

## Superintendent's Update

December 5, 2018

- As of this morning we have had 341 responses to the survey regarding the locally funded items being considered for the new high school. I hope all of you have taken a moment to complete the survey. The subcommittees will be reviewing the survey data next Tuesday. Here is the article from the SunJournal today <http://www.sunjournal.com/wanted-in-new-elhs-stadium-big-auditorium-air/>
- **Fairview School received national recognition from Special Olympics as National Unified Champion. Fairview is among only a handful of elementary schools to be honored across the country.** <http://www.sunjournal.com/national-unified-champions/>
- School Committee members Bonnie Hayes and Alfreda Fournier attended the City's Strategic Planning Kickoff this week. Jim Horn, Shelly Mogul, Bill Grant, Sue Dorris and I attend to be participants and resources to the discussions. The mayor rolled out the City's ad for the 150th anniversary, it was nice to see the schools highlighted with a clip of the front of ELHS and a clip of a student using an iPad.
- **For more information about the district, please go to our website to read news and my twitter feed. You may also find information on our Facebook page.**

**6:00 Workshop:** Sue Dorris will be reviewing the district's fall screening data and MEA data with support from Shelly Mogul and school staff.

### 7:00 pm Regular School Board Meeting

#### Information:

#### 1. New High School Programming and Positions

Auburn administrators and architects developed the first draft of the required Department of Education Space Allocation Program worksheet and submitted it to the Department of Education on October 17, 2018. Included in this draft are a number of new programs, positions and the transfer of programs. In order for these new programs, positions and transfers to be included in the construction project by the Department of Education, the Auburn School Committee must approve each one individually. Those requested programs, positions, and transfer of programs are as follows:

- Transfer of the students from the Franklin Alternative School to the new ELHS
- Transfer of the students from the Students of Success (SOS) program to the new ELHS
- An additional Computer Science teacher
- A Substance Abuse Counselor

The Auburn administration and architects are recommending the following Career and Technical satellite programs and positions:

- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Firefighting Science
- Law Enforcement Training
- Cosmetology
- Information Technology
- Precision Manufacturing
- Manufacturing and Robotics
- Engineering and Architecture
- Composite Manufacturing
- CTE Exploration/Medical
- CTE Administration position

The costs associated with the new positions and programs do not have to be in the fiscal year 2020 budget, however the funding does need to be in the fiscal year budget immediately prior to the opening of the new ELHS.

#### 2. Classroom Space Needs

Annually, as the school department prepares the Capital Improvement Plan, we review the space needs of our buildings. Washburn continues to have portables to house art and music classes and both Washburn and East Auburn Community School use a multipurpose space as a cafeteria and gym. Fairview has been creative in the use of space to make sure there is adequate classroom space for all student needs.

In addition, the Park Avenue School was built for an enrollment of 350 students and its enrollment exceeded that number since it was built over 10 years ago. This year's enrollment is 383 students. Currently, two

special education spaces are being used as classroom spaces and small group spaces are being used for special education classes. Last year, the School Committee added a teacher to reduce class sizes at the sixth grade and administration worked with staff to create a space for a new classroom. When the school was built, the building plans included an area, in which to add two classrooms in anticipation of an increase in enrollment. The additional classrooms have also been noted in the Capital Improvement Plan under future items recognizing that there may be a time when it is necessary to add the two classrooms to the existing building to address space needs.

### **3. Vision 2030**

Vision 2030 is an adaptation of Vision 2020. Various stakeholders, including the School Committee during a workshop in October, gave feedback that has been incorporated in the final draft being presented. Not only has the documented been revised, the mission statement has also been changed to reflect what a majority of those asked selected. Vision 2030 is clear, shorter and uses less words to best communicate with all stakeholders the vision and mission of the Auburn School Department

#### **Business:**

- **MSMA Group Insurance Trust Amendments**

Mr. Adam Hanson, Business Manager, will present information regarding amendments to M.S.M.A. Group Insurance Declaration of Trust. He will request approval of the following resolves:

**Vote to Authorize Amendments to M.S.M.A. Group Insurance Declaration of Trust**

- **The Assistant Superintendent will present the following policies for a first reading:**
  - IKFC - Graduation Requirements: This policy was presented during October 17th workshop.
  - JKAA - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion: This policy has been updated to reflect the current law.

**Enjoy your weekend!**

**Katy**