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Dear CPS Parents/Guardians,

It's Springtime!

Spring is a busy time of year in Canton's schools, and our teachers, specialists, support staff, and administrators continue to provide their innovative and inspiring programming for our students, work to fill critically important instructional, supporting, and administrative roles for the new school year, ready our students for upcoming MCAS exams, and begin preparing for all of our end-of-the-year celebrations.

There's so much going on in Canton's Schools, it's easy to keep moving forward at a high speed without reflecting on where we are going and how we're doing. Hopefully, this PowerSchool update allows us to briefly press pause, step back, share some of our highlights, current work, upcoming items, and enjoy the warmer weather and longer days capped off with beautiful sunsets over Canton's Memorial Field.

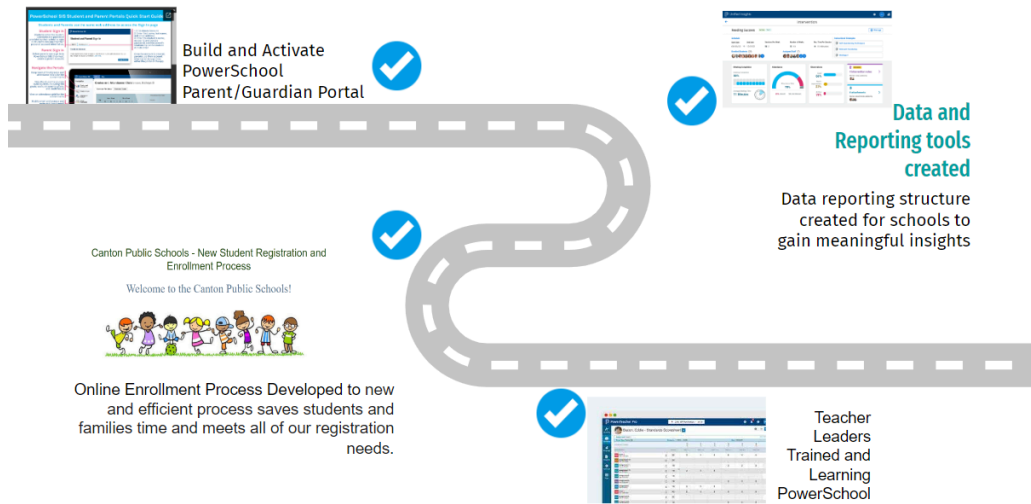
Continuing on our exciting journey of crafting the future with PowerSchool, we're delighted to share this update on its development and we deeply appreciate your continued support.

A Testament to Collaboration:

The progress we've made on PowerSchool wouldn't be possible without the unwavering dedication of our implementation team, our teachers, staff, administrators, and of course, our students and families. Our School Community's tireless efforts have been instrumental in shaping the development and implementation of our new PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS).

Milestones Achieved:

PowerSchool Implementation Milestones Achieved in 2024



With immense pride, we announce the successful completion of several key milestones:

- We've meticulously constructed the core functionality of the **Parent/Guardian Portal** system, laying the groundwork for a robust and efficient foundation for our families to obtain information, communicate with school staff, track progress, etc. Our secondary families' first experience to view their students' course recommendations and for our families to digitally complete course selections for next school year was incredibly successful. Having this course selection information rest in our SIS for the first time, we anticipate this will greatly assist our secondary schools to build master schedules anchored in optimizing the student experience.
- A crucial data and report conduit has been successfully configured, significantly enhancing the speed at which information and data can be accessible by our educators, building personnel, and administrators.
- An online enrollment process for new to Canton students entering in grades 1 and above has been configured and is live on our website. We hope this new and efficient process saves students and families time and meets all of our registration needs.
- Teacher leader representatives from our schools have been formally trained by PowerSchool, and are currently designing lessons and materials for upcoming Professional Development days where they'll instruct and pass on their new PowerSchool knowledge and expertise to their colleagues. Administrative representatives also recently underwent their PowerSchool training which reviewed every aspect of the new system.

There's plenty more PowerSchool implementation goals we've completed, and we hope these achievements represent significant leaps forward in the PowerSchool development process and progress toward our Indicators of Success in our [District Goals](#) and [Strategic Plan](#).

Though challenges arise, and our first attempts at certain configurations had been imprecise and imperfect, we've incorporated the valuable insights gleaned from these challenges, made adjustments, and worked to problem solve.

The Road Ahead: A Look Forward

Our focus now transitions to the following exciting stages:

- Soon, our families in Pre-Kindergarten through 4th grade will be introduced to the Parent/Guardian PowerSchool Portal, and we'll share with families through emails, videos, and documents how to access the link and set up their accounts. We also plan to host evening workshops if folks need support in setting up their portal access.
- We're also hoping to host Parents/Guardians for demonstrations on each of the PowerSchool **Parent/Guardian Portal**'s features, pages, and interactive opportunities. Stay tuned for dates and more information!
- Other members of our school houses will soon receive their formal PowerSchool training, and you can see where we are in our [implementation timeline](#), and what's upcoming in the next few months. We remain on time to meet our implementation goals and be fully implemented in PowerSchool for July 1, 2024.

While we celebrate our achievements thus far, we recognize that our journey is far from over. In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to fine-tune our PowerSchool ecosystem, address any issues that may arise, and explore opportunities for further optimization and enhancement. Our goal remains to provide our school community with a Student Information System that empowers them to excel, and we'll continue to share our progress with our community.

We are incredibly enthusiastic about the transformative potential of PowerSchool and look forward to sharing this journey with you and our valued members of our school community.

With excitement,

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