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CLERK OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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## AGENDA #11

The School Committee will hold a virtual and/or in person meeting:

on: Thursday, April 27th, 2023  
at: 5:00 p.m. Executive Session  
6:00 p.m. Regular Session  
in: Esther Howland South Chamber, City Hall

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### **A. General Business Items taken in Executive Session**

##### **gb 3-114 Administration**

(April 20, 2023)

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares – Successor Contract Negotiations – Educational Association of Worcester, Units A/B.

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#### **B. Call to Order**

#### **C. Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem**

Jayden Bordes, Burncoat High School

**D. Roll Call**

**E. Consent Agenda**

i. Approval of Minutes

ii. Approval of Donations

To consider approval of a donation to the Doherty Memorial High School's Art Program for materials and art supplies in the amount of \$5,316.69 by American Tower.

To consider approval of a donation to the Early Childhood Education Program at Worcester Technical High School for Children Cubby Shelves valued at \$1,500.00 by Bright Horizons UMass University.

To consider approval of a donation to the Woodland Academy Community through various school fundraisers (Woodland Gear, uniforms, after school family events, Penny Wars, and school store) in the amount of \$9,700.00 to purchase items for Woodland's Annual Spree Day.

iii. Notifications of Personnel Records

The Superintendent has approved the personnel records provided in backup.

iv. Initial Filing of Individual Recognitions

v. Notices of Interest to the District or to the Public

**F. Items for Reconsideration**

**G. Held Items**

**H. Recognition**

**I. Public Comment**

**J. Public Petition**

c&p 3-4 Goddard School Student Council

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**K. Report of the Superintendent**

ros 3-8 Administration

(April 20, 2023)

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**L. Reports of the Standing Committees**

The Standing Committee on Finance and Operations met virtually and in person on Monday, March 16, 2023 at 5:30pm.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Supports met virtually and in person on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5:30pm.

The Standing Committee on Governance and Employee Issues met virtually and in person on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:00pm.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Supports met virtually and in person on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 5:30pm.

The Standing Committee on Teaching, Learning, and Student Supports met virtually on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 4:30pm.

**M. Student Advisory Committee Items**

**N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items**

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**O. General Business**

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(April 19, 2023)

To correct the elimination of the School Committee from its legal responsibilities in policies CHD, EC, IGD, and JIB.

gb 3-124 Kamara

(April 19, 2023)

To consider setting the School Committee general meetings for SY23-24 to take into consideration Federal/Massachusetts and religious holidays.

**P. Announcements**

**Q. Adjournment**

Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.  
Clerk of the School Committee

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E. Consent Agenda - Personnel Records  
Administration  
(April 20, 2023)

S.C. MEETING: 4-27-23

ITEM:

The Superintendent has approved the personnel records provided in backup.

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

Annex A (1 page) contains the list of approved Resignations and Retirements.  
Annex B (2 pages) contains the list of approved Appointments.

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

To approve.

**Teachers Resignations and Retirements for SC Meeting March 31, 2023 through April 19, 2023**

| LName     | FName   | Location          | Title               | Contract_Disc | Status   | Work_Disc     | Exit_Date |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Carvalho  | Deborah | Systemwide        | School Psychologist | Psychologists | Resigned | Psychologists | 14-Apr-23 |
| Rodriguez | Everett | Claremont Academy | Teacher             | Music         | Resigned | Secondary     | 07-Apr-23 |
| Rodriguez | Tammy   | Claremont Academy | Teacher             | Mathematics   | Resigned | Numeracy      | 07-Apr-23 |

The Superintendent has provisionally APPOINTED the persons named below to the position of Junior Custodian, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$17.21 (minimum) to \$21.90 (maximum), per hour, effective as shown:

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| D'Auteuil, Rocco   | 4/5/2023  |
| Humphries, Delanie | 4/5/2023  |
| Hyland, Jamie      | 3/6/2023  |
| Maldonado, Julio   | 2/27/2023 |
| Salinas, Jayson    | 4/5/2023  |
| White, Hunter      | 4/3/2023  |

The Superintendent has provisionally APPOINTED the person named below to the position of 189 Day Word Processor, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$21.12 (minimum) to \$26.49 per hour (maximum) effective as shown:

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Powell, Nancy | 2/27/2023 |
|---------------|-----------|

The Superintendent has provisionally APPOINTED the person named below to the position of Principal Clerk Typist, permanent/fulltime at a salary of \$22.30 (minimum) to \$27.44 per hour (maximum) effective as shown:

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Gallivan, Erin | 4/24/2023 |
|----------------|-----------|

The Superintendent has APPOINTED the person(s) named below to the position of School Bus Attendant 10 Month, permanent at a salary of \$19.77 per hour, from Civil Service List #322-043, effective as follows:

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Baido, Theodora        | 4/11/2023 |
| Gonzalez, Luis         | 3/27/2023 |
| Pagan-Bonilla, Keishla | 3/27/2023 |
| Portalatin, Juan       | 3/27/2023 |
| Qintanilla, Yesenia    | 4/3/2023  |
| Ramos, Karina          | 4/3/2023  |
| Ramos, Katherine       | 4/3/2023  |
| Sanchez, Jisselle      | 3/20/2023 |
| Sanchez, Yailyn        | 3/27/2023 |
| Santana, Marjelle      | 3/27/2023 |
| Rosado, Luis           | 4/10/2023 |

The Superintendent has APPOINTED the person(s) named below to the position of Aide to the Physically Handicapped 10 Month, permanent at a salary of \$30.00 per hour, from Civil Service List #322-019, effective as follows:

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Leon, Julio             | 2/27/2023 |
| Rosario-Jackson, Trevon | 2/27/2023 |

The Superintendent has APPOINTED the person(s) named below to the position of Bus Driver-Big Bus 10 Month, permanent at a salary of \$30.00 per hour, from Civil Service List(s) #322-028 #322-020, and #322-042, effective as follows: Annex B

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Giangregorio, John     | 2/27/2023 |
| Henriquez-Nunez, Bryan | 3/21/2023 |
| Madera, Sandra         | 3/27/2023 |
| Morla, Reinaldo        | 2/27/2023 |
| Tanteh, Lead           | 3/27/2023 |

J. Public Petition  
Administration  
(April 19, 2023)

ITEM: c&p 3-4  
S.C. MEETING: 4-27-23

ITEM:

To consider a presentation by the Goddard School Student Council on an Earth Day Water Bottle Project aimed at reducing plastic waste at the school.

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

Annex A (2 pages) contains a letter to the School Committee from the Goddard School Student Council

Annex B: [Link to the Student Youtube Presentation](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

To refer to the Standing Committee on Finance and Operations.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

Administration concurs.



*Helen A. Friel, Ed.D.*  
Assistant to the  
Superintendent/Clerk of the  
School Committee  
[Friel@worcesterschools.net](mailto:Friel@worcesterschools.net)

Goddard School Student Council  
Goddard School of Science and Technology  
14 Richards Street  
Worcester, MA 01603

April 12, 2023

Dear Worcester School Committee Members,

As you know, April 22 is Earth Day. In honor of Earth Day, The Goddard School Student Council has been working on a special project. We have designed and ordered reusable water bottles.

Since Covid, our school's water fountains have been shut down. The school has been giving students bottled water. We have noticed that students at Goddard School are using 80-100 cases of water bottles a week. That adds up to between 3,840-4,800 bottles thrown in the trash every week! In addition, that is between 138,242-172,800 bottles per year. That is an enormous amount of waste that harms our planet!



Goddard used 80-100 cases per week.

Not only is it a harm to our planet, it is also costly. Each case of 48 water bottles costs close to \$10.00. We estimated the cost is between 800-1000 dollars per week. The cost of that is as high as 36,000 dollars per year!

We want to help solve this problem, that is why we thought of selling reusable water bottles at school. We were able to design and buy 50 reusable water bottles with our \$100 budget. The problem is that we have no way to refill them. So we are asking for 3 refilling stations one for each floor. In fifth grade last year, we did this project. We were told that Goddard School would have water filling stations this year, but none came. We want to do something for our school before we graduate. We hope you can help us!!



The Water Bottle  
We Designed

Sincerely,

***The Goddard School Student Council***

Kaylani Colon, President

Ariel Lopez

Jaelianis Ynoa, Vice President

Johey Castano

Michelle Mendez, Treasurer

Maurice Teran-Lezcano

Andrea Rodriguez, Secretary

Yorgermi Mendez Pichardo

Ray Munoz Castro

K. Report of the Superintendent  
Administration  
(April 20, 2023)

ITEM: ros 3-8  
S.C. MEETING: 4-27-23

ITEM:

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Marco Andrade, Ph.D., Director of Research & Accountability

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

Annex A (21 pages) contains the powerpoint presentation.

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

To approve.

# From Here, Anywhere... *Together*: Innovating for the Future

April 27, 2023

**Marie Morse, Ed.D.**  
*Assistant Superintendent  
of Teaching & Learning*

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*Director of Educational  
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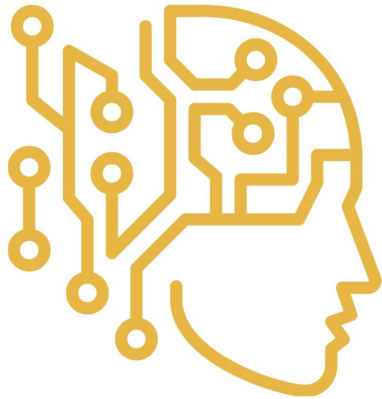
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*Director of Research  
& Accountability*

**From Here, Anywhere....**

*Together*



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## ***The Worcester City School Committee will:***

Learn about the Vision of a Learner.

Understand how the district will shift towards Future Ready schools.

## DISTRICT

By June 30, 2023 collaboratively develop WPS handbooks and guiding documents to improve district systems in the topics of portrait of a graduate, student wellness and support and family and community engagement with equitable fiscal resource allocation to support implementation.

### Evidence

- Portrait of a Graduate Implementation Action Plan
- Student Wellness and Support Handbook
- Family and Community Engagement Framework
- Budget School Year 2024

## STUDENT

By June 30, 2023 an inclusive learning environment for WPS staff, families and scholars will be established and/or strengthened through the development of district level documents.

### Evidence

- Superintendent Student Advisory Council policy recommendations
- Emergency Response Handbook
- Instructional Supervision Guidebook

## PROFESSIONAL

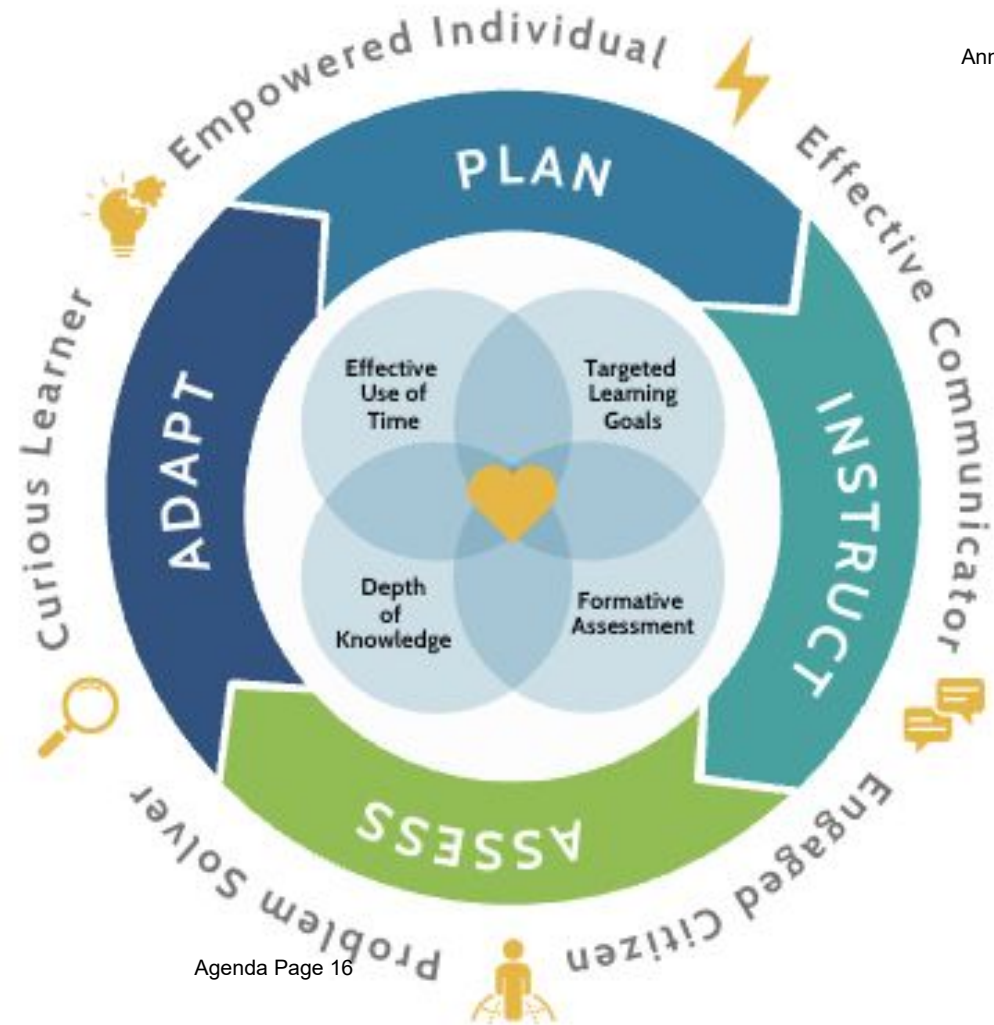
By June 30, 2023 participation in New Superintendent Induction Program (NSIP) year 1 will have been completed with all required projects submitted.

### Evidence

- Entry plan findings report



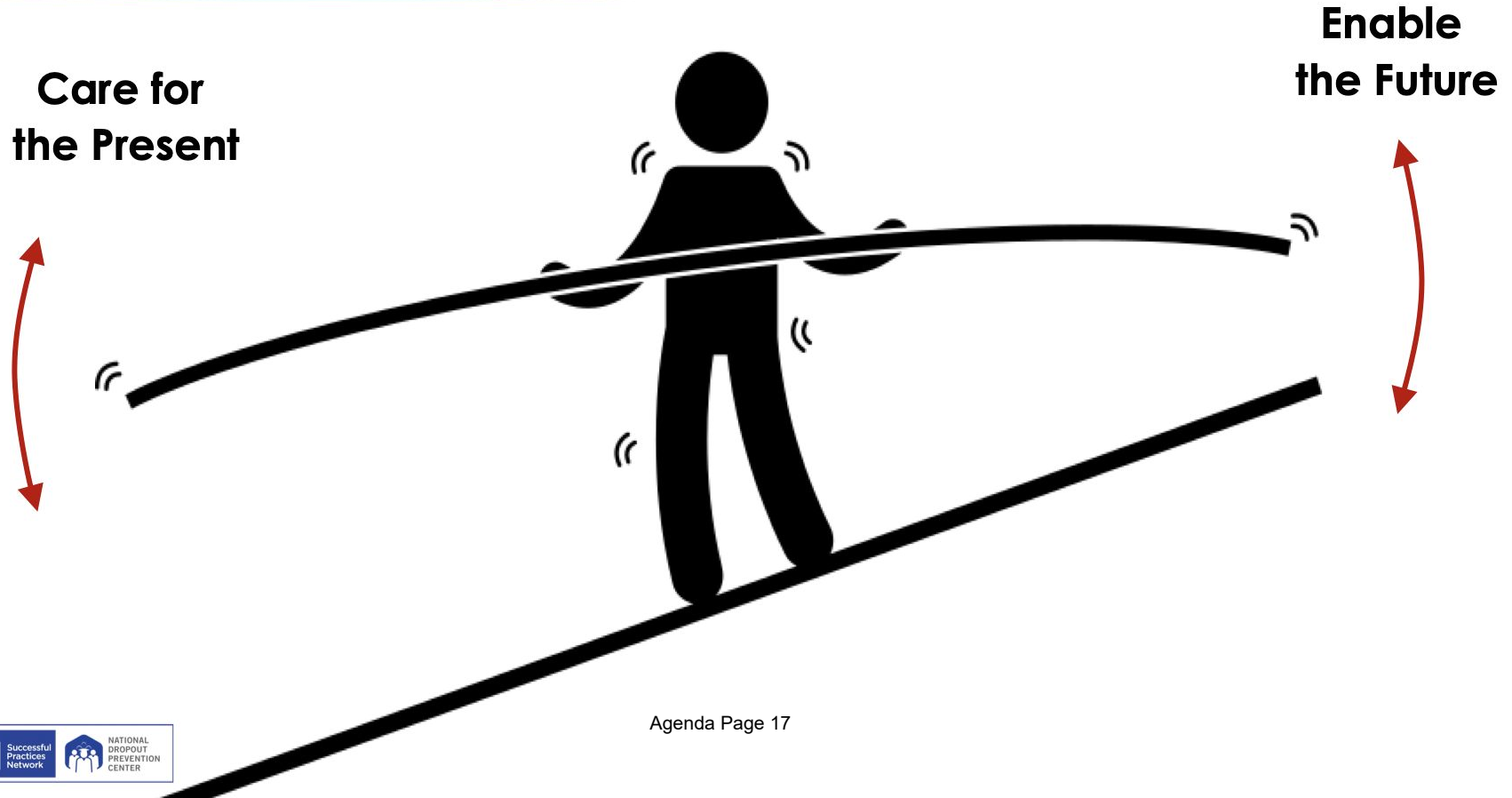
# Instructional Framework





# From Stabilizing to Transitioning the System

Annex A

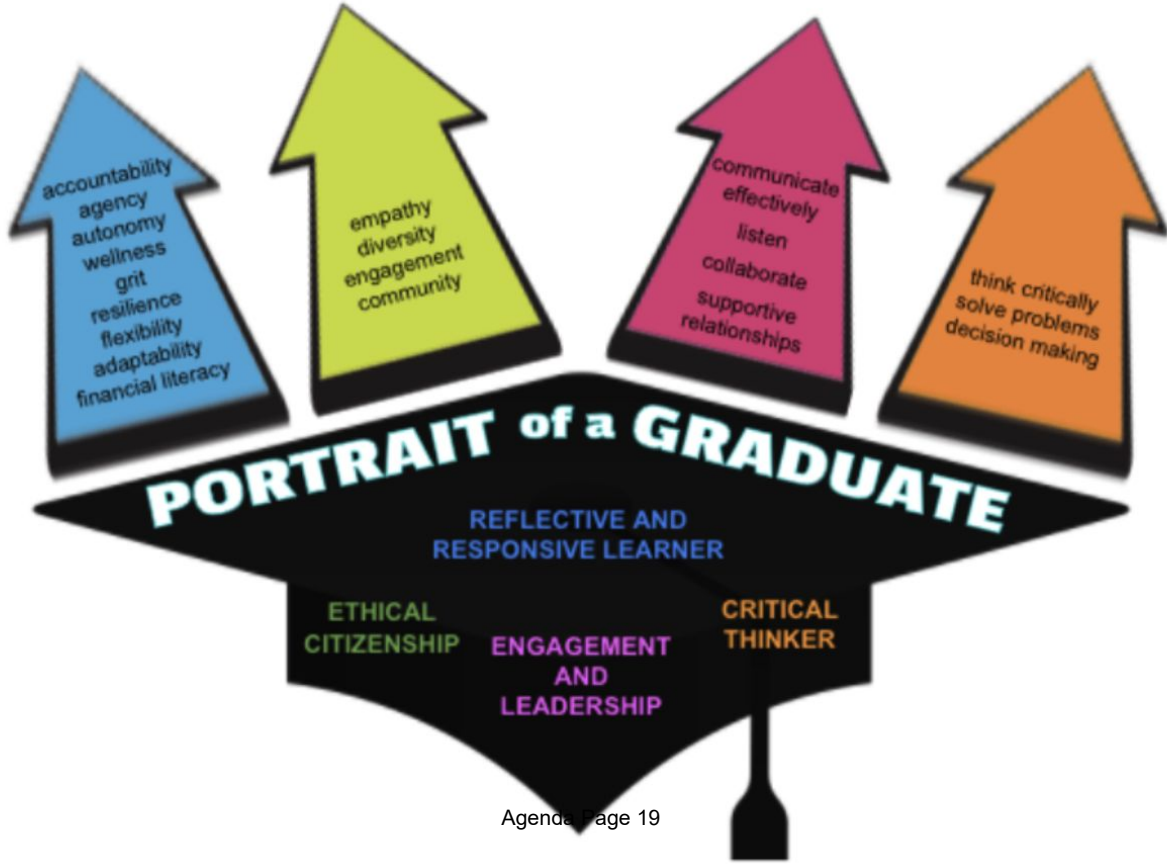


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# Vision of a Learner

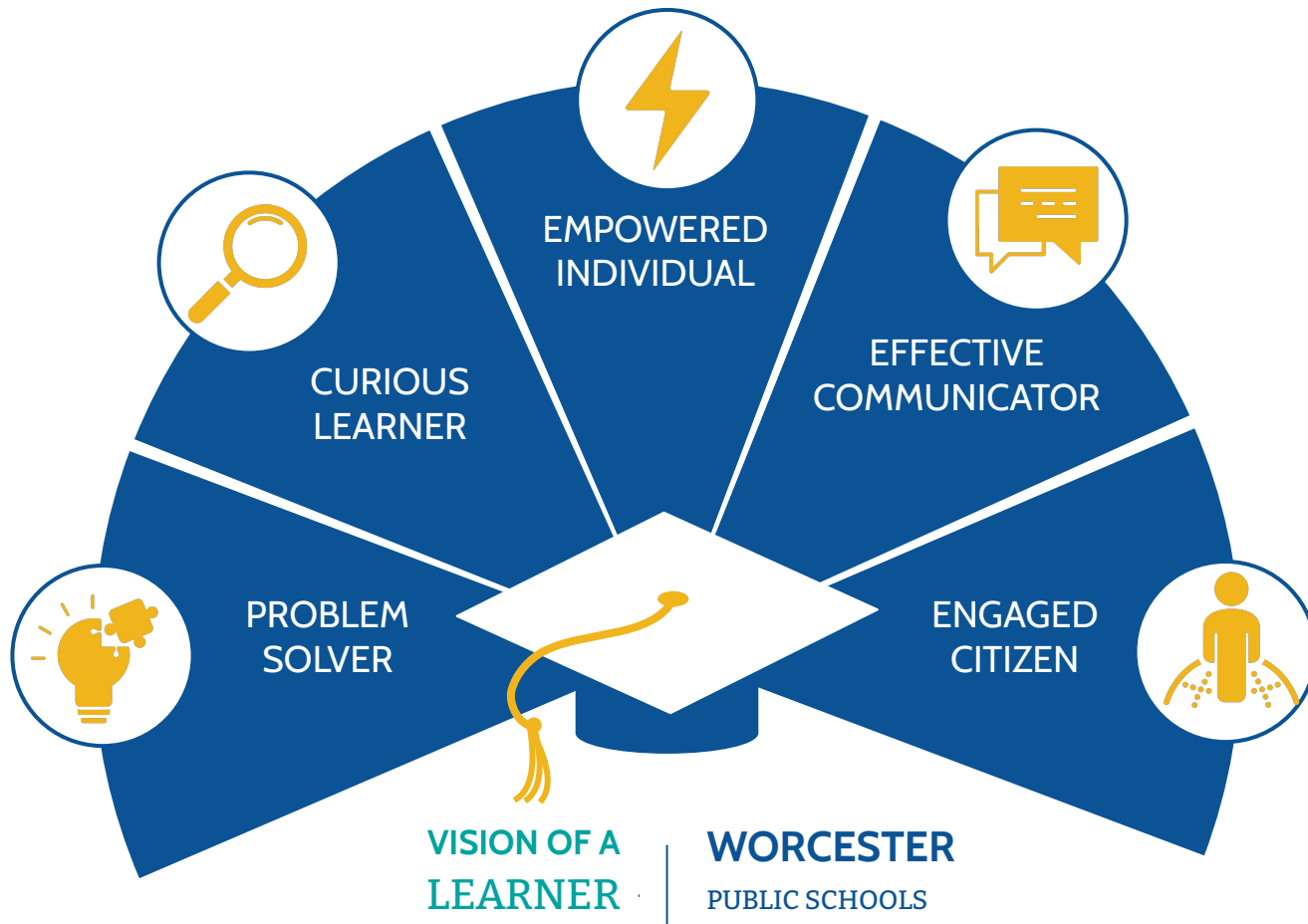
# Portrait of a Graduate Work 2019-2021



# Process to Vision of a Learner 2022-2023

Annex A





# Problem Solvers

PB 1: Transfer skills and knowledge to new situations and contexts

PB 2: Reflect on learning and experiences to foster continuous growth

PB 3: Analyze, plan, and design creative solutions to complex problems

PB 4: Leverage a broad set of multi-literate skills to navigate an interconnected world



## Curious Learners

CL 1: Pursue short-term and long-term personal goals through self-reflection and perseverance

CL 2: Reflect on and apply feedback for personal and professional improvement

CL 3: Discover and explore their strengths, interests, and talents

CL 1: Welcome challenges, ask questions, take intellectual risks, and seek understanding



## Empowered Individuals

EI 1: Practice self-care, wellness, stress tolerance, and flexibility

EI 2: Demonstrate responsibility for academic preparedness and outcomes

EI 3: Reflect on their emotions, thoughts, values, and actions in relation to their goals

EI 4: Believe in their ability to overcome challenges and achieve goals through innovative solutions





# Effective Communicators

ECom 1: Consider others' identities, ideas, and perspectives

ECom 2: Express complex ideas with clarity and purpose in a variety of formats based on audience

ECom 3: Collaborate in a diverse group to move towards a resolution or meet a shared goal

ECom 4: Interact effectively in diverse environments, including multilingual settings



## Engaged Citizen

EC 1: Advocate for themselves and others through the lens of equity and social justice

EC 2: Participate civically in local and global communities to address recognized needs

EC 3: Navigate complexities across social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds and contexts

EC 4: Critically consume, share, and act on information in an ethical manner



# Spark Plan

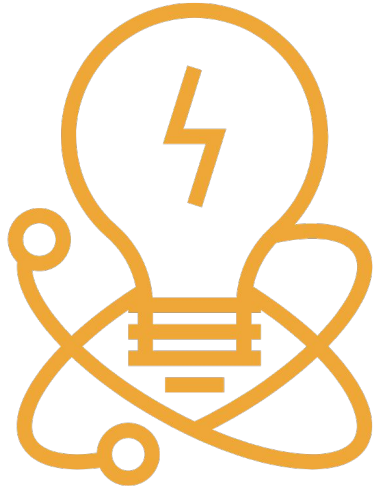
**SKILLS &  
KNOWLEDGE**



**INSTRUCTION &  
ASSESSMENT**



**LEARNING  
SPACE & TOOLS**



**Reimagining  
a School**

**Spark Teachers**

# Vision of a Learner

**Immersive  
Project-Based  
Learning**

**Dynamic Portfolio  
Assessments**

**Advanced  
Technology**

**Student  
Leadership**

**Replicable  
Process to Scale**

**Future-Ready**



# SPARK teachers

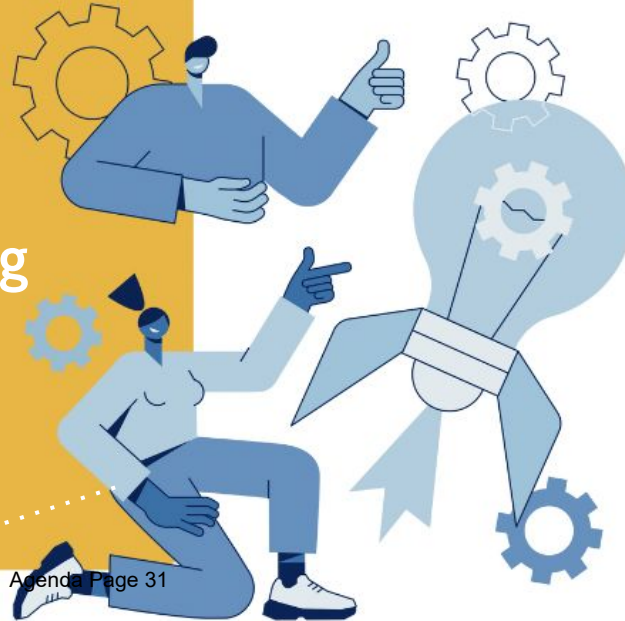
Spark Joy & Innovation

Model Classroom

Vision of a Learner

Blended Learning

Authentic Tech Integration





Thank You

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N. Approval of Grants and other Finance Items  
Administration  
(April 19, 2023)

S.C. MEETING: 4-27-23

ITEM:

To consider approval of a prior year payment to the ACCO in the amount of \$464.70.

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

Annex A (2 pages) contains a copy of the request & invoice

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

To approve.

# Worcester Public Schools



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## Worcester, Massachusetts

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20 Irving Street  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01609-2493

**Dr. Marie Morse**  
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning



Email:  
morsemd@worcesterschools.net

**Date:** April 10, 2023

**To:** Dr. Helen Friel

**From:** Dr. Marie Morse

**Prior Year Payment:** Prior Year Payments to ACCO

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Please accept the enclosed invoice for prior year payment for ACCO totaling \$464.70, (service and interest accrual). Lincoln Street School did not have a PO in place.

Thank you.

*Marie D Morse*



# INVOICE

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(April 18, 2023)

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PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

Annex A (4 pages) contains the policy corrections.

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

To refer to the Standing Committee on Governance & Employee Issues.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION:

Administration concurs.

**File: CHD - ADMINISTRATION IN POLICY ABSENCE**

When action must be taken within the school system where the Committee has provided no guides for administrative action, the Superintendent will have the power to act. **The Superintendent's decisions, however, will be subject to review by the Committee.**

**LEGAL REF: M.G.L. 71: 37**

**File: EC - BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MANAGEMENT**

The School Committee's most important function is to provide for the education of students, and it recognizes tht the education of students is dependent on many factors, including a A proper physical environment that is safe, clean, sanitary, and as comfortable and convenient is an important part of learning environment for students and staff.

The supervision over the care and safekeeping of property used by the school department will be the general responsibility of the Superintendent. He/she will develop a comprehensive and well-defined plan for the proper maintenance, cleanliness, and safekeeping of all school buildings and grounds to ensure that each school is equally well maintained, equipped, and staffed.

The Superintendent will establish procedures and employ such means as may be necessary to provide accurate information in regard to the nature, condition, location, and value of all property used by the school department; to safeguard the property against loss, damage, or undue depreciation; to recover and restore to usefulness any property that may be lost, stolen or damaged; and to do all things necessary to ensure the proper maintenance, cleanliness and safekeeping of school property.

Within the separate schools, the building administrator will be responsible for proper care, maintenance, and cleanliness of buildings, equipment and grounds.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:68](#)

**File: IGD - CURRICULUM ADOPTION**

The School Committee will rely on professional staff ~~will~~ to design and implement instructional programs and courses of study that will forward the educational goals of the school system.

The Superintendent will have authority to approve new programs and courses of study after they have been thoroughly studied and found to support educational goals. The Committee itself will consider, and officially adopt, new programs and courses when they constitute an extensive alteration in instructional content or approach.

The Committee wishes to be informed of all new courses and substantive revisions in curriculum. It will receive reports on changes under consideration. Its acceptance of these reports, including a listing of the high school program of studies, will constitute its adoption of the curriculum for official purposes.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:1](#); [69:1E](#)

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As appropriate to the age of students, class or school organizations and school government organizations, such as student councils, may be formed to offer practice in self-government and to serve as channels for the expression of students' ideas and opinions.

The Committee will take into consideration student opinions in establishing policies that directly affect student programs, activities, privileges and other areas of student sensitivity.

Students will be welcomed at Committee meetings and granted privileges of speaking in line with the privileges extended to the general public.

**Student Advisory Committee**

As required by state law, the ~~School Committee-Superintendent~~ will meet at least once every other month while school is in session with its student advisory committee, which is composed of at least five students elected by the high school student body.

~~The chair of the Student Advisory Committee shall be an ex-officio non-voting member of the School Committee without the right to attend executive sessions unless expressly granted by the School Committee.~~

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. [71:38M](#)

CROSS REF.: [BDF](#), Advisory Committees to the School Committee

O. General Business  
Kamara  
(April 19, 2023)

ITEM: gb 3-124  
S.C. MEETING: 4-27-23

ITEM:

To consider setting the School Committee general meetings for SY23-24 to take into consideration Federal/Massachusetts and religious holidays.

PRIOR ACTION:

BACKUP:

RECOMMENDATION OF MAKER:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION: