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Franklin School Committee

Keeping our community informed and connected to Franklin's schools

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As we reach the 180th and final day of school, we reflect on a year of significant change, growth, and accomplishment. Thanks to the dedication of our staff, the support of our families, and the resilience of our students, Franklin Public Schools has successfully navigated the year's challenges while continuing to provide meaningful learning experiences for all students.

In this edition, you'll find a recap of how the School Committee concluded its work for the 2025–2026 school year.

We hope you have found these newsletters helpful in keeping you informed throughout the year. On behalf of the School Committee, we wish you and your family a happy, safe, and relaxing summer.

Congratulations to the FHS Class of 2026!

Congratulations ong accomplishing a major milestone in your educational career. We wish you the best in your future endevaors.



Thank you to the Class of 1976 for attending as part of your 50th reunion.



May 12th School Committee Meeting

Joint School Committee/Town Council Strategic Plan Discussion

The School Committee and Town Council held a joint meeting to hear presentations from four consulting firms interested in facilitating Franklin's next strategic planning process. Each firm shared its approach, experience, and proposed process for engaging the community and developing the Town's long-term strategic plan.

The meeting provided an opportunity for members of both boards to learn about the firms and ask questions. No consultant was selected during the meeting. The Town Council will consider the proposals and make a selection at a future meeting.



Portrait of a Graduate

"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart." ~ Nelson Mandela

May 26th School Committee Meeting

Seal of Biliteracy Recognition

The School Committee recognized 16 graduating seniors who earned the Massachusetts State Seal of Biliteracy, an honor awarded to students who demonstrate proficiency in English and at least one additional language through state-approved assessments.

Earning the Seal of Biliteracy reflects years of dedication to language learning and cultural understanding. These students leave Franklin Public Schools with skills that will serve them well in an increasingly global community.



Retiree Recognition

The School Committee recognized 23 Franklin Public Schools employees who are retiring this year, representing more than 400 combined years of service to the district.

We extend our sincere gratitude for their dedication, commitment, and the lasting impact they have had on generations of Franklin students. Their contributions have helped shape our schools and strengthen our community. We thank them for their service and wish each of them a happy, healthy, and fulfilling retirement.



Superintendent Evaluation

Superintendent Giguere presented a year-end review of his progress toward the goals established for the 2025–2026 school year. The presentation included a detailed overview of the actions taken throughout the year, along with evidence demonstrating progress and outcomes related to each goal.

June 9th School Committee Meeting

"The first step in teaching students to innovate is making sure that educators have opportunities to be innovators themselves." ~ George Couros

FPS Operations and Facilities Update

Director of Operations Colin Boisvert, Director of Facilities Kevin Harn, and Deputy Director of Facilities Jon Eason provided a comprehensive update on facilities projects completed during the 2025–2026 school year.

The team highlighted the many improvements completed across the district, including classroom preparations and building moves to support district reorganization, critical infrastructure upgrades such as fire alarm system improvements, and quality-of-life enhancements like the installation of an adaptive swing to increase playground accessibility for all students.

Many of these projects were supported through capital funding, Community Preservation Act funding, and other funding sources. The presentation also outlined priorities for Fall 2026 and beyond as the district continues to invest in maintaining safe, accessible, and well-functioning learning environments.

FPS District AI Committee Progress Update

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Dr. Tina Rogers, along with Lizzie Morrison and Eric Stark, provided an update on the District's AI Committee's work and its efforts to thoughtfully explore the role of artificial intelligence in education.

The presentation highlighted the committee's work to gather input from staff, students, and families through a district-wide survey. Using that feedback, the committee developed four guiding principles focused on human connection, AI literacy, personal accountability, and data privacy to help shape the district's approach to AI.

Looking ahead, the committee plans to expand its work by forming an AI Guidance Committee, incorporating student voices into the process, increasing parent and family engagement opportunities, and providing district-wide professional development to help staff effectively and responsibly use AI tools in support of teaching and learning.

Superintendent Evaluation Report

One of the School Committee's primary responsibilities is conducting the annual evaluation of the Superintendent. At this meeting, the Committee completed its evaluation of Superintendent Giguere's performance for the 2025–2026 school year.

Based on the established evaluation criteria, Superintendent Giguere received a Performance Goals Rating of Met, a Focus Indicators Rating of Exemplary, and a Final Composite Rating of Proficient.

As part of the evaluation process, School Committee members reflected on the Superintendent's progress toward district goals, acknowledged accomplishments from the past year, and provided feedback to support continued growth and improvement.



Upcoming School Committee Meetings

School Committee Meetings

- **August 11th at 7 PM** in the Franklin Municipal Building
- **August 25th at 7 PM** in the Franklin Municipal Building

Subcommittee Meetings

- **Budget Subcommittee**
  - **Members: Paul Griffith (Chair)**, Nadia Mausolf & Ruthann O'Sullivan
  - **Last meeting:** 4/16/26
  - **Upcoming meeting:** No meetings scheduled

- **Community Relations/Public Schools Advocacy Subcommittee**
  - **Members: Al Charles (Chair)**, Stephen Karunakaran & Nadia Mausolf
  - **Last meeting:** 6/18/26
  - **Upcoming meeting:** No meetings scheduled. Will restart in September.

- **Policy Subcommittee**
  - **Members: Dave Callaghan (Chair),** Al Charles & Reis Hansen
  - **Last meeting:** 6/9/26
  - **Upcoming meeting:** No meetings scheduled

- **Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee**
  - **Members: Paul Griffith (Chair)**, Stephen Karunakaran & Ruthann O'Sullivan
  - **Last meeting:** none for the 2025 - 2027 School Committee
  - **Upcoming meeting:** Subcommittee activity will begin spring 2027

- **Horace Mann Legacy Subcommittee**
  - **Members: Dave Callaghan (Chair)**, Reis Hansen & Ruthann O'Sullivan
  - **Last meeting:** 6/8/26
  - **Upcoming meeting:** No meetings scheduled

All posted School Committee meetings can be found on the School Committee website. Click **here**.



Important Resources

PARENT COMMUNICATION COUNCILS (PCC) FACEBOOK PAGES

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Lincoln St K-2

Lincoln St 3-5

Washington St K-2

Washington St 3-5

Franklin Middle School

Franklin High School

- Previous School Committee Newsletters are available **here**.
- Watch replays of the previous Franklin School Committee meetings **here**.
- Content shared during School Committee meetings are available online in the **2025 - 2026 Meeting Packets** section.
- 2025 - 2026 Franklin Public School calendar is available **here**.
- There is a wealth of School Committee content available on the **Franklin School Committee website**.
- **News You can Use** serves as a central hub for flyers and notices for FPS families.
- Click **here** to sign up for the Town of Franklin email notifications.
- Stay informed on the happenings in Franklin by visiting **Franklin Matters** or listening to **Franklin Matters Podcasts**.
- SAFE Coalition supports and educates individuals affected by substance use and mental health concerns. Click **here** to learn more about SAFE.
- The **Franklin Food Pantry** offers food, household goods, and referral resources to those facing food insecurity. For services, appointments, or help, contact the Client Services Manager at **508-528-3115** or **info@franklinfoodpantry.org**.