



LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

LAE BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 2020

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT MARICEL SHEETS

- ▶ NEASC ACCREDITATION
- ▶ SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE
- ▶ HEADMASTER SEARCH



NEASC ACCREDITATION: COMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Presence of challenging and observable 21st Century Learning expectations
- ▶ Sense of profound belonging that students associate with their school - a place they view as a caring home
- ▶ Commitment to dual enrollment and post-secondary access through an impressive variety of college-level courses and electives
- ▶ Highly effective use of summative and standardized assessments in tracking academic progress and translating the data into adjustments in instructional design

NEASC ACCREDITATION: RECOMMENDATIONS

- ▶ Provide professional development for teachers to optimize extended periods of instruction with specific reference to increasing the level of student engagement in their learning for all students in all the academies
- ▶ Develop a plan to unify faculty across academies and to support curriculum alignment
- ▶ Create continuity in advisory/seminar classes from 9-12
- ▶ Develop specific criteria for measurement for monitoring and collecting data on student progress toward achieving the school's academic, social and civic expectations

ACCREDITATION CELEBRATION

**LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL - PAC
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH, 2020**

3:00PM - 4:00PM

LAE BOARD MEMBERS INVITED

SCHOOL CULTURE & CLIMATE

- ▶ All Administrators, Deans, Safety Officers, School Culture Specialists and Crisis Paraprofessionals completed Crisis Prevention Training in November to de-escalate and prevent student crisis
- ▶ Partnered with DESE to support students with disabilities and English Learners, and ensure if appropriate that their needs be met in alternative education schools (RISE, Phoenix, and HLC); this resulted in 60 transfers by Thanksgiving
- ▶ Our campus Safety Officer team is fully staffed and have reinforced protocols to be a one-entry campus
- ▶ We have seen a significant decrease in physical altercations between students and enjoyed a successful student-run pep rally before the Thanksgiving break
- ▶ We reallocated funds for a Long-Term Substitute Guidance Counselor position for this year, and are looking to increase positions in Safety Officers, BCBAs, and Counselors/Social Workers for next school year

LOCKDOWN SAFETY LEARNINGS/ RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LHS STAFF

- ▶ Continuing collaborative work around campus safety immediately following the break
- ▶ Each Program/Academy will review the updated Campus Crisis Plan and Safety Protocols during staff meeting
- ▶ Teachers will turn-key this information with your students
- ▶ One safety drill (evacuation, lockdown, or shelter-in-place) every month through the end of the school year
- ▶ Every staff member will receive a brief, anonymous safety pre (Jan), mid (March), and post (June) assessment

HEADMASTER SEARCH

- ▶ Position posted December 2019
- ▶ Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) members identified
 - ▶ Principals
 - ▶ Teachers
 - ▶ Community Partner
 - ▶ Clerk
 - ▶ Assistant Headmaster
 - ▶ Assistant Superintendent
 - ▶ Parent
- ▶ January 14th - SAC meet to review confidential candidate resumes, identify interview questions and receive procedural guidelines

HEADMASTER SEARCH

- ▶ January 27th & 28th - SAC interviews candidates and recommend semi-finalists
- ▶ Week of February 10th - Semi-Finalist Round with Focus Groups
 - ▶ Students
 - ▶ Teachers
 - ▶ Central Office
 - ▶ Campus Administrators
 - ▶ Parents
- ▶ Week of March 2nd - Superintendent interviews finalists with Central Office and reference checks
- ▶ Week of March 9th - Decision by Superintendent