensions and only six, or 28%, were issued to students with disabilities.

In the fall of 2016, twenty of the fifty-one suspended students, or 40%, were economically disadvantaged, while in the fall of 2017 only four of the twenty-two students, or 19%, were economically disadvantaged.

Across multiple student subgroups we are seeing a significant reduction in high school suspensions.

The BHS team recognizes the important work ahead, including continued reductions in out of school suspensions, better tracking of minor offenses such as students being issued detentions or sent out of class; and systematic implementation of restorative practices at the high school. Deans and program coordinators have begun this work and I look forward to updating the Committee on our progress at a future date.

School Visits and Faculty Meetings

Since our meeting last week, I had the opportunity to visit two schools:

- Baker Faculty Meeting Tuesday, December 12
- Pierce School Classrooms Wednesday, December 13

Superintendent Forums

Working closely with the PTO leaders in each of our elementary schools, I have finalized a schedule of Superintendent Forums. This morning I had a very successful meeting with Baker parents and tomorrow morning I look forward to meeting with parents at Devotion School. These forums serve both as an opportunity for me to share updates on various district initiatives and as an opportunity for parents to share with me the successes, questions and concerns of their school community.

The complete schedule, as of this time, is below:

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Superintendent Forums: 2017-2018**

Driscoll	Tuesday, November 7	6:30pm	Theatre
Baker	Thursday, December 14	8:15am	Cafeteria
Devotion	Friday, December 15	8:15am	Lower Devo: 5 th floor multipurpose room
Heath	Friday, January 5	8:00am	TBD: Cafeteria or Auditorium
Lincoln	Friday, January 12	8:15am	Cafeteria
Lawrence	Wednesday, January 31	8:15am	Cafeteria
Pierce	Friday, February 2	8:15am	TBD
Runkle	Holding: 2/9, 3/2 and 3/16	8:15am	TBD