

GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Glenn Johnson-Mussad, Chair

From: Christine DeBarge, Ed.D

Date: April 10, 2024

RE: Superintendent Update

1. Staffing

This is just a reminder that as part of our standard operating procedure, we will be posting any open positions for next school year around April break. This will include any positions held by staff with waivers, emergency licenses or those folks with licenses that are going to expire prior to the start of next school year. This is the same process we have utilized the past two years and should not induce panic about staffing. I will provide updates in my Superintendent Reports at each meeting regarding our staffing.

We are pleased to share that our music positions for next year have been filled as has one of our school psychologist positions. We have also recently hired an English Language Learner teacher to fill a vacancy created earlier this year due to a resignation.

We also expect to have an update about our principal vacancy shortly.

2. Budget

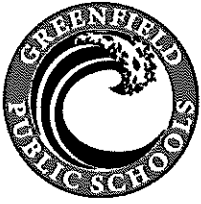
At this time, I have submitted the one line budget request, voted by the School Committee, to the Mayor's Office as required. The Mayor has forwarded a GPS budget reflecting a 4% increase. A budget subcommittee meeting is being scheduled following the April break. With a 4% increase in the budget, I would not anticipate any reductions in staffing due to budget.

3. Green River

I am continuing to review the process for officially removing Green River from service following the steps required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The process begins with a formal notice from me to the MSBA and is critical in the determination of future applications for funding. Following the notice requirements, the district will cooperate with an appraisal of the facility and then arrangements would be made regarding repayment of the Commonwealth funds.

I have reached out to my contact at MSBA to clarify some items and then will move forward with the notice requirements. The Mayor, School Committee Chair and I will all

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be involved with the formal filing of notice.

Following the documentation provided by MSBA, I expect this process to continue following my retirement and will ensure Karin is kept apprised of all aspects of the process. While I appreciate there is some urgency by some members of the community, this is a process dictated by state requirements that will have an impact on the district and City's further access to MSBA funds and must be done thoughtfully and correctly.

5. Eclipse

We all made it through the eclipse!! I am very pleased to share that the Greenfield Education Foundation paid for several hundred glasses for our students and UMass donated several hundred. The district purchased the remainder to ensure all staff and students had a pair for use. The schools also did assemblies or class meetings to provide safety information to our students. This is in addition to the information sent home to families from many of our schools and my Parent Updates. The next total solar eclipse with a coast - to coast path across the lower 48 states will occur August 12, 2045.

Thank you