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Superintendent's Report to the NRSD School Committee **March 15, 2023**

Announcements:

New Principal for Mary Rowlandson Elementary

On Friday, March 10, 2023 Scott Blanchard was announced as the next principal of Mary Rowlandson Elementary School in Lancaster beginning July 1, 2023. As the current assistant principal at MRE and Lancaster resident, Mr Blanchard knows the community well. He is prepared to take the next step in his career and we are fortunate to have him with us. the announcement to the community read as follows:

Dear Families of Mary Rowlandson Elementary School,

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that the next principal of the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School will be Scott Blanchard.

Throughout the entire search process, Mr. Blanchard distinguished himself as a highly skilled administrator who holds the needs of students close to his heart. He demonstrated his capabilities as a visionary leader with his deep understanding of teaching and learning that will lead the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School to continued growth and academic excellence.

The feedback I received from the faculty, staff and students, as well as the community, was overwhelmingly supportive of Mr. Blanchard. It was frankly a mandate that Mr. Blanchard be chosen as the next principal. I couldn't agree more. As a humble leader, his dedication and commitment to Lancaster is tremendous, and I am confident he will be an outstanding principal for our students. Please join me in congratulating Scott Blanchard as the next principal of the Mary Rowlandson Elementary School.

Congratulations, Mr. Blanchard.

Ann Marie Stoica, Director of Human Resources • Rob Frieswick, Director of Facilities
Joan DeAngelis, Director of Pupil Personnel Services • Tania Rich, Director of Athletics
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Food Service Update

This week, our Business and Operations Manager, Ross Mulkerin, will be attending the Massachusetts School Business Officials monthly meeting. At the meeting, there will be an update on the potential universal school meals for students in the state. This will inform any action we would need to take on setting rates for meals in FY24 if applicable.

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching ([PAEMST](#))

“We are excited to inform you that the Massachusetts selection committee for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching ([PAEMST](#)) has selected **Ms. Jacqueline Macharia** from Luther Burbank Middle School as a Massachusetts-level finalist in the Mathematics award category. The mathematics category includes mathematics, technology, and computer science and the science category includes science and engineering. Massachusetts-level finalists will be honored at state ceremonies the evening of May 9th.” (From Jenn Sauriol & Casandra Gonzalez, Massachusetts PAEMST State Coordinators)

Updates on Strategic Work

(No new updates)