

# LPS District Update

## June 12, 2024



# District Leadership Updates

- Angely Alba-Burgos, currently Assistant Principal at the School for Exceptional Studies, has been named Principal of the Oliver Elementary School for SY24-25
- Jennifer Perry, currently a Director of Teaching and Learning in the Barnstable Public Schools will be joining LPS on July 1 as our Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
- A familiar face to many of us, Dr. Lynne Catarius, will be our Supervisor of Assessment and Accountability for SY24-25. She is currently the Director of Student Services and Special Education in Amesbury Public Schools.
- Chief Financial Officer Ariel Perez will be leaving the district at the end of June, the CFO position is posted for candidates to apply through the end of June



# Staffing SY 24-25

- As we prepare for the upcoming school year, the Human Resources Department conducted two recruitment fairs on May 18th
- South Lawrence East Complex hosted candidates for early childhood, elementary and middle schools
- LHS hosted for secondary candidates
- Postings for our current vacancies are on the career section of our website

**WE'RE HIRING!**  
FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25

Special Education Teachers  
Building Based Educators  
Long-term Substitutes  
Classroom Teachers  
Paraprofessionals  
Psychologists  
Counselors  
Nurses

<https://bit.ly/202405lpsjobs>

**18 MAY** **In-Person Hiring Fair**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

**FOR PK-8 POSITIONS**  
South Lawrence East Complex  
165 Crawford Street, Lawrence MA

**FOR HIGH SCHOOL POSITIONS**  
Lawrence High School Campus  
70-71 North Parish Road, Lawrence MA



# Summer Professional Development

**Quality Teaching for English Learners (QTEL)'s Summer Institute (July):** 30 educators will attend to cultivate the tools they need to accelerate language development, academic literacy, and disciplinary knowledge of all students, particularly English learners.

**UnboundEd's Standards Institute (July):** 75 educators will attend this PD focused on standards-aligned and culturally responsive instruction in Early Literacy, Science, Math and ELA

**Impact Coaching Partners's Coaching Foundations (August):** PD for instructional coaches in the district to prepare them to provide effective feedback to support teachers growth in service of student learning.



# Summer Programming

- Our Summer Learning and Extended School Year Programs are set to start on June 26th
- Programs will run for five weeks, July 1-August 1 for students
- Program locations will be Parthum, LHS Campus, Frost, Rollins, Breen, Wetherbee, Oliver Elementary, NCEC
- Students at schools closed for summer facilities work will be transported to their location
- Approximately 2,200 will participate across the district



# Latinos for Education Aspiring Latino Leaders Fellowship

- LPS staff who participated in the Latinos for Education Aspiring Leaders Fellowship had their last cohort session at Harvard University on May 3rd, presenting their final projects on Latinx educator retention; family engagement; supporting students and staff SEL competencies; and strategies to support Multilingual Learners
- Eight LPS Fellows joined other Latinx leaders across the state to advance their journey as culturally responsive leaders
- This is part of our district commitment to workforce diversification and investment in our leaders

Pictured: Fellows Anyis Acevedo, Katherine Almonte, Marianela De La Cruz, Marianely Horton, Melissa Melendez, Maria Ortiz, and Linette Pichardo.  
Not Pictured: Fellow Rikelma Vargas



# Adult Literacy Classes

- On April 11th, 59 parents and family members graduated from the LPS Adult ESOL Program
- These adult learners had attended class weekly since the beginning of the school year
- Of our 59 participants, 25 are moving on to English Level 3; 27 are moving up to English Level 2; and seven will stay at Level 1 during the next offering



# Arbor Day

- The Bruce School celebrated Arbor Day with Groundworks Lawrence and elected officials
- Students planted several trees along the perimeter of the school





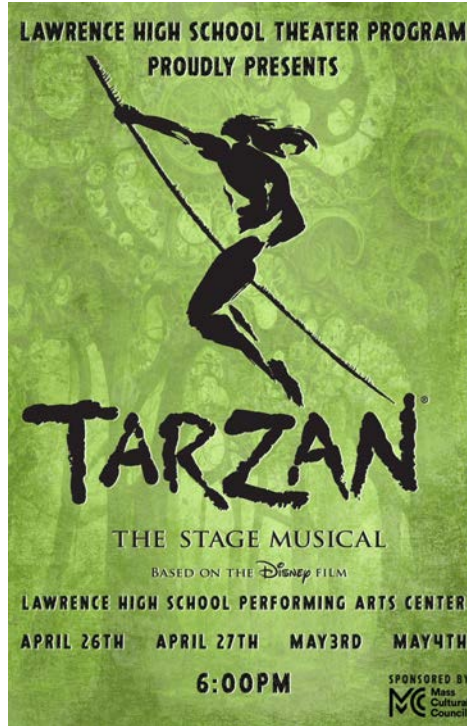
# The Arts! Part 1

- Our Student Art and Self Portrait exhibit was on display recently at Lawrence Heritage State Park
- The exhibit was open for several weeks
- This is the third year it has been hosted by the Lawrence Heritage State Park



# The Arts Part 2

- LHS Theater completed four nights of Tarzan the Stage Musical
- They have received 14 nominations for this production from the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild, including Best Overall Production



# The Arts Part 3

- Visual and Performing Arts students recently performed outside of City Hall in front of some very impressed staff from the City of Lawrence and LPS Central Office, as well as folks from the adjacent court houses, businesses and other downtown passersby
- On Thursday, June 6 LHS hosted the district dance performance, showcasing students from the Parthum Elementary, Oliver Elementary, Guilmette Middle School and LHS



# Unified Games 2024

- With our partners at New Balance and Massachusetts Special Olympics we had a terrific Unified Games Day on May 10
- Across our two site locations, we had a total of 719 student participants, and an additional 302 staff volunteers!
- Students ranging from Kindergarten through our Post Graduate programs had opportunities to play and compete with their peers



# Spring Family and Community Celebrations

- Schools have been celebrating the end of the 2024-25 school year with a variety of events
- At LFPA Young Authors' Night, we bumped into Paula, LHS Class of 2018, with her younger sister who will be in the class of 2036
- At the Tarbox Block Party there was drumming, music, cornhole, facepainting and plenty of food



# Spring Athletics

- Jeromi Carasquillo received the Clegg Medal this year at graduation for his efforts in honesty and sportsmanship while representing LHS
- 9 spring track athletes have qualified to run at the New Balance National Meet
- Obbie Luciano was recently selected by Moynihan Lumber and the Eagle-Tribune as Student-Athlete of the Year
- During spring intramurals, we had over 650 middle school students participate in Volleyball as well as Track and Field



# JROTC cadets and staff off to next assignment

- We want to wish Eileen, Imanni, and Nichole the best in their future endeavors
- We also wanted to thank LTC Howe for his work as the Senior Army Instructor within the LHS JROTC Program since 2019
- We also thank the American Legion Post in Andover for recognizing our cadets



# Commissioner's Visit to LHS

- Commissioner Johnston visited LHS campus on May 3rd
- He had the chance to check in with LHS staff and students
- He discussed future plans with seniors
- GEAR UP staff were able to provide updates on FAFSA completion
- Sgt. Caraballo from the SRO Unit discussed redesign of the campus entry





# Financial Literacy at the Wetherbee!

- The Wetherbee School teamed up with Junior Achievement and Santander Bank to talk financial literacy
- Over 50 volunteers participated
- They were able to visit 18 classrooms and speak with over 300 students



# Civics Day

- Students at Lawrence High School presented their Civics Projects on May 24th
- Mayor De Peña signed two ordinances that had been proposed by LHS students
- There were projects related to health, safety, housing, transportation, and educational policy



# Early College

- Early College Graduates were honored recently
- There were ceremonies at both Merrimack College and Northern Essex
- 76 Lancers were recognized at Merrimack, 5 will continue at Merrimack as Pioneer Scholarships
- 92 Lancers were recognized at Northern Essex, 56 will continue in the 5th Year Program



# L Pin and Alumni Scholarship Night

- 88 seniors and 74 juniors received LPin recognition this year
- The LPin Ceremony was followed by the LHS Alumni Scholarship Night
- Over \$160,000 in scholarships were awarded



# Prom Fun!

- Several hundred seniors attended LHS Prom on May 17th
- It was held again this year at Castleton Banquet and Conference Center in Windham, NH
- The weather was great and all of our students looked sharp!



# LPS Graduation

- The Class of 2024 included 679 graduates
- 104 graduates received the Seal of Biliteracy
- Thanks to our facilities staff
- Props to our student speakers Anthony, Angel, and Nikki
- Shout out to Cheraly and Sheisy from 4th Floor H Building Bulldogs Pre-AP Geometry for helping me out during the fall of 2021
- The Adventure is Out There, and we know our graduates will find success during the adventure



# LWFI Para Educator Graduation over at Northern Essex



- Congratulations to the 18 graduates who participated in the 6th LWFI Paraeducator nine-month free program.
- This nine-month program prepared our students with ESL contextualized components in reading and math, essential for passing the ParaPro Exam.
- Additionally, it provided extensive support outside the classroom, job readiness skills, financial advising, CPR/First Aid training, and a family engagement seminar.
- Participants also completed a 3-credit "Intro to Teaching" course offered by Northern Essex Community College and a five-month paid internship at one of our LPS schools.
- We look forward to seeing them contribute to our classrooms this coming Fall.

# Middle School Promotion Ceremonies

- Our middle schools are holding their promotion ceremonies this week for their 8th graders!
- Many happy faces across the district at our middle schools.





# Adult Learning: Equivalency and Citizenship

- ALC held their Graduation Ceremony last night in the Performing Arts Center:
  - 43 adults earned their HSE Credential
  - One passed a final MCAS and earned their high school diploma
  - 43 adults became Naturalized US Citizens
- In SY 2023-24 the ALC served 1,100+ adult learners, offering 46 classes for (ESOL, English HSE, Spanish HSE, Citizenship, Para-educator, and Family Literacy), as well as weekend digital Skills classes




# Some Final Thoughts



Lawrence was a great place in the past, is a great place now, and will continue be a great place in the future. Keep running LPS, and let's go Lawrence!





WILLIAM JOHN IGOE

Nickname: "Hype"      Born: January 25, 1928  
 Grammar School: St. Patrick's      Course: College  
 Activities: Vice President of "44" class. Vice President of Student Council.  
 year-book committee, Football 2, 3, 4, Track 2, 3, 4, and Captain 4th  
 Ambition: Dentist  
 Hobbies: Photograph and sports  
 Saying: "Education makes the man"  
 Comment: A popular fellow and a splendid school athlete. An honor student  
 throughout his four years is another of his accomplishments. He's sure to  
 be a success in what ever he undertakes.

