



# Gardner High School

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT October 2020

### **Here is an update for the month of September at Gardner High School:**

- Remote learning at GHS has run amazingly smoothly since school opened a few weeks back. Our teachers and staff used the 10 PD days at the beginning of the year to reinforce their technological abilities and to adapt their curriculum and lesson planning to teaching students remotely. In such, we all continue to look at our instruction as well as our building procedures as we prepare for the upcoming hybrid learning. A big shout-out to our staff members who organized and ran trainings for different types of technology and programs to support their colleagues.
- Thank you to all the staff who volunteered for four days of chromebook, textbook and supply distribution for our students. This process went really well and the feedback from parents and students was very positive. Undoubtedly, getting the needed technology and supplies into the hands of our students prior to the start of school contributed to our smooth opening. Thank you to our two Assistant Principals, Sherry Gelinas and Scott Connery, for organizing this multi-step process.
- We are thrilled to see our field hockey, soccer and cross country teams practicing and getting ready for their competitions. Social distancing and safety guidelines are being followed and the students and coaches are back outside with their teams having fun. Thank you to the coaches and our AD, Dan Forte for all his efforts to make this fall season a reality for many of our student athletes.
- Our Early College Program at MWCC is again off to a great start this year. We have 50 juniors and seniors enrolled in at least three college classes again this semester. Although MWCC is fully remote at this time, our students have made the adjustment and are doing very well. Thank you again to the MWCC staff who have been such great supports for our students and partners to GHS.
- After being rewarded a \$100,000 Skills Capital Grant, our Technology and Engineering Department has purchased and received some amazing, quality equipment and technology for our students to use. Our technology teachers worked tirelessly all summer long to revamp the entire technology wing of the high school. It looks amazing and the students will not believe the amount of new machinery that we now have in those classrooms. Thank you to Courtney Dunn for all her work writing the grant, and also to our amazing technology teachers, Demetrios Tyros, Sue Sheriden, Bill Jacobson, and Henry Richard for their continued efforts to provide quality, meaningful manufacturing and engineering classes to our students.
- Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as our High Five winners during the month of September. They were nominated by their teachers for their diligent work during remote learning: Ahnalea Griffin, Roberto Lopez, Tyler Specht and Andrew Lucier.

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