TBD-TITLE OF NEWSLETTER TO BE DETERMINED FROM SURVEY FEEDBACK! STAY TUNED!

Welcome to.....

In a district as active as ours, there is a lot of information—from daily homework reminders to Friday night game scores. We know our individual schools do a fantastic job of sharing those day-to-day moments. This newsletter is designed to step back and look at the big picture. In each issue, we will focus on the "why" behind our work: the long-term strategies, the district-wide initiatives, and the shared goals that unite all of our schools. This is where you will find district-wide updates on how we are collectively navigating the future of Agawam Public Schools.

THE BIG PICTURE

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS: STRATEGIC PLAN



Foster a Sense of Belonging	Build and cultivate a welcoming, safe, and inclusive school community that empowers students and embraces differences among all of our community members
Provide Support and Resources for Social Civic, and Well-being Development	Equip schools with the necessary resources, strategies, and supports so that all students feel connected, valued and safe.
Maintain and Support Communication, Collaboration, and Diversity Perspectives	Build a multi-tiered collaborative communication process that is inclusive of the diverse needs of all stakeholders.
Increase Opportunities for Choice and Voice	Expand learning opportunities so that all students are able to meet high academic expectations by engaging in appropriate and challenging problem solving and skill development









BUILDING THE FUTURE





HIGH SCHOOL TOPPING OFF CEREMONY

A CONSTRUCTION SITE TRADITION: MARKING THE PLACEMENT OF THE BUILDING'S HIGHEST BEAM REPRESENTING A PROJECT MILESTONE

PARTNERING WITH FAMILIES: SEPAC

THE AGAWAM SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEPAC) HAS RECENTLY BEEN ESTABLISHED. SEPAC PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE BY PROVIDING FEEDBACK TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND BY CONNECTING FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WITH ONE ANOTHER.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED OR WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE, PLEASE CONTACT CATHERINE MCDOUGAL AND ALEKS WROBEL AT SEPAC@AGAWAMED.ORG

CURRICULUM CORNER

INNOVATION PATHWAYS

- ADVANCED MANUFACTURING: HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN ENGINEERING AND MODERN PRODUCTION.
- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT): DEEP DIVES INTO CYBERSECURITY, NETWORKING, AND HARDWARE.
- HEALTHCARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE: A DIRECT LOOK INTO MEDICAL FIELDS, PATIENT CARE, AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

FOLLOW THIS LINK TO WATCH VIDEOS ABOUT EACH PATHWAY: AHS INNOVATION PATHWAY WEBPAGE

TWO BRAND-NEW PATHWAYS COMING SOON!

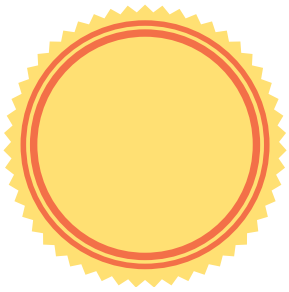
- BUSINESS & FINANCE
- ENVIRONMENTAL & LIFE SCIENCES

WANT TO LEARN MORE? REACH OUT TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR VISIT THE CAREER CENTER.



STOP THE BLEED WITH THE AHS HEALTHCARE PATHWAY





APS BY THE NUMBERS

8 BUILDINGS
830 STAFF MEMBERS
3,421 STUDENTS
28 LANGUAGES SPOKEN
$51.9 M FY25 BUDGET

SEAL OF BILITERACY

APS SENIORS CAN EARN THE MASSACHUSETTS SEAL OF BILITERACY BY DEMONSTRATING PROFICIENCY IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE.
MANY COLLEGES OFFER FREE CREDITS TO STUDENTS WHO EARN THE SEAL.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING A LIST OF PARTICIPATING COLLEGES VISIT THE APS SEAL OF BILITERACY WEBSITE OR JOIN OUR VIRTUAL INFO SESSION (MEETING LINK) ON FEB. 2 AT 6:30 PM.

CONTACT ROSA RODRIGUEZ PION AT RRODRIGUEZPION@AGAWAMED.ORG WITH ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.
THIS HONOR SUPPORTS OUR DISTRICT'S FOCUS ON BELONGING, COMMUNICATION, AND POST-SECONDARY SUCCESS.