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Superintendent's Report School Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 5, 2020

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Superintendent's Highlights

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Update: Following the request of Governor Baker yesterday for schools to cancel trips abroad amid precautionary concerns of the spread of COVID-19, the Canton school district is canceling the upcoming international trips - the Galvin Middle School 7th grade trip to Montreal, April 19-21 and the Canton High School trips to Germany, April 10-29 and Costa Rica, April 15-22.

The Principals and their teacher-leaders for the trips will be contacting every family of students planning to participate on these trips to outline next steps and the travel companies' refund and cancellation policies.

We will also continue to keep our eyes on the 8th grade trip to Washington, DC in May and the July Leadership Summit in Europe and will notify families if any changes are made.

We understand that this news will come as a disappointment to some and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work through this serious health issue. The health and well-being of our students is, as always, our top priority, and the cancellation of these trips is being taken out of an abundance of caution at the Governor's request.

Details will continue to be shared with the Canton community as more information becomes available.

Though the risk of contracting novel coronavirus remains low in Massachusetts, please continue to be diligent with the recommended practices of proper health hygiene and precautionary measures to keep safe. The schools continue to engage in thorough disinfecting and students and staff washing their hands.

GMS School Play: Congratulations to all of the staff and students who made the GMS Musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* a huge success. The show was very well put together and a great showcase of our talented students. Thank you for all your hard work.



Updates

Search Committee updates: JFK Principal, Ms. Christine McMahon, recently informed me and the JFK community that she will be resigning from her position at the end of this school year. In her announcement, Ms. McMahon stated that she is “fortunate to be at a point in my life where I can make the decision to pursue my passions outside of education.” Please join me in wishing Ms. McMahon the best of luck in her future endeavors.

The Director of Student Services search is well underway. The committee will be interviewing candidates next week and finalist days are allocated for March 25 & 26. Community forums will be held on these days to allow parents and staff the opportunity to meet the finalists and provide valuable input.

The CHS Principal search begins next week and will be followed by the JFK Principal search. All three search committees have staff, parent and School Committee representation. I will update you on the progress of these searches at the next School Committee meeting.

MCAS Dates: CHS Grade 10 ELA MCAS takes place on March 24 & 25. Elementary and GMS MCAS will begin the second week of April. ELA MCAS will take place prior to April vacation and Math and Science MCAS will take place after April vacation. More information to follow.

Indicators of Excellence

Read Across America: On Monday, March 2, the Rodman Early Childhood Program celebrated Read Across America Day with several guest readers from our administrative team including Principal Lamour, Principal MacMahon, Principal Brauning, Principal Folan, Debbie Rooney, Director of Teaching and Learning and Julie Shore, Director of Technology



and Digital learning. The theme for Read Across America is "celebrating a nation of diverse readers". The preschool students thoroughly enjoyed having these special people read to them.

Important Dates and Events

March 19-22	CHS Drama Club presents <i>Mama Mia!</i> , CHS Auditorium, Thurs.-Sat. 7:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm
March 21	Dean S. Luce Carnival, Luce Gymnasium, 10:00-2:00 pm
March 25	Early Release, PreK-5, Common Planning
March 26	School Committee Meeting, CHS DLL, 7:00 pm
March 27	CAPE Spelling Bee, CHS Auditorium, 6:00 pm
April 14	Norfolk Probate and Family Court Art Show Reception, 35 Shawmut Avenue, Canton, 4:30-6:00 pm

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1	Canton Public Schools										
2	FY21 Budget Request										
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6	Section I - Prior Years Budget										
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8	Prior Year Operating Budget		\$44,114,362			\$44,114,362			\$44,114,362		
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11	Decrease in Salaries										
12	Decrease in Operating Budget		\$0			\$0			\$0		
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14	Section I - Prior Years Budget - Sub-Total		\$44,114,362	0.00%		\$44,114,362	0.00%		\$44,114,362	0.00%	
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16	Section II - Contract Obligations										
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19	Contractual Obligations		\$1,761,488			\$1,761,488			\$1,761,488		
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24	Section II - Contract Obligations - Sub-Total		\$1,761,488	3.99%		\$1,761,488	3.99%		\$1,761,488	3.99%	
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26	Sub-Total - Contractual Obligations & Prior Years Budget		\$45,875,850			\$45,875,850			\$45,875,850		
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28	Section III - Staff Reductions										
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31	1.0 FTE JFK 2nd Grade Teacher		(\$73,561)	(1.00)		(\$73,561)	(1.00)		(\$73,561)	(1.00)	
32	1.0 FTE CNA								(\$25,000)	(1.00)	
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36	Section III - Staff Reduction - Sub-Total		(\$73,561)	-0.17%	(1.00)	(\$73,561)	-0.17%	(1.00)	(\$98,561)	-0.22%	(2.00)
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40	Section IV - FTE's										
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42	FTE Requests - Required/Contractual							FTE			FTE
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44	0.2 FTE CHS Technology Teacher (Coordinator class reduction)		\$14,712	0.20		\$14,712	0.20		\$14,712	0.20	
45	0.4 FTE District English Language Teacher		\$29,424	0.40		\$29,424	0.40		\$29,424	0.40	
46	1.0 FTE Hansen Nurse Needed for Medically Complex Students		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00	
47											
48	FTE Requests - Required/Contractual - Sub-Total		\$117,697	0.27%	1.60	\$117,697	0.27%	1.60	\$117,697	0.27%	1.60
49											
50	Requests - Maintenance of Quality - FTE's				FTE			FTE			
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52	1.0 FTE District Data Specialist <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$75,000	1.00		\$75,000	1.00		\$75,000	1.00	
53	1.0 FTE Elementary Technology Specialist		\$60,000	1.00		\$60,000	1.00		\$60,000	1.00	
54	1.0 FTE PK-5 Humanities Coordinator		\$102,000	1.00		\$102,000	1.00		\$102,000	1.00	
55	0.2 FTE GMS World Language Teacher <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$14,712	0.20		\$14,712	0.20		\$14,712	0.20	
56	1.0 FTE GMS Design, Engineering & Technology Teacher		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00	
57	1.0 FTE GMS Science/Math Teacher		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00	
58	1.0 FTE GMS English/Social Studies Teacher		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00	
59	0.2 FTE GMS Art Teacher <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$14,712	0.20		\$14,712	0.20		\$14,712	0.20	
60											
61	Requests - Maintenance of Quality FTE's - Sub-Total		\$487,107	1.10%	6.40	\$487,107	1.10%	6.40	\$413,546	0.94%	5.40
62											
63	Requests - Quality Enhancements FTE's										
64											
65	1.0 FTE District Nurse Float		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00		Filled		
66	0.8 FTE District Nurse for Community Outings		\$58,849	0.80		\$58,849	0.80		\$14,712	0.20	
67	2.0 FTE Floating Bus Monitors		\$40,564	2.00		\$40,564	2.00				
68	1.0 FTE Teaching and Learning Administrative Assistant		\$55,600	1.00		\$55,600	1.00				
69	0.2 FTE CHS Visual Art Teacher <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$14,712	0.20		\$0	0.00				
70	1.0 FTE GMS Health Teacher <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$73,561	1.00		\$73,561	1.00				
71	0.6 FTE GMS Lunch Aides		\$10,800	0.60		\$10,800	0.60				
72											
73											
74	Requests - Quality Enhancements FTE's - Sub-Total		\$327,647	0.74%	6.60	\$312,935	0.71%	6.40	\$14,712	0.0%	0.20
75											
76	Section IV - FTE's - Sub Total		\$932,451	2.11%	14.60	\$917,739	2.08%	14.40	\$545,956	1.24%	7.20
77											

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1	Canton Public Schools										
2	FY21 Budget Request		FY21			FY21			FY21		
3			(All Requests)			(Superintendent's Request) (SC Approved - 12/19/2019)			(Superintendent's Budget Request)		
5						(With 6.34% Budget)			(With 5.23 % Budget)		
78	Section V - Supplies & Services										
79											
80	Supply & Services Requests - Required/Contractual										
81											
82	Bus Contractual Increase		\$25,000			\$25,000			\$25,000		
83											
87	Supply & Services Requests - Required/Contractual - Sub-Total		\$25,000	0.06%		\$25,000	0.06%		\$25,000	0.06%	
88											
89	Requests - Maintenance of Quality - Supply & Services										
90											
91	Technology										
92	AP Biology Ebooks and Licenses (CHS) <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$6,049			\$6,049			\$6,049		
93	AP Psychology Ebooks and Licenses (CHS)		\$7,543			\$7,543			\$7,543		
94	Technology Supplies to Repair Chromebooks		\$7,000			\$7,000			\$7,000		
95	STEAM Supplies (Grades PreK-5)		\$2,000			\$2,000			\$2,000		
97	Elementary										
98											
99	Classroom Supplies & Materials <i>(also requested in FY18)</i>		\$30,000			\$30,000			\$9,000		
100											
101	World Language										
102											
103	Instructional Materials (French)-GMS <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$29,432			\$13,743			\$13,743		
104	Instructional Materials (Spanish/French/German)-CHS <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$151,634			\$33,672					
105											
106	Visual Arts										
107											
108	Supplies at CHS and GMS <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$1,600			\$1,600					
109											
110	Performing Arts										
111											
112	Performing Arts Instructional Materials (PreK)		\$500			\$500			\$500		
113											
114	Requests - Maintenance of Quality - Supply & Services - Sub-Total		\$235,758	0.53%		\$102,107	0.23%		\$45,835	0.10%	
115											
116	Requests - Quality Enhancements Supply & Services										
117											
149	Technology										
150	NewsELA Pro Licenses (Grades 5-8)		\$12,000			\$0					
151											
152	CHS										
153	Novels and Books for Reading Library (English Dept.) <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$6,000			\$3,000			\$3,000		
154	Supplies for Life After Canton Course (Wellness Dept.)		\$1,000			\$1,000			\$1,000		
155											
156	GMS										
157	Middle School Athletics Program		\$16,000			\$16,000			\$10,000		
158	GMS Math Team		\$2,500			\$2,500			\$2,500		
159											
160	Professional Development										
161											
162	Summer Curriculum Work (PreK-12) <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$30,000			\$30,000			\$10,000		
163	GMS Project Based Learning 101 PD <i>(also requested in FY20)</i>		\$13,500			\$13,500			\$5,000		
164											
165											
166	Requests - Quality Enhancements Supplies and Services - Sub-Total		\$81,000	0.18%		\$66,000	0.15%		\$31,500	0.07%	
167											
168	Section V - Supplies & Services - Sub-Total		\$341,758	0.77%		\$193,107	0.44%		\$102,335	0.23%	0.00
169											
170	Sub-Total - All Requests (Section IV + V)		\$1,274,209	2.89%	14.60	\$1,110,846	2.52%	14.40	\$648,291	1.47%	7.20
171											
172	Total Budget Requests (Section II + III + IV + V)		\$2,962,136	6.71%	13.60	\$2,798,773	6.34%	13.40	\$2,311,218	5.24%	5.20
173											
174	FY21 Budget Request (Section I + II + III + IV + V)		\$47,076,498			\$46,913,135			\$46,425,580		
175											
176	FY21 Target Budget Increase		\$2,305,242	5.23%		\$2,305,242	5.23%		\$2,305,242	5.23%	
177											
178	Over/Under Target		(\$656,894)			(\$493,531)			(\$5,976)		
179											
180	Section Key										
181	Section I - Prior Year's Budget										
182	Section II Contract Obligations										
183	Section III Staff Reductions										
184	Section IV - FTE's										
185	Section V - Supplies & Services										

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Canton Public Schools to Implement New Start and End Times Next School Year

Changes to Take Effect at all Schools in Fall of 2020

CANTON -- Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Fischer-Mueller announces that all schools in the Canton Public Schools will have adjusted start and end times for the school day going into effect at the start of the new school year in September.

School Day Time Changes

The new start and end times for students will be as follows:

- **JFK Elementary:** 8:40 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
- **Hansen Elementary:** 8:40 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
- **Luce Elementary:** 9:10 a.m. to 3:25 p.m.
- **Galvin Middle School:** 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- **Canton High School:** 8 a.m. to 2:29 p.m.

The changes made to each school's start and end times will result in an increase in the number of hours students will spend in school throughout the year.

The school day at Galvin Middle School (GMS) will begin five minutes earlier and end five minutes later, resulting in an additional 10 minutes spent in school each day, and an additional 30 hours spent in school each year. The school day at Canton High School (CHS) will increase by five minutes, beginning at the same time but ending five minutes later, resulting in an additional 15 hours in school each year.

All three elementary schools will have the same length of day, but will begin and end five minutes later. The JFK, Hansen and Luce schools are on a two-year rotation in which they trade off between an early start time and late start time. This rotation will continue to work the same way and both the early and late school start and end times will be five minutes later. Starting in September, Luce will be the late school.

Preschool students at the Rodman Early Childhood Program are not affected by these schedule changes.

"These changes are about improving students' experiences in school and are a result of feedback we've received over the years from parents, teachers and students. Although these changes are minor, we're confident they will have a positive impact on our students' learning throughout the year," Superintendent Fischer-Mueller said. "We are thankful for the working relationship we've had with the teachers union during this process, and we thank them for their collaboration and feedback as we worked to coordinate these changes."

Expanding the number of minutes at GMS and CHS will result in students spending more time in school each day, without making major changes to each school's schedule. Having additional hours in the school year will also allow more flexibility for administrators while creating students' schedules, and may result in additional time for students to eat lunch each day.

Along with the changes to the start and end of the school day, parent drop off times will be adjusted. Parent drop off for students at the elementary schools currently begins 20 minutes before school starts, and 15 minutes before school starts at GMS and CHS. These time periods will adjust to align with the new school start times. Parents will still only be permitted to drop off their students 20 minutes before the school day begins at the elementary schools, and 15 minutes before at the middle school and high school.

The same timing adjustments at the schools will apply to busing schedules. Bus routes and times will be released in August.

Beginning in September, the start and end times will be a permanent change to the district's schedule.

[View the a full chart of new start and end times, early dismissal times and delayed start times here.](#)

District Calendar Changes

The district will also undergo changes to its district-wide early release days. Regular early release days used for staff professional development/common planning times took place on Wednesdays; these early releases will now take place on Fridays.

Some non-regular early release days will remain on Wednesdays due to holiday breaks or parent-teacher conferences.

[View the 2020-21 district calendar here.](#)

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