



DANVERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

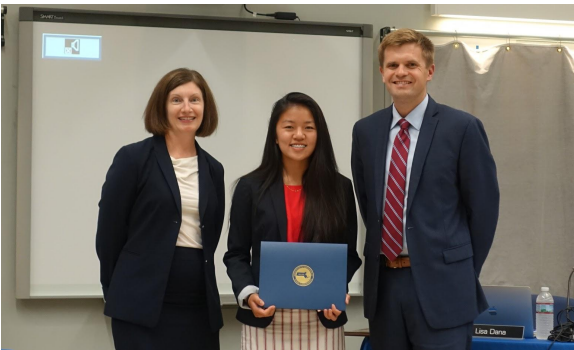
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING: October 7, 2019

The following is a summary of the School Committee Meeting, which took place on October 7, 2019. To watch the full meeting, please visit [Danvers Community Access TV](#).

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Great Oak Danvers Pride Presentation: Diversity Quilt



Nikki Lam receives Certificate of Academic Excellence



[Danvers Students defining Success: VIDEO](#)

- Danvers Pride Presentation**
 - Great Oak Principal Martha Jancaitis and 5th grade students presented about their Diversity Quilt as part of the focus on SEL (Social Emotional Learning)
 - The quilt represents the importance of celebrating individuality, diversity and respect in our community.
- Congrats to Nikki Lam**
 - On behalf of Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents ([M.A.S.S.](#)), Dr. Dana awarded Nikki Lam with the Certificate of Academic Excellence, 2019.
 - Nikki is a DHS Senior who has “distinguished herself in the pursuit of excellence” throughout her academic career. Recipients of this award are within the top 5% of their class, and are personally selected by the Superintendent. Congrats to Nikki Lam!
- [Student Achievement 2019 Report](#)**
 - Read the [full report](#) on our website. See the following page for the highlights.
 - Ben Thomas, Education and Government Coordinator at Danvers Community Access Television, produced a [video](#) detailing what students believe defines success. Thank you!
- Student Enrollment Data - Oct. 1: 3,514 students**
 - Our preschool enrollment is increasing.
 - Elementary class sizes are 25 students or less.
 - We continue to monitor the gr 8 into gr 9 transition

Highlight of Our Outstanding Faculty: Marcia Colbert

DPS, along with the Dembowski family would like to publicly thank Marcia Colbert, a teacher aide at Thorpe, who rushed to assist their son during a medical emergency in September.

Thank you for your heroism and dedication to our Danvers Public School students, Marcia! We are very proud of you.



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DPS Student Achievement 2019

- MCAS Accountability: All seven schools in our district were successfully categorized as “not requiring assistance or intervention”
- We plan to continue implementing the FAR cycle to best support all our students, and to study UDL (Universal Design for Learning) to differentiate our instruction for all learners.
- For more information on MCAS data, please visit our [DESE District Profile](#)

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL

STRENGTHS

Gr 3-8 avg scaled scores for Math improved
Gr 3-6 avg scaled scores in ELA improved
HRMS has continued improvement in Math and ELA over the past 2 years
Successful implementation of the HRMS turnaround plan has moved HRMS from the “requiring” to the “not requiring” “assistance or intervention” designation in the accountability system

Meeting the state average for ELA and Math on the first year of the Next Generation MCAS test
Exceeded their target for Advanced Coursework in the accountability system - 76.6% of students took at least 1 Advanced Course.
Met accountability goals for Graduation, Engagement and Dropout Rates

CHALLENGES

Achievement of High Needs students especially for students with diverse learning needs
HRMS continues its progress to reaching the state average scaled scores
Chronic absenteeism rate (Accountability System)

Students with Diverse Learning Needs are not meeting targets
Chronic absenteeism rate (Accountability System)
Lowest Performing Students (Accountability System)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/16 9am [NEW Smith School Project](#) breaking ground ceremony - all are invited to attend
- 10/16 [DEEP](#) meeting, First Ipswich Bank, 7:45am-8:45am
- 10/24 6pm-9pm [DEEP Wine Tasting](#) at Danversport
- 11/4 9am-10am [DanversCARES](#) Meeting
- 11/4 7pm November [School Committee](#) Meeting

SMITH SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE



- OCTOBER 2019: Breaking Ground - ceremony 10/16 9am
- NOVEMBER 2019: Foundation work begins
- Have more questions? [Please see the town hall website here](#)

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