

2019 Town Annual Report

Report of the

CANTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The Canton school district continues to provide the children of this community with a strong PreK-12 experience. The Strategic Framework defines our aspirations and continues to guide our work to becoming an even better public school system. The Strategic Framework's long-term Strategic Objectives are:

- Achieving Educational Excellence and Ensuring Equity
- Cultivating School Climate and Culture
- Transforming Teaching and Learning
- Achieving District Excellence

With attention to excellence and equity, we seek to create a school culture and climate that is safe, welcoming and joyful. The Canton Public Schools staff attend to the academic, social and emotional needs of students in support of developing their individual potential and strength as a community. Overall, the district aims to provide every school, classroom and student what is essential to support excellence and equity, including high quality staff with meaningful professional development, facilities that are maintained responsibly and upgraded in alignment with the Facilities Master Plan, and a budget that provides what is needed to enhance every child's growth and development. Some of the accomplishments of Canton students and staff are described below.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students of the Canton Public Schools continue to perform well across multiple measures, including state and national standardized assessments. For more details about Canton students' achievement, visit the Canton Public Schools district profile on the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education website (profiles.doe.mass.edu).

MCAS Results

The chart below details the percentage of students who met or exceeded expectations on the MCAS Achievement tests in Spring 2019. For each grade and for each test; English Language Arts, Math, or Science, Canton students on average outperformed students from across the Commonwealth.

MCAS 2019 Results: Percentage of Students Scoring at Meeting or Exceeding Expectations (or Proficient/Advanced)						
	ELA		Math		Science	
Grade	Canton	State	Canton	State	Canton	State
3-8	65	52	62	49	57	48
HS	78	61	75	59	88	74

Advanced Placement Test Score Results

Number of AP Courses offered at CHS	Number of AP Tests Taken	% AP Tests with Scores of 3 or Above
16	551	74%

While standardized tests provide one source of data on student achievement, these tests do not provide critical information about the full range of the student experience in our schools. The District has begun developing a comprehensive set of measures, the *Indicators of Excellence*, to provide that full description of student and district success. The *Indicators of Excellence* will become the metrics used to gauge our progress toward the Long-term Strategic Objectives outlined in the district's Strategic Framework 2018-2023.

STAFF AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to performance on standardized tests, the excellence of the Canton Public Schools is recognized with many honors and awards for students, educators, and programs. The following staff members and programs are recognized this year for their outstanding accomplishments:

Boys Hockey: D2 State Champions

Girls Volleyball: D2 State Champions

Hockomock League Davenport Champions: Boys Basketball, Boys Hockey, Girls Swimming, Golf, Football, Volleyball, Field Hockey

Unified Track: Nationally Recognized Unified Champion School

German Exchange Program: Goethe Institute German- American Partnership Program (GAPP) School of Distinction Award

Julie Shore: Director of Technology and Digital Learning, Massachusetts Educational Technology Administrators Association Chief Technology Officer (METAA CTO) Award

Michael Farkas: CHS Foreign Language Teacher, 2019 Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (MAFLA) New Teacher for Excellence in World Language Award

Ryan Gordy: K-12 Wellness Coordinator, Wellness Coordinator of the Year Award

Sara Donovan: STEM Coordinator PreK-5, International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Certified Educator Award

Performing Arts 2019 Performances:

JFK Elementary - Peter Pan Jr.

Luce - Aladdin Jr.

Hansen - Lion King Jr.

GMS - Honk

CHS - Les Miserable, Crucible

Visual Arts:

- Six high school students received awards for their work from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.
- For a third year, high school art students worked in teams to paint 10 rain barrels that were created by engineering students. The rain barrels were auctioned off at the District Art Show to raise money for the installation of a water bottle refill station in the gym area. This is the second water bottle refill station that has been installed at the high school as a result of the rain barrel project.
- A team of Canton High School Video Production students planned and produced the 3rd LipDub video which highlights the entire high school community.
- Under the direction of the GMS art teachers, a group of GMS students created a mural to celebrate and commemorate GMS's participation in the Iditarod's "Teacher on the Trail".
- The community art exhibit "Artists in Bloom" was held in March. This exhibit was a collaborative effort with the Canton Garden Club to raise money for the Canton High School Scholarship Fund. For the exhibit, 150 K-12 student's artwork was displayed at Pequitside Farm, with members of the Canton Garden Club creating floral arrangements.
- Students in grades 3-12 were invited to create environmental advocacy posters by community members coordinating the GreenFest event. Over 100 posters were created district-wide.
- The department participated in the district's STEAM week. Art teachers at every level infused their instruction to highlight STEAM concepts in the artmaking process.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Each year, CHS holds both a Scholastic Honors Night and a Scholarship Night. Our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our community partners whose generosity awarded the class of 2019 with \$198,300 in scholarship money!

During these events, students are recognized for their hard work and outstanding performance at school and in the community. All of the 2019 awards are too numerous to list here. Below are some of the notable achievements.

- **Principal's Student Service Awards**
 - Stacey Charlot, Srimayi Chaturvedula, Maggie Connolly, Devin Foster, Jenna Hamrock, Alexandra Irons, Xavier Machuga, Maxwell Macort, Grace Mondillo, Elizabeth Shaul, Marissa Vigevani
- **Canton High School Citizenship Awards**
 - Shawn Burns, Lily Hazam, Jack Hernon, Lauren Hernon, Amy Hysten, Mary Kelley, Hailey Lennon, Kelly MacDonald, Kerri McGrann, Elizabeth Shaul, Thomas Singleton, Kathryn Trerice, William Wade, Vanessa Wong, Grace Yong
- **Shayne M. Cabino Memorial Scholarship Fund**
 - Brendon Albert, Stacey Charlot, Ryan Cohen, Elijah Green, Spencer Owens, Christian Pushard, Bailey Shea
- **Scott M. Herr Memorial Foundation Scholarship**
 - Maddison Clogher, Ryan Colby, Haley Donovan, Michaela Hannigan, Michael Staffieri, Robert Sullivan
- **James & Beatrice Salah Family Foundation Scholarship**
 - Maggie Connolly, Rose Gefteas, Isabella Luca, Maxwell McCourt, Spencer Owens
- **Balsamo Family Memorial Charitable Foundation Scholarship**
 - Rachel Beatty, Michael Mazzola
- **Stephen M. Hamrock Memorial Award**
 - Joseph Bates
- **Duggan Scholarship Fund**
 - Julia Hamilton, Cole Murphy
- **Jimmy Pascal Memorial**
 - Brendon Albert, Austin Cox, Rose Gefteas, Elizabeth Oldenburg, Michael Staffieri
- **Anthony Maffie Memorial**
 - Bailey Shea
- **Joseph F. Donnelly Memorial**
 - Ryan Colby, Theresa O'Brien

CHS CLASS OF 2019 – Colleges and Universities

Below is a list of *attending* colleges and universities of the graduating class of 2019.

As described above, the Town of Canton has good reason to be proud of its public school system. With a talented and committed staff, students continue to have meaningful experiences in school which translates to their success. The Town's ongoing support helps to create a high quality school district that serves the children of Canton well.

American University	Lasell College	Suffolk University
Bentley University	Lesley University	Syracuse University
Boston College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Boston University	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	The University of the Arts
Brandeis University	Massasoit Community College	Toni & Guy
Bridgewater State University	MassBay Community College	Trinity College Dublin
Brighton Academy	MCPHS - Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	University of California, Berkeley
Bryant University	Merrimack College	University of California, Davis
Clark University	Michigan State University	University of Colorado at Boulder
Clemson University	Middlesex School	University of Connecticut
Coastal Carolina University	Military	University of Dallas
Colby-Sawyer College	Montana State University, Bozeman	University of Delaware
College of Charleston	Mount Allison University	University of Guelph
Concordia University, Montreal	New England College	University of Hartford
Curry College	New York University	University of Massachusetts Boston
Dartmouth College	Nichols College	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
Dean College	Northeastern University	University of Massachusetts Lowell
Drexel University	Parsons School of Design	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Elon University	Plymouth State University	University of New Hampshire
Emmanuel College	Porter & Chester Institute	University of New

		Hampshire at Durham
Endicott College	Pratt Institute	University of Pittsburgh
Fisher College	Providence College	University of Rhode Island
Framingham State University	Quinnipiac University	University of South Carolina
Gustavus Adolphus College	Regis College	University of South Florida, Tampa
Harvard	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Texas, Austin
High Point University	Roger Williams University	University of Virginia
Hofstra University	Sacred Heart University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Hope College	Saint Anselm College	West Virginia State
James Madison University	Salve Regina University	Western New England University
Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)	Springfield College	Westfield State University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)	St. John's University	Worcester Polytechnic Institute

BUDGET

The School Department operating budget for the current 2019-2020 school year is distributed as follows:

Salaries	\$36,504,751
Expenses	<u>\$7,609,611</u>
Total	\$44,114,362

The above figure represents a 4.05% increase above the 2018-2019 budget.

The operating budget of \$44,114,362 is supplemented with revenue offsets projected at \$2,399,000 from revolving (fee-based) accounts and \$1,151,580 of federal and state grants as follows:

Revolving Accounts

Athletic User Fees/Gate Receipts	\$200,000
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Building Rental Fees	\$300,000
Pre-School Revolving	\$100,000
Transportation	\$300,000
Student Parking	\$29,000
Special Education Circuit Breaker Revolving	\$1,450,000
Extracurricular	\$ 20,000
Total	\$2,399,000

Federal and State Grants

SPECIAL EDUCATION 94-142	\$818,504
SPECIAL EDUCATION Early Childhood	\$30,440
SPECIAL EDUCATION Disproportionality	\$1,500
Title I	\$132,323
Title II	\$55,547
Title III	\$23,266
Title IV	\$10,000
Comprehensive School Health Services	\$80,000
Total	\$1,151,580

The District’s FY20 budget, approved at Annual Town Meeting, totaled \$44,114,362. This 4.05% increase from the previous year’s budget supports the District to effectively meet the needs of our students from grades PK-12.

The FY20 budget supported the following actions:

- Advance operating expenses to support the Strategic Framework and its four Strategic Objectives
- Continue to meet the contractual obligations of all Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Address rising special education out-of-district expenses first appearing in FY18 and carrying over to FY20

The District’s FY20 Cash Capital Budget totaled \$750,000. The district used the cash capital funds to address the following:

Building/Grounds Repairs and Improvements

- Rooftop Unit Replacement-GMS

- Replace Entryway Floor Mats-JFK
- Replace Bathroom Petitions-Luce
- Door Locking Hardware & Interior Door Window Coverings-District Wide (Phase 1)
- HVAC Maintenance
- Replace Granite Curbing at Bus Drop Off-CHS
- Lawn Tractor & Snow Blower-JFK

Technology

- Firewall for High Availability-District Wide
- Portable Teacher Learning Devices-District Wide (Phase 1)
- Wi-Fi Access Points-Rodman Luce, JFK (Phase 2)
- Replacement Chromebooks-District Wide
- Projectors-CHS (Phase 2)
- Analog Security Camera Upgrade-District Wide
- Security Servers-JFK, Hansen, Luce

Program Improvements

- Laptops for Engineering & Robotics-GMS
- High Jump System-CHS
- Laptops for Robotics-CHS
- TV Studio Computer Upgrades-CHS (Phase 2)
- Visual Arts Instructional Technology-GMS & Elementary
- CHS Auditorium Updates-CHS (Phase 2)
- Classroom Based Instruments-District Wide
- Music Technology Course Equipment-CHS

Furniture & Fixtures

- Teacher Desks-Luce
- Classroom Furniture-JFK
- Library Furniture-GMS
- Milk Coolers-District Wide
- Furniture for Professional Development Room-Rodman
- Special Education Equipment (Seating & Redcats)-District Wide
- Custodial Equipment

Debt Capital

- Memorial Field Visitor Side Bleachers-CHS
- WiFi Backbone-Elementary, Rodman Administration & Preschool
- CHS Rooftop Unit-CHS

Building/Renovation Project

The four-room modular addition at the Kennedy Elementary School was completed on time and on budget for the opening of the 2019-2020 school year. This project was funded with FY18 debt capital funds.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Shown below are the enrollment figures for the pre-school, elementary, middle and high schools for October 2018 (school year 2018-19), October 2019 (school year 2019-20):

	2018-2019 Oct. 1, 2018	2019-2020 Oct. 1, 2019	Difference
Pre-school	92	87	-5
Elementary	1500	1478	-22
Middle School	729	769	+40
High School	979	980	+1
Out of District	50	53	+3
Total	3350	3367	+17

Demographics 2018 and 2019

The chart below shows the race/ethnicity percentages of the Canton Public Schools student population in 2018 (total enrollment 3329) and 2019 (total enrollment 3373, not including out of district students).

Race/Ethnicity

	% in 2018	% in 2019	Difference
African American/Black	10.1	11	+0.9
Asian	10.6	10.7	+0.1
Hispanic	5	4	-1
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0
White	69.2	66.3	-2.9
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island	.2	.02	-0.18

Multi-race Non-Hispanic	4.8	5.9	+1.1
Total Enrollment	3329	3373	+44

Other Student Sub-Groups

	% in 2018	% in 2019	Difference
Limited English Proficient	2.4	2.4	0
Students with Disabilities	10.0	13	+3
Economically Disadvantaged	19.8	20	+0.2

PERSONNEL

The following staff members retired during the calendar year 2019.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Donna Bauman	Adjustment Counselor	22
Denise Cassidy	Educational Assistant	30
Jim Farrington	Custodian	19
Rita Jackson	Food Services	30
Linda Little	Food Services	15
Sandra Macari	Food Services	26
Danette McGovern	Science Teacher	32
Jane Monahan	Foreign Language Teacher	3
Ann Muse	Speech-Language Pathologist	15
Dianne O'Brien	Teacher	24
Robie Peter	Principal	32
Susan Reddington	School Library Aide	31
Elizabeth Sevieri	Food Services	19
Pamela Shepard	Teacher	32
Mary Kay Whelan	Teacher	19

Congratulations and thank you to all our retirees for their decades of service to the Canton Public Schools.

ADMINISTRATION

The end of the school year 2018-2019 and the start of the school year 2019-2020, brought about some changes in administration due to retirements and relocations. After Ms. April Goran relocated, Ms. Julieanne Shore left her position as Assistant Principal of Canton High School to join the district administration as Director of Technology and Digital Learning. With that, we welcomed Mr. Josh Fogel as our new Assistant Principal. The long-time educator and former Principal of the Dean S. Luce School, Ms. Robie Peter, retired in July 2019, the school community welcomed their next Principal, Ms. Yeshi Lamour.

In closing, we are saddened by the loss of a beloved staff member of the Dean S. Luce School community, Brooke Stephens. A memorial for Ms. Stephens was presented by Ms. Peter in the presence of her mother and dear friend on the school playground at a beautiful ceremony last fall. The Canton community also lost a long-time friend and school supporter, Mr. Donald Rodman in August 2019. Mr. and Mrs. Rodman were committed to the betterment of the Canton Public Schools and were strong advocates for the arts. We are forever grateful for all that the Rodman family stands for.

Respectfully Submitted:

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