

TO: School Committee

FROM: Tim Piwowar, Superintendent

DATE: September 13, 2024

RE: Development of Westwood Portrait of a Graduate

At our May School Committee meeting, we spoke about the [visioning work that we were doing in the district](#) in concert with our master facilities planning. The first phase of that work was completed in May and June, and will be used along with our facilities assessment to develop master plan options.

The second phase of our visioning work will take place this fall in which we will develop the Portrait of a Graduate of the Westwood Public Schools. This work is designed to identify the skills, competencies, and mindsets that we want to develop in students to best prepare them for college, career, and life. Once complete, that work will then form the basis for the development of a new multi-year district strategy that will focus on how we build learning experiences for students from Grades PK-12 consistent with this vision.

To create the Portrait of a Graduate, we will assemble a team of stakeholders that will do the initial work of development, followed by a process where we get feedback from the community as a whole. This stakeholder team will include students, caregivers, teachers, and administrators, and will have three half-day working sessions scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 9:	9:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday, October 23:	9:30am - 12:30pm
Wednesday, December 4:	9:30am - 12:30pm

After our School Committee meeting on September 18, I will send a message out to the community looking for individuals that are interested in serving on this team, with the intent to have a mix of people that participated in our spring visioning sessions along with new voices in this group.

I recognize that the timing of these sessions during the day may limit the ability of some caregivers who are interested to be able to participate. This is why it is important that we have a robust feedback process throughout this work so that we can ensure that all voices are able to be heard and incorporated into our final product.

I look forward to discussing this with you further at our meeting on September 18.

