

Dear Visitors:

Welcome to an open meeting of the Abington School Committee. This is the agenda that will be discussed this evening. Please note that Hearing of Visitors is included; and if you have a statement or question, please be kind enough to wait to be recognized by the Chair and give your name and address.

Chris Coyle, Chair

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ABINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ABINGTON, MA 02351

MEETING OF THE ABINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday August 30, 2023

ABINGTON MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL – LIBRARY

6:30 P.M.

- I. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE
- II. HEARING OF VISITORS
- III. READING AND APPROVAL OF RECORDS
June 20, 2023
- IV. REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT
Grade 8 and High School Sports Update (Peter Serino, Athletic Director)
- V. REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF STUDENT SERVICES & CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT
 - A. Summer School and Extended School Year Update (Dr. Christopher Basta, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Dr. James Robbins, Director of Student Services)

- B. Summer Curriculum Writing Update (Dr. Basta)
- C. Professional Development Update (Dr. Basta)
- D. Program and Initiative Update (Dr. Basta)
- E. Adjustment to 2023-2024 School Calendar Professional Development Schedule (Dr. Basta)
- F. 2023-2024 Home School Requests (Dr. Robbins)

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- A. Back-to-School Report
- B. Strategic Planning Overview

VII. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

- A. Update on Bus Registration/Busing
- B. Status Report on 2023 Summer Facility Projects
- C. Proposed Substitute Teacher Rate

VIII. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

September 26, 2023, at 7:00pm

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Peter Serino is named District 9, Athletic Director of the Year
- MASC/MASS Joint Conference, November 8th through November 10th
- 2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Dates

- 2023-2024 School Committee Subcommittee
- **Dates to Remember**
 1. Mon., September 4 – Labor Day – All School Offices Closed
 2. Tues., September 5 – AEEP and Kindergarten Begin
 3. Sun., September 17 – Abington COPES Road Race and Walk @
Woodsdale School – 9 a.m. start
 4. Thurs., September 21 – Inservice/Early Release Day for Students
 5. Sat., October 14-Town Meeting at 9 a.m.
- **Personnel Administration - Informational**
 1. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of David Lyons as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
 2. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Daniel Murphy as a Special Education Teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
 3. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Alexander Stephan as a Music Teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
 4. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Jacob Mellon as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
 5. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Kerri Ranous as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
 6. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Shannon Burke as a tutor within the Abington Public Schools.
 7. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Lauren Lombardi as a LTS 3rd Grade Special Education teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
 8. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Gail Bergin as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
 9. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Sabrina Kane as paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.
 10. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Stacy Roberts as a

paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools.

11. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Aimee Kellstrand as a STEAM teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
12. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Eylse Coulter Yang as an Art teacher within the Abington Public Schools.
13. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Heather Cordaro as a cafeteria worker within the Abington Public Schools.
14. The Superintendent has accepted the resignation of Colleen Greenlaw for purposes of retirement within the Abington Public Schools.
15. On the recommendation of Jonathan Bourn, Principal of Abington High School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Frank Cormos Wellness Teacher
 - Marissa Morganelli Science Teacher
 - Christopher Grijlava Special Education Teacher
 - Rebecca Harrison AMS/AHS Music Teacher
16. On the recommendation of Matthew MacCurtain, Principal of the Abington Middle School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Stacy Reed .4 ELE Teacher
 - Katherine Hughes Wellness Teacher
 - Stephen Werra LTS Wellness Teacher
 - Samantha Roach School Psychologist
 - Kendelle Ingram .4 World Language Teacher
 - Katie Wallace STEAM Teacher
17. On the recommendation of Jennifer Barresi, Principal of the Woodsdale Elementary School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Ashley Schneider School Psychologist
 - Rachel Foley Grade 3 Teacher
 - Rebecca Orleans .4 ELE Teacher
 - Alivia Kinney LTS Speech Language Pathologist

- Madison Trongone TLC Teacher
- Andrea Harmon .2 Music Teacher
- Christine Caliendo Administrative Assistant
- Kim Osmanski Lunch and Recess Monitor
- Alison Brown K-4 Art Teacher
- Courtney MacFadgen Grade 3 Teacher

18. On the recommendation of Julie Thompson, Principal of the Beaver Brook Elementary School, the Superintendent approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Victoria Garvin SPED Teacher
- Jennifer Whitman LTS Teacher

19. On the recommendation of Jean Connon, Director of Food Services and Custodial Services, the Superintendent has approved the appointment of the following staff for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Christine Cook Cafeteria Worker
- Sarah Joyce Cafeteria Worker
- Mallory King Cafeteria Worker
- Carol Ann Weixler Cafeteria Worker
- Michelle Ray Cafeteria Site Supervisor (WES)
- Deidre Sullivan Cafeteria Site Supervisor (BBES)

20. On the recommendations of Jonathan Bourn, Principal of Abington High School, and Peter Serino, Athletic Director, the Superintendent has approved the following coaches for the 2023-2024 school year:

- James Kelliher Head Football
- Edward Reilly Asst. Football
- Scott Pifer Asst. Football
- James Daley Asst. Football
- Mbela Kabongo Head Freshman
- Thomas Shepard Asst. Freshman
- Brian Claus Head Boys Soccer
- Kate Casey Head Girls Soccer
- William Casley JV / Asst. Boys Soccer
- Samantha Zina JV/ Asst. Girls Soccer
- Jason Scott Head Golf Coach
- Matthew Campbell Head Cross Country
- Chrstin Couture Head Cheerleader Coach
- Tom Carey Head Volleyball

- Kyra Hockey Freshman Volleyball Coach
 - Jennifer Warden JV / Asst. Volleyball
21. The Superintendent has granted Christina Park, Director of Guidance within the Abington Public Schools, parental leave of absence in accordance with the Unit A agreement.
22. The Superintendent has granted Sheila O'Brien, teacher within the Abington Public Schools, parental leave of absence in accordance with the Unit A agreement.
23. The Superintendent has granted Michelle Beatrice, teacher within the Abington Public Schools, parental leave of absence in accordance with the Unit A agreement.
24. The Superintendent has granted Stephanie O' Brien, teacher within the Abington Public Schools, parental leave of absence in accordance with the Unit A agreement.
25. The Superintendent has granted Kate Plasden, a teacher within the Abington Public Schools, parental leave of absence in accordance with the Unit A agreement.
26. The Superintendent has granted James Gorman, a wellness teacher within the Abington Public Schools, a career leave of absence as stipulated in Article XXV of the Unit A Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.
27. The Superintendent has approved the following recommendations from principals for Professional Teacher Status beginning in the 2023-2024 school year:
- Emelie Kalesnik – Abington Middle School
 - Erin Murphy- Abington Middle School
 - Kelley Woodrow – Abington Middle School
 - Allison Ferrigno – Abington Middle School
 - Maritza Devereux- Abington Middle School
 - Victoria Tansey – Abington High School
 - Rebecca Lennon – Woodsdale Elementary School
 - Renee Brown – Beaver Brook Elementary School

X. ADJOURNMENT

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Abington, Massachusetts

May 23, 2023, Regular Meeting

**I. CALL OF MEETING
TO ORDER AND FLAG
SALUTE**

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the library at 201 Gliniewicz Way.

Present: Mr. Chris Coyle, Chair; Ms. Danielle Grafton, Vice-Chair; Ms. Heidi Hernandez, Secretary; Ms. Julie Groom and Melanie Whitney Member. Also in attendance were Mr. Peter Schafer, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Felicia Moschella, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance; and Ms. Danielle Gaylor, Executive Secretary.

II. HEARING OF VISITORS

Donna Peavey of SEPAC presented James Robbins with an Honorary Special Education award to recognize all of his hard work and dedication to students and parents.

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VOTED: on motion of Julie Groom (Chris Coyle) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of May 23, 2023, as presented

IV. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT

Chris Basta presented an updated version of the school calendar due to changes with MCAS exam dates and a conflict with a planned PD date.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyle (Heidi Hernandez) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the changes to the 2023-2024 school calendar as presented

V. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Matthew MacCurtain, Principal and Jessica Sullivan, Assistant Principal of Abington Middle School presented the revised changes to the dress code in the Middle School Student Handbook which now aligns with the High School dress code.

VOTED: on motion of Heidi Hernandez (Danielle Groom) the members of the School Committee voted to approve the updated dress code policy language in the student handbook as presented

Annie Robinson, Abington Early Education Program Director, presented the AEEP School Improvement plan. She shared the mission of the Abington Public School, which is to provide all students with relevant challenging experiences to prepare them to be engaged, responsible citizens and members of the global community. She reflected on the successes of their goals in 2022-2023 and discussed the goals for the upcoming school year which include, investigating and piloting thematic units of study utilizing developmentally appropriate, evidence based curricular materials integrating technology into daily practice (Goal 1). Maximize opportunities and resources afforded by the

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co-located preschool, middle and high school, and strengthen parent and community engagement (Goal 2).

Explore opportunities for early education accreditation (Goal 3) and improve safety of physical environment as it relates to pickup/drop off and parking (Goal 4).

Julie Thompson, Principal of Beaver Brook Elementary School, also shared their School Improvement plan for the 2023-2024 school year. She presented a summary of the 22-23 goals which included: improving reading proficiency, improving supports and outcomes for students with disabilities as well as English learners and increasing family engagement in the student learning experiences. Ms. Thompson shared the goals for the 2023-2024 school year. The goals include: 1. Improve writing proficiency of all students, 2. Improve support and outcomes for students' social emotional needs, 3. Increase opportunities for all families to engage in the school community.

Both principals thanked the School Council members and the School Committee representatives for their support and feedback in creating these plans.

VI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Peter Schafer asked the Committee to consider a change in destination for the High School Travel Abroad Program. The program proposed to travel to Germany, Switzerland, Italy instead of traveling to Spain which was originally voted on.

VOTED: on motion of Danielle Grafton (Melanie Whitney) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the change to the High School trip from Spain to Germany, Switzerland and Italy as presented

VII. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Moschella began by acknowledging the hard work of Lynette MacNeil, Sarah Gainey and Theresa Minnehan with the complexity of closing the FY23 budget. She asked the Committee to consider approving a budget transfer of \$129,000 from the salary account allocation to the expense account allocation.

VOTED: on motion of Chris Coyle (Heidi Hernandez) the members of the School Committee unanimously voted to approve the transfer of \$129,000 from the salary account allocation to the expense account allocation as presented

VIII. NEW BUSINESS AND ESTABLISHING OF NEXT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

August 29, 2023, at 7pm (tentative)

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Committee acknowledged Hannah Tirrell recipient of the Project 351 Service Hero Award.

• Personnel Administration

1. The superintendent has accepted the resignation of Ashely Cuomo as a paraprofessional within the Abington Public Schools effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
2. The superintendent has accepted the resignation of Eric Dimartino as a custodian within the Abington Public Schools effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
3. The superintendent has accepted the resignation of Julie Goodwin, as a cafeteria worker within the Abington Public Schools effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
4. On the recommendation of Julie Thompson Principal of Beaver Brook Elementary School, the superintendent has approved the appointment of Tracy King as a paraprofessional effective on June 1, 2023.
5. On the recommendation of James Robbins, Director of Students Services, the superintendent has approved the appointment of Sarah Sylvester as .6 Adjustment Counselor within Abington Public Schools effective in the 2023-2024 school year.
6. On the recommendation of Jonathan Bourn, Principal, Abington High School, the superintendent has approved the appointment of Frank Cormos as a Wellness Teacher within Abington Public Schools effective in the 2023-2024 school year.
7. On the recommendation of Matthew MacCurtain, Principal, Abington Middle School, the superintendent has approved the appointment of Stephen Werra as a Long-Term Substitute Wellness Teacher within Abington Public Schools effective in the 2023-2024 SY.
8. On the recommendation of Matthew MacCurtain, Principal, Abington Middle School, the superintendent has approved the appointment of Samanta Roach as a School Psychologist within Abington Public Schools effective in the 2023-2024 SY.
9. On the recommendation of Matthew MacCurtain, Principal, Abington Middle School, the superintendent has approved the appointment of Katherine Hughes as a Wellness Teacher within Abington Public Schools effective in the 2023-2024 SY.
10. The superintendent has approved the transfer of Susan Mullen from a grade 3 teacher at Woodsdale Elementary School to a grade 7/8 Digital Literacy /Computer Science Teacher effective in the 2023-2024 SY.
11. The superintendent has approved the transfer of Carol Jo Killeen for the purpose of continuing her role as a 1:1 paraprofessional from the Abington Early Education Program to the Beaver Brook Elementary school effective in the 2023-2024 SY.
12. The superintendent has approved the transfer of Courtney Macfadgen from a grade 2 teacher at Beaver Brook Elementary School to a 3rd grade teacher at Wooddale Elementary School.
13. On the recommendation of Jonathan Bourn Principal, and Peter Serino Athletic Director, Abington High School the superintendent has appointed the following coaches for the fall of 2023-2024 SY:

Assistant Football Coach: Ed Reilly, Scott Pifer, James Daley

Head Freshman Coach: Mbela Kabongo

Assistant Freshman Coach: Tom Shepherd

JV/Assistant Volleyball Coach: Matt Cutter

Freshman Volleyball Coach Kyra Hockey

JV/Assistant Boys Soccer: William Caseley

JV/Assistant Girls Soccer: Samantha Zina

14. On the recommendation of Megan Tomlin, PreK Site Coordinator and Academic Program Director, the superintendent has appointed the following academic summer school staff for the summer 2023:

STEM Teacher: Erin Murphy
Humanities Teacher: Matt Campell
Math Teacher: Catherine Ferris
Interdisciplinary Studies Teacher: Joseph Genest
High School ELA Teacher: Michael Barry
Paraprofessional: Caroline Smith
Paraprofessional: John Kelleher

15. The superintendent has accepted Colleen Greenlaw's resignation as an administrative assistant for purposes of retirement effective June 29, 2023.

16. On the recommendation of James Robbins, Director of Students Services Director, the superintendent has appointed the following extended school year staff for the summer 2023:

Teachers

Jennifer Worden
Olivia Sisoian
Katrina Park
Lauren Barrett
Jen Casey
Jill Wainwright
Amy Grimmatt
Melissa Foley
Matt Lyons
Abbie Lyons
Adrienne Whalen
Amber McNamara
Ashley Patterson
Stephanie Glynn
Charles Ellege
Allison Dennehy
Carolyn Bunszell
Kaitlynn Willette

Paraprofessionals

Taiylor DeMarco
Jillian Park-Paige
Carol Jo Killeen
Jessica Deery
Jeff Buckley
Michaela Nieves
Deb Buresh
Cathy Martin
Christina Fay
Kyra Hockey
Donna Gendreau
Sue Harrington
Ashley Cuomo
Allison Walsh

Deila Gomes
Livia Gomes

Administrative Assistant

Ann Parks

Occupational Therapist

Megan Wright

ABA Tutor

Devon Malono

Nurse

Leeann Hesselschwerdt

ESL Teachers

Amy Fedrick

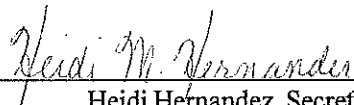
Melissa Moore

Beth Quinn

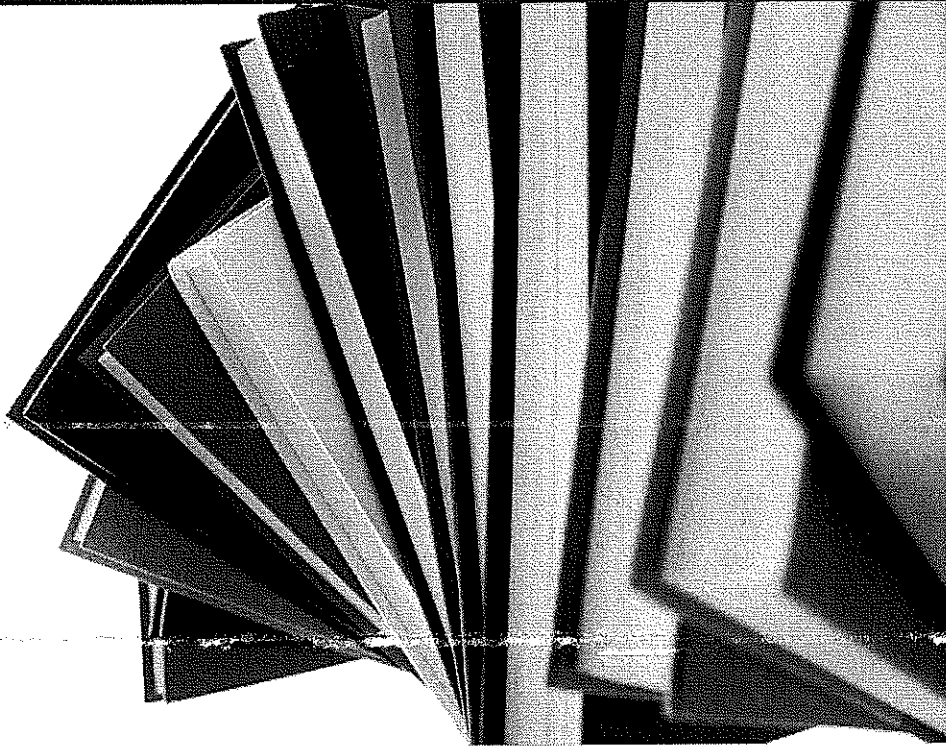
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XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm



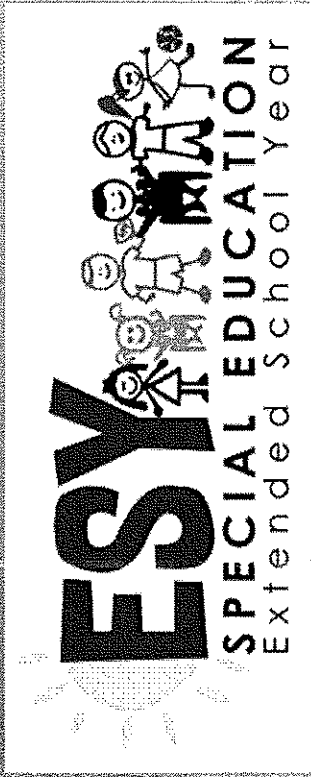
Heidi Hernandez, Secretary



Summer Programming Recap

August 30, 2023

Dr. James Robbins
Dr. Christopher Basta



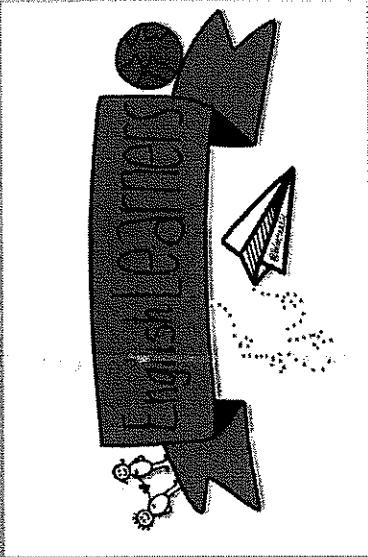
Extended School Year

Intent of Program & Highlights

- ESY is open to select students with disabilities and is intended to **prevent regression** of learned skills during the summer months and **promote readiness** for the school year ahead.
- The summer allows opportunities to trial new intervention arrangements for students, such as attempting new student groupings
 - And allows more opportunities to work through challenges (school avoidance)
- Teachers seek fun learning opportunities:
 - Visits from the librarian
 - Class Trips to Timber Lanes

Key Information

- Certified Staff: **26**
- Support Staff: **22**
- Grade Levels Served: **P-12**
- Content Addressed: **IEP Goals and Objectives**
- Student Participation: **102 (115 eligible)**
- Duration: **4-hours per day, 4-days per week, 4-weeks**
- Transportation: **IEP Dependent**



English Learner Education Summer Program

Intent of Program & Highlights

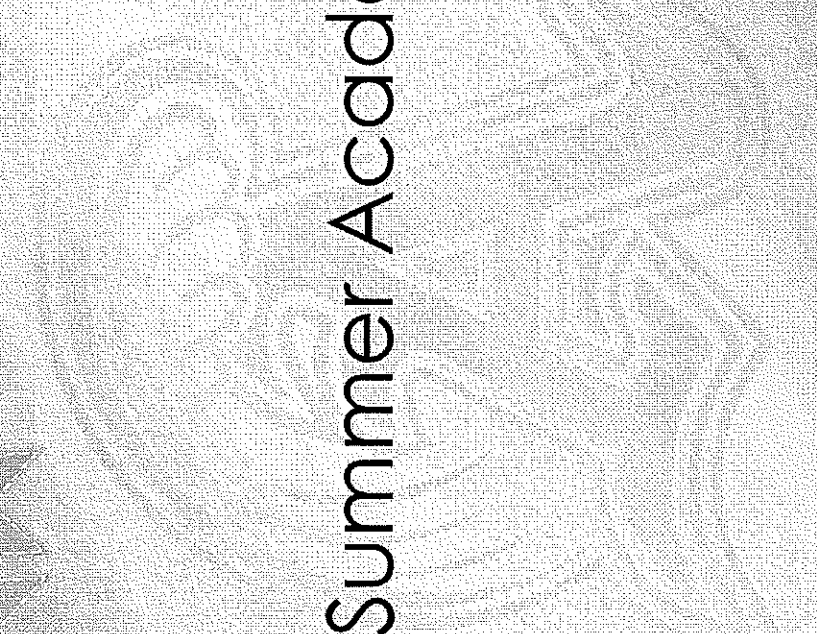
- The purpose of the ELE Summer Program was to help maintain English language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing, as well as prepare level 1 and 2 EL students for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Some highlights included:
 - > At the elementary school level, students worked to maintain school routines and skills to help with the transition to the next grade
 - > Three middle school students volunteered with the elementary school-age groups and served to help students practice their listening and speaking skills in small groups
 - > At the middle and high school levels, level 1 and 2 ELs had more focused academic language support
 - > Students practiced their reading and writing skills in a more relaxed, targeted environment
 - > Some students had the opportunity to participate in both the ELE Program and the APS Summer Academy

Key Information

- Certified Staff: **4**
- Support Staff: **2**
- Grade Levels Served: **K-12**
- Student Participation: **58 students**
- Duration: **4-hours per day, 4-days per week, 4-weeks**
- Transportation: **Most students received transportation**

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APS Summer Academy



Intent of Program & Highlights

- The purpose of the program is credit recovery and promotion for as many students as possible.
- Many 8th graders made positive connections with some of the AHS staff and admin before their entrance to high school this fall.
- Students were eligible for ELE classes and credit recovery
- Two students received enough credits to earn their AHS diplomas and graduate at a special ceremony at the conclusion of the program

Key Information

- Certified Staff: **7 (6 teachers, 1 director)**
- Support Staff: **2**
- Grade Levels Served: **Grades 7 to 12**
- Content Area Addressed: **MS - Humanities & STEM; HS – Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, History, English, & Interdisciplinary Studies**
- Student Participation: **51 students**
- Credit Recovery: **40 students**
- Duration: **1.5-hours per course, 4-days per week, 4-weeks**
- Transportation: **25 students received free transportation**



APS Summer Enrichment



Intent of Programs & Highlights



Summer Instrumental Music Camp:

- The vision of the program is to encourage, engage and, incentivize students to continue playing during the summer months.
- 27 AMS Students **successfully** learned 20 minutes of music in a 4-day, 5 hour per day intensive taught by Camp Instructors.
- We hope to continue to invest in this opportunity next year and will find better scheduling for **more students and families** to participate by moving this session from late-July to mid/late-August.

Strength & Conditioning:

- To provide a structured opportunity for students to continue to build on their overall athleticism with a professional coach as well as provide a consistent place for social interactions
- Highlights included the consistent attendance and growth of the student athletes throughout the summer

Key Information

Summer Instrumental Camp

- Certified Staff: **2**
- Support Staff: **4**
- Grade Levels Served: **Grades 5-8**
- Student Participation: **52**
- Duration: **Two 2-hour sessions, 3-days per week, 2-weeks**

Strength & Conditioning

- Certified Staff: **1**
- Grade Levels Served: **9-12**
- Student Participation: **30**
- Duration: **Four 1-hour sessions, 4-days per week, 8-weeks AND 2 one hour sessions 2 days per week for 8 weeks.**
- ****Also many teams took advantage of open hours in the fitness center, gym and turf**

ABINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2023-2024
SCHOOL CALENDAR

August and September (21)

M	T	W	TH	F
		16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	*15
18	19	20	21	22
**25	26	27	28	29

Aug. 16 - New Teacher Orientation
 Aug. 28 - Teachers' Meetings
 Aug. 29 - Professional Development for Staff
 Aug. 30 - Grades 1-12 Report
 Aug. 30 & 31 - AEEP/Kindergarten Orientation
 Sept. 1 - No School
 Sept. 4 - Labor Day - No School
 Sept. 5 - AEEP/Kindergarten Begins
 Sept. 21 - Inservice/Early Release Day

October (21)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

Oct. 3 - Inservice/Early Release Day
 Oct. 9 - Columbus Day - No School
 Oct. 12 - AHS Conferences
 Oct. 13 - Conferences, AHS Early Release
 Oct. 19 - BBES Conferences
 Oct. 20 - Conference, BBES Early Release
 Oct. 26 - WES Conferences
 Oct. 27 - Conferences, WES Early Release

November (18)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

Nov. 1 - Teacher Inservice - No School
 Nov. 2 - AMS Conferences
 Nov. 3 - Conferences, AMS Early Release
 Nov. 10 - Veterans' Day Observed - No School
 Nov. 22 - Early Release Day
 Nov. 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving - No School

December (16)

M	T	W	TH	F
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

Dec. 6 - Inservice/Early Release Day
 Dec. 25 - Holiday Vacation Begins

January (21)

M	T	W	TH	F
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8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day - No School
 Jan. 11 - Inservice/Early Release Day
 Jan. 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

February (16)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	

Feb. 19 - Winter Vacation Begins
 Feb. 16 - Inservice/Early Release Day

March (21)

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25	26	27	28	***29

Mar. 19 - Inservice/Early Release Day

April (17)

M	T	W	TH	F
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

April 15 - Spring Vacation Begins

May (22)

M	T	W	TH	F
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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

May 27 - Memorial Day - No School
 May 29 - Inservice/Early Release Day

June (12)

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19		

June 18 - Tentative Last Day of School (PreK-11) - Early Release Day (includes 5 Snow Days)
 June 19 - Juneteenth - No School

2023-2024 School Year
Total 185 Days

*Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on September 15th - School in session

**Yom Kippur begins at sundown on September 24th - School in session

***Good Friday is on March 29th - School in session

School Hours	Early Release Hours	Early Release Days
AEEP - 8:20-10:55, 11:35-2:10	AEEP - 8:20-10:55, No PM Session	Sept. 21 Oct. 3 Oct. 13 - AHS
BBES - 9:00-3:05	BBES - 9:00-12:00	Oct. 20 - BBES Oct. 27 - WES Nov. 3 - AMS
WES - 8:40-2:45	WES - 8:40-11:40	Nov. 22 Dec. 6 Jan. 11
AMS - 7:50-2:22	AMS - 7:50-11:10	Feb. 16 Mar. 19 May 29
AHS - 7:25-1:57	AHS - 7:25-10:46	Last Day
Teacher Conferences	Open Houses	Progress Reported in ASPEN
AEEP - 1/23 11:30am-2pm, 1/24 5-7pm	BBES - 8/28 3-5pm	BBES & WES - 12/8, 3/15, TBA
BBES - 10/19 5-7pm, 10/20 1-3pm	WES - 8/28 4-6pm	AMS - 10/20, 12/8, 2/2, 3/22, 5/10, TBA
WES - 10/26 5-7pm, 10/27 1-3pm	AMS 5 & 6 - 8/28 5-7pm	AHS - 10/6, 11/9, 12/15, 1/26, 3/8, 4/12, 5/17, TBA
AMS - 11/2 5-7pm, 11/3 12:05-2:35pm	AMS 7 & 8 - 9/6 5-7pm	Other Important Dates
AHS - 10/12 6:30-8:30pm, 10/13 11:30-2:00pm	AHS - 9/7 6:30-8:30pm	AHS Grade 8 Family Info Night 10/19 - 6:30-7:30pm
		AHS Graduation - June 1, 2024

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Oct. 27 - Conferences, WES Early Release
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Nov. 2 - AMS Conferences
Nov. 3 - Conferences, AMS Early Release
Nov. 10 - Veterans' Day Observed - No School
Nov. 22 - Early Release Day
Nov. 23 & 24 - Thanksgiving - No School
Dec. 6 - Inservice/Early Release Day
Dec. 25 - Holiday Vacation Begins
Jan. 1 - New Year's Day - No School
Jan. 11 - Inservice/Early Release Day
Jan. 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
Feb. 19 - Winter Vacation Begins
Feb. 16 - Inservice/Early Release Day
Mar. 19 - Inservice/Early Release Day
April 15 - Spring Vacation Begins
May 27 - Memorial Day - No School
May 29 - Inservice/Early Release Day
June 18 - Tentative Last Day of School (Grades AEEP-11) - Early Release Day
June 19 - Juneteenth - No School

Total 185 Days *Includes 5 Snow Days*

2023-2024 School Year

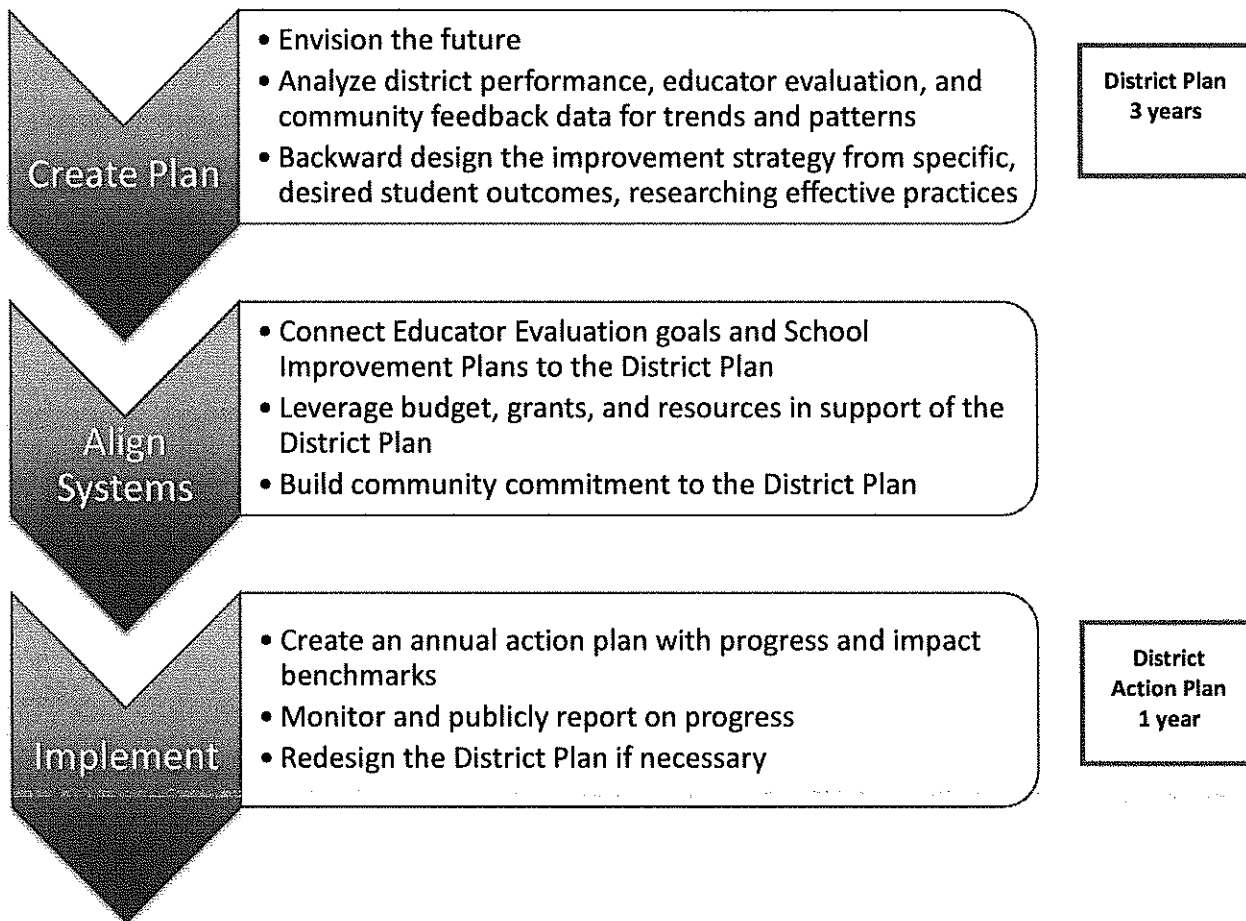
The District Planning Process

Create—Align—Implement

*From Data Analysis to Outcome-Driven Planning to System Alignment
From Action Planning to Progress Monitoring to Potential Redesign*

Create—Align—Implement represent the three phases of a planning process that is designed to strengthen district coherence and support district success. This planning process centers on the creation of a multi-year District Plan that is grounded in analysis of a wide array of district data; sets specific, measurable outcomes and identifies the objectives and initiatives to accomplish them; and serves as the foundation and guide for all other district systems.

This planning process also centers on the creation of an annual action plan that supports success of the District Plan by identifying benchmarks districts can use to monitor progress and measure impact while implementation is underway. The activities and resulting plans for each phase are depicted in the graphic below.





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Strategic Planning Process Dates

The following are the tentative dates for the full strategic planning team to meet to complete the process

9/12/23	9:15-12:15	Frolio Building	Full	1. Envisioning the Future
10/12/23	9:15-12:15	Frolio Building	Full	2. Synthesizing Common Vision Themes
10/26/23	9:15-12:15	Frolio Building	Full	3. Data and Root Cause Analysis
12/14/23	9:15-12:15	Frolio Building	Full	4. Quality Plan Review



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To: Peter Schafer, Superintendent of Schools
From: Felicia Moschella, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Date: August 24, 2023
RE: Substitute Pay

Mr. Schafer,

Based on the increase of the Massachusetts Minimum Wage and the need to offer a fair, average rate for substitute teachers, paraprofessional and tutor, I am recommending the following schedule for substitute teachers, paraprofessionals and tutors:

Days 1-10	\$105 per day
Days 11-20 days (with college degree)	\$110 per day
21+ days or call/permanent	\$115-135 per day
Long Term (per Supt)	\$118.76- \$450.00 per day

Thank you for your consideration.

From: Jim Quatromoni <jquatromoni@hinghamschools.org>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Jonathan Bourn <jonathanbourn@abingtonps.org>
Subject: District 9 Athletic Director of the Year

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to you on behalf of the MSSADA District 9 committee to notify you that **Peter Serino** is the District 9 selection for the **Athletic Director of the Year** award. Each of the 9 MIAA districts nominate one individual for each award category to be considered at the state level. Peter was selected as the Athletic Director of the year winner for his significant contributions to the field of athletic administration and leadership amongst his peers.

Should you have any additional information that will help support their candidacy at the state level for this award please let me know.

Congratulations to you and your school community, the award is a positive reflection on the student athletes and the entire Abington entire athletic program.

Jim Quatromoni, CAA

Director of Athletics | Hingham High School

MSSADA 1st Vice President

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Dates for School Committee Meetings for the 2023-2024 SY
Tuesday Evenings @ 7:00 p.m.

- *August 30, 2023 (Wednesday at 6:30pm)*
- September 26, 2023
- October 24, 2023
- November 28, 2023
- January 9, 2024
- January 30, 2024
- February 27, 2024
- March 26, 2024
- April 23, 2024
- May 28, 2024
- June 18, 2024

ABINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

2023-2024 Organization and Subcommittee Structure

Chair	Christopher Coyle
Vice-Chairman	Danielle Grafton
Secretary	Heidi Hernandez
<u>Subcommittee Assignments:</u>	
Business and Finance	Heidi Hernandez, Danielle Grafton
Unit A /B	Christopher Coyle, Julie Groom
Other Support Staff Collective Bargaining	Christopher Coyle
Non-Union – Bargaining	Melanie Whitney
Policy Review and Update Committee	Christopher Coyle, Danielle Grafton
Health and Wellness	Melanie Whitney
Social Emotional Learning	Julie Groom, Heidi Hernandez
Activities, Arts & Athletics	Heidi Hernandez
Abington Education Foundation Liaison	Danielle Grafton
School Council Liaisons	AHS: Heidi Hernandez AMS: Danielle Grafton WES: Christopher Coyle BBES: Melanie Whitney AEEP: Julie Groom
