



ABBY KELLEY FOSTER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 school year, I am very excited to start this year with you. Summer has been a time to relax, reflect and make plans for the upcoming school year. Principals, along with the interview teams, have worked diligently to hire new staff at each building, all of whom are excited to be part of the Abby Kelley Foster family.

Our student mobile device program continues to progress. This summer, over 320 new Chromebook devices were deployed across the district. This significantly improves our teachers' ability to deliver 21st-century learning to our students. The district now has approximately 1140 mobile devices for in-class student use. To support these additional devices we also deployed 20 wireless access points. Finally, new internet service was installed to increase the District's bandwidth two-fold.

Thanks to our hard working facilities department, each of the buildings has been cleaned, floors waxed, walls painted, grounds cleaned; we are ready for the New Year.

We are working with contractors, an engineering firm and National Grid to upgrade our electrical service at both the Elementary and Middle schools. While this is a complicated process, it is moving forward. As soon as we receive a confirmed switchover date, I will let you know.

In addition, Licensed Site Professionals (LSPs) have been monitoring indoor air samples periodically (at least 5 times) since last summer and have reported that information to the MADEP. The test data demonstrates that the long-term exposure of constituents in indoor to students, facility and staff, at the highest average concentrations, do not result in risk above MADEP risk thresholds for the protection of human health according to the LSPs conducting such tests.

Worcester Police Department will conduct police response to active shooter trainings at Saint Gobain on Tuesday, August 20th - Thursday, August 22nd from 8:15 to 11:00a.m. These training may be visible from the high school.

As we begin the school year; a reminder of important dates coming up:

Wednesday, August 21 PD continues; Students in Grades 4 and 8 (½ day)

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Thursday, August 22 First full day of School Grades 1-12

Friday, August 30 No School - Labor Day Weekend

Monday, September 2 No School - Labor Day Weekend

Tuesday, September 3 School resumes for Grades 1-12

Wednesday, September 4 First Day of School for Kindergarten

We look forward to expanding our own knowledge and continuously improving the educational experience of our students this year.

Sincerely,

Brian Haas
Executive Director

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Fahodie nkyerekere soronko, ene sukuu nkyerekyere nyinaa. Se wo ba no hyia se obi kyerekere no saa nnema yi nyinaa ase a, ko hu sukuu no titinani.

Nếu quý vị hoặc con của quý vị yêu cầu dịch vụ của một thông dịch viên hoặc những tài liệu của trường cần dịch lại xin vui lòng liên lạc hiệu trưởng trường con em của quý vị để sắp xếp cho các dịch vụ này.