

## Message from the Superintendent Karen M. Crebase

I hope everyone is enjoying a relaxing summer. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday August 27, 2019. Thank you for your support throughout the past school year. Our schools continue to make great progress and our students are receiving an excellent education. We appreciate the connections and relationships our schools have with the community and our families. Please take a moment to read about some highlights.



### Hopedale Students-Top in the State

99% of our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students Met/Exceeded grade level expectations on English MCAS

96% of our 10<sup>th</sup> grade students Met/Exceeded grade level expectations on Math MCAS

Students with disabilities are demonstrating exceptional growth and achievement and we exceed the state level in this area

“Our focus is to unlock the potential of each student.”



## Strategic Plan for Hopedale Public Schools

### OUR MISSION:

To develop the intellectual potential of each student. We believe that every child can learn successfully. We are committed to developing a range of learning experiences and environments that will ensure this success. We want our young people to be happy and to be well prepared to meet their own needs and the needs of others as responsible members of society.

#### Objective #1

Enhance and  
Align Curricula

#### Objective #2

Plan Relevant,  
Accessible,  
and Inclusive  
Professional  
Development

#### Objective #3

Provide High  
Quality  
Educational  
Opportunity

#### Objective #4

Build  
Community  
Relationships

## Junior-Senior High School Notable Accomplishments



### Capstones and Internships

We are proud to offer career focused, authentic learning opportunities to members of the Junior and Senior classes. Students in these courses design their own personal project supervised by a faculty member or work directly with local businesses, schools or municipalities of their interest. Capstone and Internships help students determine future courses and plans after graduation and provide students with opportunities to develop and apply important career skills such as problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, and creativity.

### Biomedical Pathway

We continue to create opportunities in the STEM related fields for all students. In cooperation with Project Lead The Way, we will offer a series of four courses over the next three years. Using a hands on, critical thinking, and collaborative process, students will research topics such as physiology, genetics, microbiology and public health. Our pathway will include Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, Medical Interventions and BioMedical Innovations. For more information on Project Lead The Way please visit their website at [PLTW](http://PLTW).

### Manufacturing Course

The Blackstone Valley remains one of the most active manufacturing regions in the United States. These companies require well trained and highly skilled employees who are prepared to enter the workforce. As a result, we are excited to offer a unique learning opportunity to Hopedale students. In collaboration with neighboring Blackstone Valley area schools, we have designed a course in Manufacturing Technology. Students will be introduced to Environmental, Logistical, and Manufacturing Engineering in a hands on collaborative environment.



Every 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student now learns about Computer Science in their Explore classes.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE PATHWAY

Hopedale Jr-Sr High School is entering its second year of the Computer Science Program. Thanks to generous grant opportunities from Project Lead The Way and American Student Assistance and computer science teacher Ms. Sarah Wadehul, we are continuing to design a program that will assist students who are interested in a career in Computer Science. This year we will be offering Computer Science Essentials and Cybersecurity. Over the next few years we will offer additional courses including AP Computer Science that will complete a Computer Science Pathway. This pathway will prepare our students for a future in the Computer Science Industry. For more information on Computer Science and Project Lead The Way visit this website at [PLTW Computer Science](http://PLTW Computer Science).

# Memorial School Notable Accomplishments



## IMPLEMENTATION OF EUREKA MATH

Students were engaged in rigorous math lessons through implementation of the Eureka Math Curriculum. This effort was supported by a Math Coach who formally met with teachers on a monthly basis to discuss implementation. If you are interested in learning more about the curriculum, click here [Eureka Math Overview](#)

## MULTI TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORT

Staff developed a multi-tiered system of supports for at-risk students. This included Tiered Instruction, piloting of a Check In, Check Out (CICO) Program, and enhancement of our Flex Center classroom to address our students' social, emotional and behavioral needs.

## DELIVERY OF INCLUSIVE SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Delivery of inclusive special education services, K-6th grade has been a major focus. We provided training for staff and supports for students.

We worked to incorporate enrichment opportunities into the school day. We plan to maintain a focus on increasing these opportunities, during the school day and after school, next year.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE GRANT FUNDING

We applied for and were awarded a Computer Science grant through Project Lead the Way. Next year, every student in our school will have the opportunity to experience at least one Computer Science module. We are excited to prepare our students for future opportunities at the Junior-Senior High School in their Computer Science Pathway. We look forward to your children sharing their experiences with you.

## Bright Beginnings Center Notable Accomplishments



### CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM ALIGNMENT

BBC staff worked with the Memorial School kindergarten team to continue to improve the preschool to kindergarten transition. BBC classrooms now use a number of the same curriculum programs as Memorial School, including Eureka Math, Wilson Reading Foundations, and FOSS Science Kits. This allows for familiarity with curriculum upon entering kindergarten.

### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Through use of the Feeling Buddies program, students learn to identify, understand and regulate their emotions. Newly revised progress report forms incorporate Massachusetts state standards while focusing on social emotional and play based learning goals for students. BBC teachers developed six videos for parents to manage behavior and social emotional learning at home using the Positive Solutions for Families program.

### GROWTH OF BBC PROGRAM

Growth in registration allowed BBC to offer an additional half day preschool class. Our School Adjustment Counselor will have increased time in classrooms with the ability to provide more support to students and teachers. Extended day care offers families the flexibility for care before and after the preschool day hours.

### NEW PLAYGROUND

Bright Beginnings Center, with the support of Friends of Bright Beginnings, raised over \$18,000 to support a major playground renovation.

Monetary donations as well as donations of time and labor were made by many local companies and community members.

New playground equipment was installed through a community build in June. The new equipment is geared towards preschool-aged children and allows for gross motor learning outdoors. Additional playground improvements will be coming throughout the summer and 2019-2020 school year. Come by and take a look!

