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**Executive Director's Update
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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed their time off and arrives on Monday, January 6th ready to take on the second half of the school year. While things were quiet here without our students, work continued in the Elementary and Middle Schools for our ongoing electrical upgrades. Of the two buildings, the Elementary School is nearing completion, while the Middle School work continues. This is a result of the age of the building and the diligence of our Electrical Contractor to assure we have an upgraded electrical system that meets our needs now and in the future. I will continue to keep you updated as to when the official completion of this project takes place.

As I am sure you recall, we had some snow days in December, four to be exact. As we annually build in five snow days to our academic calendar, there is **no change at this time** to the last day of school, which is Wednesday, June 18th.

We do have two upcoming dates to remind you about; **Monday, January 20th** is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and **Abby Kelley will be closed** in observance of the holiday. On **Wednesday, February 5th**, there will be **no school for students only** as Faculty and Staff will participate in a day-long diversity training with Rosetta Lee, a consultant on the subject of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Ms. Lee leads trainings on a variety of topics, including cross cultural communication, identity development, implicit and unconscious bias, gender and sexuality diversity, facilitation skills, and bullying in schools. We look forward to her spending the day with us as we continue to grow as a district in these areas.

Finally a couple dates as we look out in the New Year;

Tuesday, February 25, 2020- Abby Kelley Foster Art Show at the Worcester Pop Up (details to come)

Saturday, March 21, 2020 Abby Kelley Night with the Worcester Railers (details to come)

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday and hope the New Year starts off well for all!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Haas".

Brian Haas, Executive Director