



Gardner High School

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT **September 2022**

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

- Our custodial and maintenance staff have done a great job getting our building ready for the start of school. Floors have been waxed; the second and third floor hallways have been painted above the lockers; our entryway and main office have been painted; and the auditorium floor has been painted.
- We had 25+ GHS students employed by the Summer Rec Program during July and August. Employment opportunities like this for our students enable them to earn much needed money as well allowing them to give back to their community. This program is an amazing success thanks to our great Athletic Director, Dan Forte.
- We had four positive days of professional development for all our staff for the opening of school. It was also nice to welcome our new staff. These days help us prepare to support our students both academically and social-emotionally throughout the year.
- We will continue to develop our MTSS systems throughout the year, and we are pleased to have our Building Leadership Team on board to assist with this process again: Danielle Bethiaume (math); Lauren David (English); Jack Jackman (History); Becky Anderson (Science); MaryPat Bartel (PBIS); Johanna Ottino (SEL); and Melissa Bourque-Silva (Equity & Family Engagement).
- 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. Chromebooks have been distributed and class pictures taken.
- Our Early College Program is up and running again. We expect this to be another successful year with over 40 students enrolled. We are also working on further developing our Innovation Pathways Program and will be giving you periodic updates on both programs throughout the year.

We are looking forward to a great 2022-2023 school year at GHS!

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