



# Gardner High School

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT May 2020

### **Here is an update on the month of April at Gardner High School:**

The month of April has been unlike any other at Gardner High School. Our staff is working diligently to ensure our students are making progress through remote learning. Although this has certainly been a challenge for our teachers, they have been coming up with creative lessons in an effort to continue engaging our students in learning, albeit from home. Teachers are still collaborating on a weekly basis and are now focusing on covering material related to key power standards per direction from DESE. As the school year continues, we will assess how students are doing with these standards and will adjust as necessary. If we have all learned anything through this unprecedented time, it is that we need to be focused, yet flexible as things are constantly changing. Under the circumstances, GHS is doing very well concentrating on the social emotional needs of our students and ensuring students have meaningful academic work to complete at home.

- Congratulations to our April Students of the Month: 8th grade - Makenzie Donahue; 9th grade - Dhruv Patel; 10th grade - Devyn Goyette; 11th grade - Shiv Patel; and 12th grade - Erin Malloy.
- To ensure all our students have access to technology at home, we have given out approximately 300 chromebooks for students to use. This ensures they have access to the online learning we are providing.
- How we will progress with graduation and other traditional spring activities is still being considered. We hope to firm up a plan after the Governor releases the next round of social distancing guidelines in mid-May.
- GHS received its official designation for the Innovation Pathways Grant, and we continue moving forward with our plans for developing meaningful academic pathways for our students in the fields of Health, Business, Information Technology and Manufacturing. Our Early College Program is finishing its first year with incredible success, and we have just submitted our Skills Capital Grant application with the hopes of purchasing more technology for our Manufacturing Program.
- With the help of many school and community volunteers, we were able to place signs on seniors' lawns to show our support for them during these difficult times. Thank you to the senior class for buying the signs.

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