



**Superintendent's Report
May 22, 2019**

Year-End Professional Development

We are grateful to have one more early release PD session this year. The Focus for our May 24, 2019 Final Early Release is on Student Transitions. This additional early release provides Nashoba educators time to discuss and identify the transitional needs of students and how they can best be supported as they move through grade levels, grade spans, content areas, services, schools and programs across the district. This session ties in strongly to our work with Social Emotional Learning and the S3 Academy grant that we participated in this year. This will provide a strong foundation as we begin our work with SEL for our faculty and staff in the fall.

Standard 1

MCAS Winding Down

We are drawing closer to the close of another MCAS testing season. All schools have had successful testing sessions in the areas of ELA, Mathematics and ending with Science at the high school during the first week of June. Our Teaching and Learning Department together with technology have worked to train staff and administrators on the new Next Generation MCAS assessment, putting all grade levels in an online testing format. Our 1:1 Chromebook initiative has been immensely helpful in preparing students and staff with the technology and skills essential at making this important assessment run smoothly.

Standard 1

Reminder on Digital Safety Night

A reminder that the Teaching and Learning Department will hold a Digital Safety Night on Tuesday May 28, 2019 from 6-7 pm in the Florence Sawyer School cafeteria. The session will focus on digital safety including best practices in an online environment, one's digital footprint and will provide parents with several resources as partners in educating our students on the importance of a safe, online presence. The session will be informative, interactive, and provide participants with an opportunity to learn about the district's focus for online safety and promoting active citizenship in a digital environment. Information on this session has been posted to the website, sent out in principal correspondence this week with families and promoted by local media.

Standard 1, 3

Hale Community Dinner

A special note of thanks to everyone who helped to support and ensure that the first annual Community Dinner at Hale Middle School was a tremendous success. Thanks to the administration, Food Services, staff, parents, and students. The food was delicious! It was a great night.

Standard 3

School Year End

We're wrapping up our year end fiscal activities. Our business office has issued a freeze on purchases and is starting to wind down activities to close out the year in a smooth and expedient manner. Our principals always know in advance of when the freeze is expected to be put into place, and they are allowed to continue to make any necessary purchases they may need up to the end of the school year. However, the process is simply a bit more complex than usual once the freeze is in place. Our schools are also preparing for transition processes and prepping files to move appropriately. Transition meetings are scheduled and are ongoing across the district.

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