



Superintendent's Report November 11, 2025

I. Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Update ***Standard II: Management and Operations***

We were officially awarded the MSBA grant for the Bromfield School heat pump and roof upgrade project on Wednesday, October 29th. Following the Board meeting, I submitted the required documents to MSBA, including a certified copy of the vote taken by the Town of Harvard at the Fall Town Meeting. We are currently waiting for them to assign us an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and an engineering firm from their preselected list.

II. Arm in Arm Events ***Standard III: Family Engagement***

The Arm and Arm Board, of which I am a member, held two popular events recently. On Thursday, October 30th, author Autumn Allen met with approximately 50 community members at the Harvard Public Library. She shared her life experiences and research of the Civil Rights Movement as these informed her novel, *All You Have to Do*. After sharing with the audience, she answered audience questions, which led to an engaging discussion.

On Sunday, November 2nd, Arm and Arm led a group of Harvard community members (including several students) to visit a Mosque and a Synagogue in Wayland, MA. At each site, members of the religious centers provided information, answered questions, and described religious artifacts, practices, and traditions. The visits were both educational and engaging.

III. Theater Programs ***Standard III: Family Engagement***

Elementary students and High School Students performed for their friends and families after months of practice and preparations. The elementary drama program was led by Superstar Productions owner Kelly Elwood. The HES play



involved intricate costumes of characters in video games, fun dances, intrigue between heroes and villains, and messages of belonging.

The audience at the high school play, *Clue*, enjoyed the humor and intrigue brought to life by the performers. The Bromfield drama program underwent a reorganization this year under the talented leadership of Liz Ruark. Congratulations to our actors, lighting crews, set creators, and backstage staff.

We look forward to a winter pause in high school drama while the middle schoolers perform with Superstar Productions. The year will end with both middle school students and high school students joining together for the all school musical. Stay tuned for future details.

IV. The Anxious Generation Meeting

Standard III: Family Engagement, Standard IV: Professional Culture

During our combined Professional Development day with Ayer-Shirley and Littleton, two educators offered a session about *The Anxious Generation (TAG)*. I attended and gathered some information from the presentation and the discussion of educators to share with our TAG when we meet again. The 2nd meeting of the group is by Zoom on November 19th at 6 PM.

V. Connecting with the Community

Standard III: Family Engagement, Standard IV: Professional Culture

The leadership team will be visiting with Council on Aging (COA) members on November 18th. We will be making and serving lunch to 35 - 40 members who have already signed up. We will use the opportunity to share our district Vision and the work that leads to students' joy and success.

VI. Honoring Veterans

Standard III: Family Engagement

Students across the district learned about Veterans' Day and focused on the sacrifices made by members of the military. At HES, the Principals invited veterans and active service members to an assembly where they were honored by students through songs, acknowledgements, and handshakes. Students watched a short video on the history of Veterans' Day and they listened to a high

school student, Kai Allen play Taps. It was wonderful to watch the students show their appreciation to others.

