



To: Seekonk School Committee
From: Dr. Rich Drolet, Superintendent of Schools
Date: May 6, 2019
Re: Superintendent's Update

ST Math Grant for Martin Elementary School / Future Superintendent's Update

Congratulations to Martin Elementary School for being awarded an upcoming ST Math grant! More information about this grant and the ST Math program can be found in this [Press Release](#). This grant was earned by Martin Assistant Principal Kerry Hutchins and teacher "ST Math Champions" Cindy St. Jacques (3rd grade) and Kendra Medeiros (5th grade) at Martin.

Mrs. King's 3 R's Video

On Monday, April 29th, I was able to visit Mrs. Emily King's class to view a video she created with her 1st graders at Martin Elementary School. This student-led video educates us about the "3 R's" (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and the video was created in honor on Earth Day and "going green." Click [here](#) to view the video.

NSIP Year 1 Completed

On May 1st I finished my 8th full day of professional development in Marlborough as part of the New Superintendent Induction Program. I completed 8 content days during this 2018-2019 school year; next year I will participate in 5 content days; then in 2020-2021 I will participate in monthly regional consultancy groups and meet with my coach as needed. Over the summer I will be working with the School Committee and District Leadership Team to begin to develop a District Strategy for Continuous Improvement.

Aitken and Martin Walk to School Days

On May 1st (Aitken ES) and May 3rd (Martin ES) our elementary schools completed their first "Walk to School" days in conjunction with the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program. Aitken students walked from the Seekonk Public Library, while Martin students walked from the Seekonk Christian Academy. Over 100 students and parents from each school participated and with the help of the Seekonk Police and Fire Departments, we were able to safely execute our first walk to school days. Our thanks go out to the Seekonk Police and Fire Departments, Tremblay's Bus Co, the Seekonk Library, and the Seekonk Christian Academy for helping us

pull this off. Also, thank you to our Transportation Director, Frank Braga, for coordinating this event (see photos from Aitken ES and Martin ES below).



Future Teacher Signing Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow, on May 7th at 1PM, Seekonk High School will be hosting our 1st annual "Future Teacher Signing Day." This is a way for us to recognize our 12 students that plan on going to college to be trained to become teacher. Each senior who is pursuing education in college has identified a Seekonk educator who has inspired them and we have invited those educators, as well as these students' parents, to be acknowledged at this event. This event is taking place on National Teacher Appreciation Day. I would like to thank SHS Guidance Director, Jodi Leduc, SHS Guidance Secretary Maureen Powers, and administrative assistant Bridget McNamara for helping to coordinate this event. The 12 students and the mentors who have inspired them are listed below.

Stephanie Allen (Ms. Nelson, SHS)
Savanna Amaral (Mrs. Machado-Cook, SHS)
Cheyanne Ayotte (Mrs. Sloat, Martin ES)
Laurel Barbosa (Mrs. Horton, SHS)
Lillian Birch (Mrs. Borden, SHS)
Danielle D'Amico (Mrs. Cloutier, SHS)
Sarah Elderkin (Heidi Flynn, Seekonk Warrior cheer coach)
Felicia Prata (Ms. Almeida, SHS)
Katelyn Provazza (Mrs. Ward-Smith, Aitken ES)
Rebecca Quinlan (Mrs. Billings, SHS)
Hanna Saisselin (Mrs. Braganca, Martin ES)
Madeline Whelan (Mrs. Salisbury, SHS)

New Hurley Middle School Assistant Principal

On behalf of Ms. Alexis Bouchard and Hurley Middle School, we are pleased to announce the hiring of the new Hurley Middle School Assistant Principal, Mr. George Kelleher-Bianchi. Mr. Kelleher will start in July. He has worked for the past 4 years as a special education teacher-leader at the Dedham Middle School. Prior to that, Mr. Kelleher taught at the Alternative Learning Center at the O'Donnell Middle School in Stoughton. Mr. Kelleher earned his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Special Education from Bridgewater State University and his Bachelor of Arts in History/Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams. We would thank all of the members of the screening committee team for their participation in the hiring of Mr. Kelleher.