

**Administrator School Board Update 5/11/22**  
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Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment update

- May in schools is like sprinting within a marathon! Things speed up as we approach the end of the school year, finishing, finalizing and celebrating all that goes with a year's worth of learning and all that comes with being part of a school community. Simultaneously, our attention is focused on planning and preparing for next school year. While schools are busy with looking ahead to grade level assignments and classlists, district level planning is focused on next steps toward meeting the strategic planning goals in a number of ways.
  - Summer work is being planned;
  - Professional development calendars are in the process of being developed;
  - Curricular review plans are mapped out;
  - District committees have identified goals for next year.
- May is also a time of assessment, particularly Maine state assessments in English Language Arts, Math and Science. Because the Maine State Assessments included assessment in the fall, this year's data will measure both performance toward grade-level expectations and individual student growth. The student growth data set will allow teachers to know better and more specifically how each student is progressing in learning - we're very excited to use this data to inform our instruction and practices in the coming year!
- With the School Board approval of the budget behind us, preparation for anticipated new positions - Math Strategist, Extended Learning Strategists, Multi language learners ed tech and Volunteer Coordinator - have begun. Search processes for each of the positions will be completed with the passing of the budget at the June 14th referendum.

Policy

- As we get ready for the shift in pace of summer, the Policy Committee is bringing four policies forward to the Board this month for first read, with anticipated second reading and approval in June. There will be no policies for first reading at the June meeting - you'll see policies for first read again in August.

Celebrate the Good

- It seems not long ago we were greeting our new teachers. With May fully in swing, those same new teachers are finishing up their final "firsts" in Cape schools. Next week we celebrate that remarkable feat - surviving and thriving in their first year in the Cape Elizabeth School Department. Along with each teacher's mentor, Chris and I will gather with the new teachers to recognize their value and the contributions each has made to our schools, students and staff everyday. We are indeed fortunate to have them.