

# PUBLIC SCHOOLS of BROOKLINE

## Superintendent's Update - January 19, 2023



# Agenda

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We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Grace Wai** as the **Interim Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning**.

Dr. Wai brings deep experience and knowledge about teaching, learning, and leadership after 33 years in education. Dr. Wai previously served in the Boston Public Schools as a regional superintendent.

**PSB aims to select a permanent Deputy by mid-March for a July 2023 start.** In the meantime, Dr. Wai will help support PSB through June 2023.



*Media Credit: G. Wai*

**Welcome to PSB, Dr. Grace Wai!**



Brookline High School's student-run newspaper, formerly "The Sagamore," announced on **Wednesday, January 18** that they will change its name out of respect for Indigenous people who use the word.

"The Sagamore," references the Indigenous term "Sagamore," which denotes a leader of some New England Indigenous tribes, including the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag. **Newspaper staff concluded that usage of the name perpetuates a history of misrepresentation and appropriation of Indigenous peoples and serves as a reminder of the erasure of their cultures.**

The newspaper will select a new name through a **town-wide contest**, where community members can submit name suggestions. The submission form can be found on the newspaper website at [www.thesagonline.com](http://www.thesagonline.com)

Media Credit: The Sag Online

# New Name for BHS Student Newspaper

We continue to monitor the number of **positive COVID-19 cases** within the community over the past few weeks:

- **52 cases** from 12/30 to 1/5
- **27 cases** from 1/6 to 1/12
- **39 cases** from 1/13 to 1/19

We will continue to host COVID-19/Flu Vaccination Clinics for the community. The next session will be held at Baker School on **Monday, January 30.**


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**COVID-19 / FLU VACCINES CLINIC**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30**  
**4:00 - 6:00 PM**

At Baker School (205 Beverly Road).  
Updated (Bivalent) COVID-19 Booster Shots will be available for individuals 6 months and older who have received the Moderna primary COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccination is free and available for anyone age **6 months or older**, regardless of insurance coverage. Scan the QR Code to sign up now!



[www.brookline.k12.ma.us/covid-clinic](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/covid-clinic)  BrooklinePublicSchools  @BrooklinePublic

The Public Schools of Brookline firmly stands against all acts of hatred and all forms of isms that include, but are not limited to racism, sexism, ageism, ableism, classism, colorism and ethnocentrism in our district community, in our local community, and across our nation and our globe.

We unequivocally condemn the divisive forces of hate, inequities and injustice against all persons, families, and communities. This includes all acts of bias, disrespect, discrimination, verbal and physical abuse, harassment, threats, defacing of property and the creation of environments of fear against any person, group, community, or population.

**It takes all of us to keep our community a place safe from such hateful messaging.** We encourage you to refrain from giving your time or attention to these examples of antiquated and uninformed beliefs. Instead, please take a moment to celebrate our diverse student body and community.

## Statement on Hateful Messaging



## Driscoll

- Currently installing glass and window frames, as well as drywall.
- Building tight (windows, doors, walls sealed) by **March 2023**.

## Pierce

- Select Board unanimously voted to authorize use of the former Newbury College site as swing space.
- Piece 6th-8th grade anticipated to relocate to Newbury during construction.

Media Credit: Driscoll PTO

# Building Projects Update

## Recently Completed

BEEP	Friday, 1/6
BHS	Tuesday, 1/10
Pierce	Wednesday, 1/18
Heath	Wednesday, 1/18
Driscoll	Thursday, 1/19
Lincoln	Thursday, 1/19

## Upcoming

Lawrence	Friday, 1/20
Runkle	Tuesday, 1/24



## Special Events

- Speaker at the Ruffin Ridley PTO monthly meeting on January 6
- Guest reader at the Pierce School MLK Celebration on January 18
- Celebrated the Lunar New Year with the Driscoll School community, January 19

Media Credit: J. Uttero, Driscoll PTO

# Superintendent School Visits





Media Credit: Town of Brookline

- **Lunar New Year:** Sunday, January 22
- **Quarter 2/Term 2 Ends for 6th-12th grade:** Friday, January 27
- **International Holocaust Remembrance Day:** Friday, January 27

# Important Dates



# **Spotlight on Excellence:**

**Lawrence School - 8th Grade Partners Program**