



## ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Families and Students,

The 2018 – 2019 year is off to a great start in many ways. Students are working hard academically and participating in a variety of extracurricular activities including the Fall play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, athletics, intramurals, and our Winter Concerts! Please continue to watch for the Principal's Newsletters, the Guidance Newsletter, and our website for updates on current happenings in each building and upcoming events.

At this time, I am happy to share that we have no new information regarding the environmental issues from the past summer. OHI continues their work of researching our buildings environmental history and ensuring a safe environment for students and staff. We will continue monitoring the air at the high school throughout the year. I will be updating you with those results.

MCAS parent reports are in the process of being sent home. There will be an MCAS presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. As all schools are measured against a set of standards, one of the standards is now chronic absenteeism. This means that if a student misses more than 10% (or 18 days) of school days for any reason, in a school year, the school is considered to have chronic absenteeism. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education recognizes the strong connection between attendance and student success. As a result, you will receive notifications from us if attendance becomes a concern for your student. Thank you for working with us to make sure your student is in school and as successful as possible.

We hope to see at our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on October 20<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Cross. Contact Michelle Vigneux for ticket information at [mvigneux@akfcs.org](mailto:mvigneux@akfcs.org) or 508-854-8400 ext. 2694, or you can purchase tickets directly on the Education Foundation webpage <https://www.akfcs.org/abby-kelley-foster-educational-foundation/akf-20th-anniversary-gala>.

Sincerely,

Brian Haas

Executive Director

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