



# Gardner High School

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## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT** **September 2021**

### **Here is an update on the opening of school at Gardner High School:**

- We are very excited to have students back to the high school full-time! Our faculty and staff had three great days of professional development to prepare for the students' arrival. We focused on making sure we are welcoming to our students after many months of hybrid and remote learning, and we are prepared to support them both academically and with social-emotional support throughout the year.
- We will continue to develop our MTSS systems throughout the year, and we are pleased to have our new Building Leadership Team on board to assist with this process. We welcome the following staff to these positions: Danielle Bethiaume (math); Lauren David (English); Jack Jackman (History); Becky Anderson (Science); MaryPat Devine (PBIS); Johanna Ottino (SEL); and Ally Mabardy (Equity).
- We started the year with our opening grade level assemblies to welcome our students back into the building, promote our Core Values, and to review our school rules, policies and procedures (including universal masking, our new lunch routines for contact tracing, and general safety protocols).
- Our Early College Program started on September 8th, and we are pleased to have over forty students participating again this year. Although MWCC is again mostly remote this semester, they have welcomed all our students to attend their classes in-person. We are looking forward to seeing our students' continued success in this great program and working with our partners at MWCC for another year.
- Our new gym renovation is almost complete! This gym floor looks amazing, and we are very pleased to be able to use this space for school and public events. We are now moving forward with preparations to start renovating our high school auditorium with reupholstered seats, new carpet and fresh paint.

**We are looking forward to a great 2021-2022 school year at GHS!**

*Paula Bolger, GHS Principal*