

Randolph Public Schools
"Building Tomorrow, Today"

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
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"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail. Without it, nothing can succeed." - Abraham Lincoln

Greetings Randolph Public Schools Parents and Community,

It is hard to believe that summer is over and the crispness of the fall weather is settling in. We are extremely proud that **Lyons Elementary School is now a LEVEL 2** school joining Randolph High School, which rated Level 2 in September 2014. Our students continue to make measureable gains in Mathematics and ELA on MCAS. For 2016 RPS students increased their overall Proficiency and Advanced rates by 2% in Mathematics and 2% in English Language Arts (ELA) – the first time since 2010 that gains were achieved in both areas in the same year.

The Composite Performance Index (CPI) is a measure of the extent to which students are progressing toward proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, respectively. A CPI of 100 in a given content area means that all students have reached proficiency. The Accountability index: <http://www.mass.gov/edu/docs/ese/accountability/annual-reports/lea-brochure.pdf> has increased from 47 in 2014 to 54 in 2015 and now to 58 in 2016, which is ahead of many districts classified as Level 3.

Randolph Community Middle School, Level 3, increased its overall ELA Proficiency/Advanced rates to 57% from 52%; CPI increased to 80.9 from 77.2. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) considers a gain of 2.5 or higher in CPI to be significant. In Mathematics the SPG increased to 62.2 from 59.6.

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.

School Safety;

The well-being of all students and staff is the highest priority and we constantly assess, evaluate and adjust our practices to enhance our effectiveness.

RPS GOALS

1: Enhance the Teaching and Learning process

2: Improve Accountability Structures

3: Increase the Quality of Engagement

4: Human Capital Management

Non-Discrimination Policy

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We routinely work with the Randolph Police Department as they support our efforts by making more routine visits to school campuses and increasing their visibility during the morning and afternoon commutes. As we work to support our staff to be more able to address student needs and build partnerships with families, I ask that families continue to assist in strengthening this partnership.

Literacy Update

For the first year in many, Randolph Public Schools provided a summer program for elementary students entering grades one through five in both English Language Arts and Mathematics. The program focused on small group instruction, engaging curriculum and hands-on learning with substantial gains in student achievement at the end of the program.

As we begin a promising new academic year, we look forward to our continued partnership with you in supporting all students' high levels of success. Information will be coming soon regarding Literacy Nights at each school.

Links for Families:

Kindergarten – Grade 3: <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-11-languages#english>

Grades K -12 <http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583&navItemNumber=3363>

Teaching and Learning Update

Randolph Public Schools continue to enhance science instruction across the district. We will continue the work with Science from Scientists from last year with our 5th grade students. They will conduct labs with the students twice a month. In addition, we have purchased science kits for the elementary and middle schools to ensure that students are reading about science concepts and actually get a chance to act as scientists in their classrooms. Science teachers spent the summer learning to use the kits and enhancing their core knowledge through professional development.

Randolph high school also is enhancing their science program with the addition of a college Chemistry course offered by Massasoit Community College for college credit. Last year 18 students took part in the program and the district is hopeful that similar numbers of students will participate.

Transportation

The transportation department is happy to announce that we have successfully expanded the Randolph Public School transportation system. This year we will have begun transporting Randolph Middle Schools Students who live at least 2 miles away from the school in grades 7 and 8. With the School Committee and town support over the past two years we have also taken over the transportation of most of our out of district student transportation needs. Through outright purchases and leases we now own four 77 passenger, one 72 passenger and four 29 passenger buses, and 15 mini vans (some are wheel chair equipped). For more information visit our website.

Renovation

Randolph High School and John F. Kennedy Elementary School have each received a tremendous face lift and a substantial efficiency improvement with the replacement of all old windows and doors. The high school will also include handicap access improvements to its main entrance. The projects are nearing completion on schedule and below the projected costs.

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Parent Engagement Opportunities

ELA and Math Nights – 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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| • Donovan ES ELA Night: 11.16.16 | Math Night: <i>to be scheduled</i> |
| • JFK ES ELA Night: 10.25.16 | Math Night: 1.11.17 |
| • Lyons ELA Night: <i>to be scheduled</i> | Math Night: 1.24.17 |
| • Young ES ELA Night: 11.15.16 | Math Night: 1.10.17 |
| • RCMS ELA Night: 11.9.16 | Math Night: 1.18.17 |
| • RHS ELA Night: <i>to be scheduled</i> | Math Night: 1.31.17 |

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Let us always remember that our schools are all Levels 3 and 2:

LEVEL 2: Randolph HS

LEVEL 2: Lyons ES

LEVEL 3: Donovan ES

LEVEL 3: Young ES

LEVEL 3: John F. Kennedy 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.

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

With Randolph pride,



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