

# Superintendent's Report 11/17/22

## Strategic Planning Updates



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Education That Empowers

- Community forums: 2 complete, 2 remaining
- Staff feedback on Nov 8 PD Day
- Student Empathy Interviews: Getting Started
- Initiative overview documents in SC materials
- Timeline
  - Initial drafts submitted 11/14 and currently being refined by Liz Homan and Dan Anderson;
  - Drafts will be reviewed and further refined by planning teams, integrating more feedback from stakeholders;
  - Year-to-year cost-out to be generated in December, alongside FY24 budget proposals;
  - Final plan to be completed and shared in January 2024.



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## Additional Updates

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MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (the Department) local special education determination under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Arlington Public School Districts Meets Requirements. Also, Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM) site visits this week.

Areas of review tied to special education include:

- student assessments,
- determination of eligibility, the
- Individualized Education Program (IEP) Team process,
- IEP development and implementation.

Areas of review related to civil rights include:

- bullying,
- student discipline,
- physical restraint, and
- equal access to school programs for all students.

DESE interviews district staff and administrators, reviews student records, and conduct onsite observations. Additionally, they interview the chairperson(s) of the district's Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) and other caregivers.

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- November 8th PD Day
- MA School Wellness Coaching Program
- Overnight Experience:
  - Discussed with Gibbs Staff on Nov 8th
  - Possible to use this time (for staff) to support transition into 6th grade
  - Plan to work with Nature's Classroom due to capacity and services
- Playgrounds: Bishop and Stratton open! Peirce inspection is scheduled for 11/23, opening targeted for 11/28
- Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Search
- Vacancies
- Enrollments

