

The Public Schools of Brookline
School Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 13, 2014
Superintendent Report

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Lincoln School: Principal Search

I met with interested Lincoln staff and families on March 6, 2014 and March 7, 2014, respectively, in order to discuss next steps in the search for a Lincoln Principal. Dr. Angela Allen, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, joined me for these meetings. We provided general information on the search process, timeline and opportunities for parent and staff participation and then answered questions.

We will follow up with a letter to all Lincoln families and staff summarizing those information sessions and alerting them to a survey we expect to distribute early next week. The survey will help us to collect important feedback from the Lincoln community and assist in identifying the next school leader.

Commissioner to Visit Brookline

Tom Weber, Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC), will visit Brookline tomorrow morning, Friday, March 14, 2014.

Commissioner Weber, who will be joined by Regional Director Alina Lopez, will observe early education classes at the Driscoll and Heath Schools and the Lynch Center. After the classroom visits, Commissioner Weber and Regional Director Lopez will have an opportunity for discussion and questions with Early Education Programs Principal Vicki Milstein, School Committee Member Helen Charlupski and myself.

Commissioner Weber was appointed in September, 2013 after serving as Acting Commissioner of the department since March. Prior to his appointment, he served as Undersecretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education, where he oversaw budget and finance, legal, legislative affairs, information technology, policy, communications, and general administration in support of Governor Patrick's education agenda. Tom also served as the Secretary of Education's principal advisor for early education and care, as well as his designee to the Board of Early Education and Care.

FY2015 Budget Forums

Deputy Superintendent Peter Rowe and I will be hosting a series of open forums to discuss the FY2015 school budget. The forums are open to the public and will be held on the following dates:

- Devotion School Auditorium
Thursday, March 20, 2014 (8:15 a.m.)
- Brookline Senior Center (Room 103)
Wednesday, March 26, 2014 (8:15 a.m.)

Brookline Performing Arts

- Drama Society. The Brookline High School Drama Society will compete in the Semi-Final Round of the Massachusetts High School Drama Festival on Saturday, March 15th at Duxbury High School. They will be performing *V for Vendetti*, an original work written by the ensemble.

Brookline hosted the first round of the festival on Saturday, March 1, 2014. In addition to advancing to the semi-finals, several students were recognized with All Star Company Awards. Pablo Herraiz and Sophia Pouzyrev both received acting awards and Maggie Mittelman (stage management), Erik Skagestad (sound design) and Sam Pollock (video design) each received tech awards.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *V is for Vendetti*, the BHS Drama Society and Mary Mastandrea and Mark VanDerzee and best of luck this Saturday in Duxbury.

- Jazz Band. The BHS Jazz Band, directed by Carolyn Castellano, finished in third place in combo performance in the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival. Students Micah Katz-Zeiger and Spencer Brown were also given Judges' Choice Awards.
- Music Festivals. A number of Brookline students auditioned for the MMEA (Mass Music Educators Association) Junior (Elementary and Middle Schools) and Senior (High School) Districts. Students were accepted from each of our schools to be part of the Junior and Senior District Festivals. In addition, sophomores Yoo Jin Ahn, violin, and Melissa Picker, alto, were both accepted into the All State Festival.