



DANVERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING: November 4, 2019

The following is a summary of the School Committee Meeting, which took place on November 4, 2019. To watch the full meeting, please visit [Danvers Community Access TV](#).

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Thorpe Danvers Pride Presentation: Sensory Hallways



DHS Football was featured on [WCVB "High 5"](#)



DanversCARES canoeing expedition at Harold Parker



DPS & Google's tech conference at HRMS

1. Danvers Pride Presentation

- Thorpe Elementary students are able to use their new [sensory hallways](#) everyday for movement breaks. The bright decals on the floors and walls were installed thanks to a DEEP grant designed to increase social emotional learning (SEL) in and outside the classroom.

2. Student Services

- Our district BCBA's, Kathryn Barry and Alissa Kostopoulos, shared how they manage difficult behaviors in the classroom by utilizing applied behavior analysis (ABA) and positive behavior interventions and supports (PBIS).
- Our BCBA's provide staff with guidance to access successful strategies, which bridges the communication between teachers, support staff, and students. Their flexible and collaborative team approach reinforces the district's multi tiered support system, (MTSS).

3. [DanversCARES](#)

- Lyla Harrod, executive director of DanversCARES, shared accomplishments and plans for this year that include Light the Night Purple, Summer Jobs, and middle school and high school student leadership.
- DanversCARES promotes skills such as self awareness, self-management, independence, relationship skills, and outdoor skills.

4. Technology

- At our next meeting, Mr. Liberman, the district's technology director, will share how students are learning with accessibility tools. For example, [Virtual Reality](#) is used "to go places and see things virtually without actually having to go there," and it offers a low-stakes opportunity to practice critical life skills.
- On 11/7 DPS & [Google for Education](#) hosted a tech conference about the recent and emerging technologies that support student accessibility.

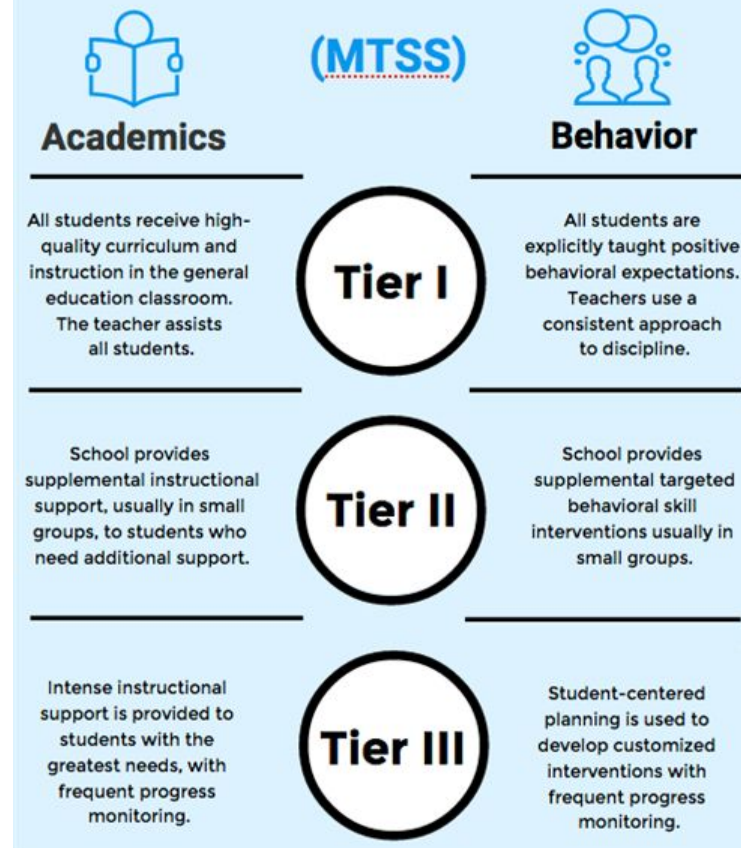


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DPS Strategic Plan

- Social Emotional Learning (SEL) lessons are happening at all three levels.
- Multi-Tier System of Supports (MTSS) has begun work at the elementary and middle school level. DHS is currently exploring structures to support the start of MTSS at the High School Level. For more information, please review the chart →
- 17 Project Based Learning (PBL) units have been developed and are currently at varying stages of implementation.
- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Workshop series, with the [Essex County Learning Community \(ECLC\) grant](#), is helping us meet the diverse learning assets and needs of our students.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/13 [DEEP](#) meeting, First Ipswich Bank, 7:45am-8:45am
- 11/19 Collaborative Meeting: Our Strategic Plan for PAC's and School Councils
- 11/27 EARLY RELEASE: Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 & 11/29 NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2 9am-10am [DanversCARES](#) Meeting
- 12/9 7pm November [School Committee](#) Meeting

SMITH SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE



- Thank you for attending our successful [groundbreaking ceremony!](#)
- NOVEMBER 2019: Foundation work begins
- 12/13 8am School Building Meeting, Town Hall - All are welcome
- Have more questions? [Please see the town hall website here](#)

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