

Randolph Public Schools
"Building Tomorrow, Today"

RPS



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS MARCH, 2016

"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail. Without it, nothing can succeed."
- Abraham Lincoln

Greetings Randolph Public Schools Parents and Community,

Here are some events and important work that are taking place at Randolph Public Schools. Also, we are pleased to be hosting the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education on Monday, March 14. It should be a great visit.

Key Event:

- Annual Kindergarten Night at Donovan ES on March 16, 2016 (6:00 PM – 8:30 PM)

RPS Highlights:

- Vietnamese Parent Group – March 8th
- Educational Equity / Cultural Competence

Reminder:

As we prepare for the 2016-2017 school year, our educational priorities remain strategically focused and student-centered. We will continue to support the capacity building of our staff to enhance our students' academic skills and socio-emotional growth.

To give you a better view of RPS from the inside, allow me to share the progress being made daily – not only in our schools – in all areas within the district.

Departmental Snapshots

- **Instructional coaches** at all elementary schools – supporting teachers to inform instruction.
- **Extra-help sessions after school (secondary)** with his/her English teacher; please encourage your child to take advantage.
- **MyON program (www.myON.com)** MyON, a 7,000 title digital library, is available to all elementary students for access both in school and at home. Please encourage your child to read daily, selecting topics of interest at his/her reading level. Your child's teacher can be contacted with any questions about MyON.

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Family Engagement:

- 3/14/2016: Family Stories, 6:00-7:30PM, RCMS
- 3/16/2016: Kindergarten Information Night, 6:00-8:00PM, Donovan
- 4/5/2016: Math Night, 6:00-8:00PM, RCMS/Cafeteria
- 4/12/2016: Math Night, 6:00-8:00PM, JFK/Café
- 4/19 - 4/22/2016: Math Academy, 8:00AM-3:00PM, Young ES
- 5/24/2016: Academic Achievement Awards Night, 6:00-8:00PM, RHS Cafeteria

Specialized Services:

- Specialized services are being increased to address more of our students' needs within the district.
- SEPAC continues to be a support and resource to parents with concerns regarding the special education process. However, please continue to contact your child's school with any specific questions related to the IEP process.

Progress Note(s):

- We have successfully completed our in depth Coordinated Program Review, (Special Education, ELL and Civil Rights), with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- Key Events – Parent Engagement
 - “How Physical Activity Impacts Academic Performance?” by RPS Special Education Adaptive Phys. Ed Teacher, Ms. Nancy Casey will present on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the RHS Cafeteria.
 - Bilingualism in Randolph: This talk will focus on the results from the study that HGSE is currently partnering with identified elementary schools in Randolph (Donovan and Young). This event was previously scheduled for January 20, 2016. Dr. Luk will present this on March 21, 2016 at RCMS Media Center at 3:30 – 4:30pm.
 - All Randolph Public Schools parents are encouraged to go to our website for the SEPAC workshops which have been extended to Randolph by Braintree Public Schools.

ELL Reminder

- Adult ESL classes resumed on Tuesday, January 12th and are running every Tuesday and Thursday for parents and guardians of RPS students learning English as a second language.
- Our next Multicultural Parent Advisory Council meetings occur each month to provide a time and place for parents and guardians who speak a different language other than English in the home to discuss matters related to their child's education.

Randolph High School – Athletic Department

- The boys' basketball team continues to win big games during the state tournament. Their next game is Saturday versus Whitman and Hanson.

<http://bluedevelilsathletics.com/2016/03/09/randolph-high-school-boys-varsity-basketball-beat-bishop-feehan-high-school-59-58/>

The Blue Devils now await the winner of the Foxborough vs Whitman Hanson game being played tonight. The DII South finals are Saturday, March 12th 2:30pm at Durfee HS, Fall River, MA.

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- Randolph had 17 student-athletes voted to the south shore league winter sports all-star teams, Kiara Felix was voted female athlete of the year for indoor track.
- Spring sports start March 21st.

Below are some key data points that were illustrated at the February meeting with the department of education:

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Student Outcomes

Initiative 3: All district schools will show a 3% increase in their student growth percentile in Math and ELA on each administration of the NWEA as compared to the previous year.

	Winter February 2015	Winter December 2016	Growth +/-
ELA			
Donovan ES	54%	50%	-4
JFK ES	47%	52%	+5
Lyons ES	65%	55%	-10
Young ES	53%	55%	+2
RCMS	56%	47%	-9
RHS	53%	47%	-6
Math			
Donovan ES	55%	54%	-1
JFK ES	46%	57%	+11
Lyons ES	52%	54%	+2
Young ES	50%	55%	+5
RCMS	47%	53%	+6
RHS	50%	62%	+12

This data illustrates areas overall school benchmark performance compared to the winter results from Feb. 2015

DESE PRESENTATION

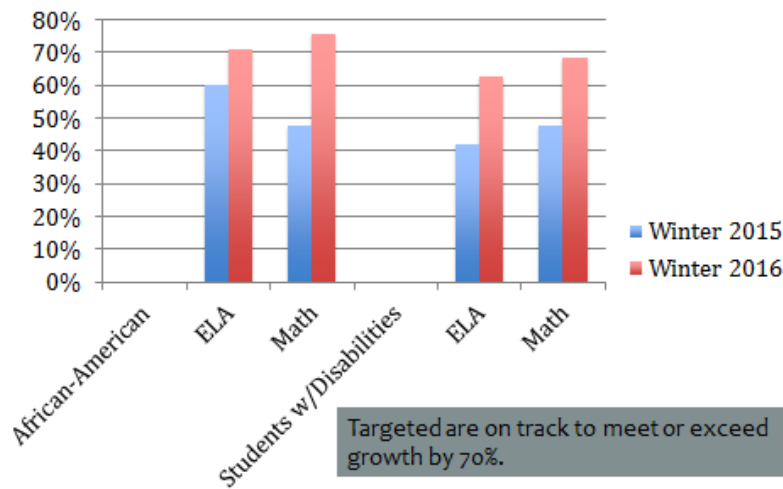
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Student Outcomes

Initiative 3 : 70% of students from targeted populations (i.e., African-American, students w/ disabilities) will make a minimum of 1.5 years' growth



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The above chart illustrates the progress that many of our students are making. This demonstrates the progress by our African-American students and students with disabilities.

STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Strengths

- **Student Growth** Math (NWEA) has increased in 5 of 6 schools from February 2015 to December 2015
- **Instructional Practices** RPS has seen more targeted implementation (8 of 11) categories from the baseline (District Learning Walk Data - aligned to the Educator Evaluation)
- **Failing grades** Randolph High School are down (1 %) from last year (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, English I-IV, and AP level courses)
- **Benchmark Assessment (NWEA) Growth** Math and ELA growth for Students with Disabilities and African-American students is moving at a faster rate than last year
- **Time to implement** supports and assist teachers to plan group work using high level questions to promote more authentic conversations among students

Opportunities for Growth

- **Consistent** use of differentiated instructional strategies and resources to engage students
- **Continue** to provide more intensive reading and math support to students in all grades
- **Suspensions** Targeting discipline infractions and providing interventions to assist students and support staff to deescalate behaviors

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As always thank you for your support and for entrusting us with your most prized possession, your children.

Our students are working to reach new heights every day under the direction of our very capable and caring staff. We have a lot in which we should be proud and with your support and participation in your child's education there are no boundaries for students in Randolph Public Schools. Let us always remember that our schools are all Levels 3 and 2:

LEVEL 2: Randolph HS

LEVEL 3: Donovan ES

LEVEL 3: John F. Kennedy ES

LEVEL 3: Lyons ES

LEVEL 3: Young ES

LEVEL 3: Randolph Community MS

Please access our website: <http://www.randolph.k12.ma.us/> for updates and more information regarding school performance data and events.

With Randolph pride,



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