



Westwood School Committee

March 20, 2025



Superintendent's Report

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Seen Around WPS...



*38 fifth graders from Pine Hill performed
“America. the Beautiful” at the Providence Bruins
game*

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*TMS Students at the Edward M. Kennedy
Institute at UMass Boston*

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Downey students engaging in yoga taught by Mrs. Kress and Ms. Orsini

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Students at Pine Hill making Rube Goldberg projects



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MJ Teacher Beth Swinning is the new Poet Laureate of the Town of Westwood!

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WHS students Melina Maxwell and Gabrielle Bernadeau spoke at the 20th MASS Women's Educational Leadership Network annual conference about the importance of strong connections with female leaders.

Introduction of Athletic Director

Strategic Planning Process

Strategic Planning

- Goal: Develop a multi-year strategic plan to provide roadmap for improvement efforts that allow students to achieve outcomes in our Portrait of a Graduate
- Structure:
 - Focal Areas
 - Goals/Strategic Priorities
 - Action Steps

Strategic Planning Team

- We will establish a Strategic Planning Team (SPT) to support development of plan
- The SPT will have about 20 members and will meet in April and May
 - School Committee member (1)
 - Administrative Council members (5-7)
 - Teachers (4-6)
 - Students (2-3)
 - Parents/caregivers (3-5)

Strategic Planning Team

- Invitation to solicit SPT members will be sent on March 21
- SPT responsible for developing initial Focal Areas and Goals
 - April-May 2025
- District Administrative Council responsible for developing Action Steps
 - June-August 2025
- Final plan presented to School Committee in September 2025 for approval

Professional Learning Update

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- Early Release Wednesdays
 - Contractual: conferences, report card writing, etc.
 - PL&D: Building, Department, and District-led learning
- After-School Course Catalog
 - 14 courses offered (3 in progress currently)
 - 190+ educators participating
- PD Partnerships

Impact of Federal Education Policies

Funding from Federal Sources

- Westwood does not receive funds directly from the US Department of Education
 - Funds are provided to DESE, who distributes to districts
- FY26 federal grants to Westwood:
 - Special Education IDEA Grant: \$966,733
 - Early Childhood Education Grant: \$23,290
 - Teacher Quality Grant (Title II): \$26,482
- Federal funding from USDA to School Lunch and Breakfast program