



January 11, 2023

Good evening,

Please find some updates from the district.

## **STAFFING**

Karin and I continue to help principals by interviewing for Instructional Assistants and substitute teacher and IA positions. We have been pleased to welcome some wonderful folks to the Greenfield Public Schools but continue to need more staff to fill vacancies.

Dr. Joel Lowsky has resigned his position as Director of Technology. His last day was January 4, 2023. The position has been posted and we have some applicants. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future. In the absence of a full-time Director, Michael Svinis has agreed to be the Interim Director although he does not wish to fill the position on a permanent basis. I greatly appreciate his willingness to lead the department during a transition.

We have also posted the Director of Early Childhood position and have some applicants for that position as well. I will be looking to schedule interviews for that at a later date.

## **REENVISIONING OUR SCHOOL FACILITIES**

We have scheduled meetings with our staff to review the Reenvisioning options and community feedback. One meeting for our secondary staff was held in December and a meeting with elementary staff is scheduled for January 18. I will compile the feedback and questions much like I did following the community meetings.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The strategic planning surveys are ready to go out to families and the community. I will include information about the surveys in my Parent Update tomorrow and the City will post the surveys on their website as well. I encourage families and community members to look for the links and take the survey. Focus groups and interviews will be scheduled after the close of the survey.

## **BUDGET**

The FY24 budget process has begun. Andy Paquette, Karin and I have scheduled meetings with administrators during the next two weeks to build the Superintendent's Budget. I suggest that the Committee look to hold the Public Hearing for the FY24 budget on March 2, 2023. The vote must take place no later than March 9, 2023.



**DISCIPLINE UPDATE**

A request was made to have an update on current year's discipline statistics based on the goals set related to the Yondr pouches.

The following is a summary of statistics for the current and last school years during the same time period – Sept 1 through Dec 30

	GHS			GMS		
	2021/2022	2022/2023		2021/2022	2022/2023	
Total Incidents	682	320		399	93	
Skipping Class	251	108				
Tardy	115	67				
Disorderly Conduct				116	19	
Insubordination				78	48	

The October 1 enrollment statistics are included in your packet from SY21/22 and SY 22/23.

For this school year only, we have logged 30 students School Choice out of Greenfield from a mix of grades across the district including several students who had not begun attending school. We had 9 students who applied for School Choice seats in Greenfield, several of whom were already students who moved out of the City but wished to continue in the Greenfield Schools. There were also across various grades with a number of them at the secondary level.

Our transfer out data shows that a large number of students moved out of state or out of Greenfield to various locations across Massachusetts and the country.

Attendance data will be provided at the February meeting. I was out of the office last week and our Database Manager is on bereavement. Given the complexity of report creation in PowerSchool, it is best if our Database Manager creates the reports.

Sincerely,

Christine DeBarge, Ed.D  
Superintendent