

Lawrence Public Schools End of Year Updates 2023-2024



Leadership Updates

- Geraldo Acosta, Assistant Superintendent; Community, Family, & Student Partnerships
- Ariel Perez, Chief Financial Officer
- Kevin Tracey, Principal Alexander Bruce School
- Carlos Cordero, Principal RISE Academy

Lawrence Working Families Initiative Graduation

On June 1, Lawrence Working Families Initiative graduated its fifth cohort of the paraeducator program, with 15 adult learners and LPS parents who are ready to begin their paraprofessional journey in the district.

The LWFI's goal is to make employment and family engagement the cornerstones of family economic success, while also supporting our Lawrence schools.

Core community partners – including LPS, LCW, the ALC, NECC, and the Community Group – came together under the umbrella of the LWFI with one objective: To design and implement the first contextualized Para Educator program in the state. This program provides a viable career track for immigrant parents and adult learners, and fulfills an employer need for a culturally competent and effective workforce.

This nine-month program prepared our students with the ESOL contextualized components in Reading and Math that are needed to pass the Parapro Exam, and provided endless support outside of the classroom, job readiness skills, financial coaching, CPR/ First Aid, family engagement seminars, a 3-credit "Intro to Teaching" course at Northern Essex Community College, and a five-month paid internship at an LPS school.



Adult Learning Center Graduation

- Tuesday, June 13th in the Performing Arts Center at LHS
- *35 citizenship graduates*
- *29 students who earned HSE*
- *5 students (4 former LHS) who completed MCAS to get HS diploma*
- There were five speakers all with inspiring stories.
- We thank the Mayor's Office and the City Council for supporting funding.
- We also thank the Mayor's Office for finding a greatly improved teaching and learning space for Adult Learning.



Special Olympics Unified Games Day

Unified Games Day was held on May 11 at Veterans Memorial Stadium and the South Lawrence East Complex. The Special Olympics Unified School Program is aimed at promoting social inclusion through intentionally planned and implemented activities, and Unified Games Day celebrates these year-long partnerships with an opportunity for students to showcase their skills. This year's event brought together over 600 students, who participated in 10 different athletic stations throughout the day. Special thanks to our partners at MA Special Olympics, New Balance, and ALKU!



Leahy Groundbreaking Ceremony

- Monday, May 15
- K-8 Educational Complex
- Designated to educate approximately 1,000 students
- 128+ rooms (core academic spaces, special education, art & music, offices, dining, media center, etc.)
- Gymnasium, full-service cafeteria, rooftop playground area, 21st century media center



Spring Festivals & Activities

- Schools have had a variety of spring and end-of-year celebrations
- The Breen, Tarbox, and Wetherbee were lucky enough to have the LPD Community Policing Unit and Ice Cream Truck join their celebrations
- Students from the Guilmette Middle School were able to head to Boundless Adventures for team building activities on their ropes course

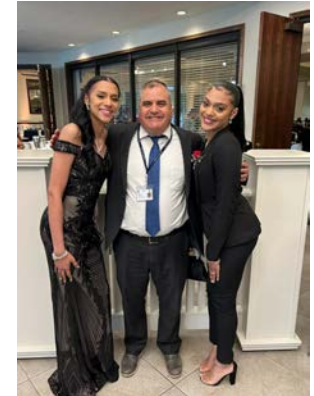


Promotional Ceremonies

- Our middle schools held end-of-year promotional ceremonies for their Grade 8 students to celebrate their accomplishments and to wish them well in high school
- Our schools developed promotional ceremonies with students and families to best fit the ideas of their communities
- Some schools held their final assembly in a block party style format, others had more traditional ceremonies




End of the year at LHS



172nd Lawrence Public Schools Graduation

- Friday, June 2nd
- 687 graduates
- Based on forecasts, decision made Wednesday afternoon to prepare indoor ceremony option
- Weather issues caused location change from Veterans Memorial Stadium to inside the LHS Fieldhouse
- Rain dates of Saturday and Sunday were eliminated due to weather forecast
- Operations team consulted with district meteorological consultant, and decision was made Friday morning at 10 am



Strong Storms and Heavy Rain Today  Boston/Newton, MA

OVERVIEW:

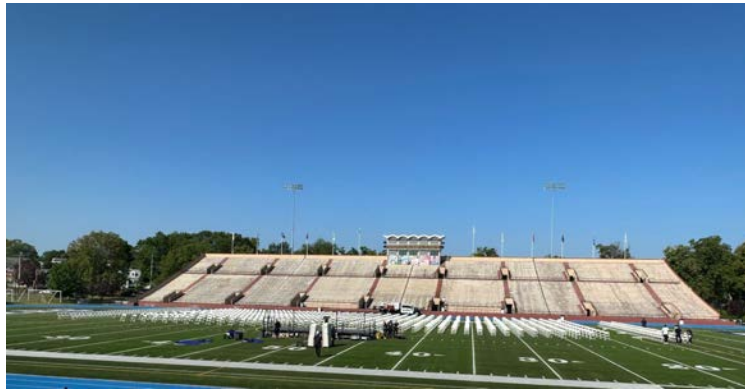
- A few strong thunderstorms possible across southern New England this afternoon. Greatest risk west of I-95 corridor.
- Main threats are strong wind gusts and locally heavy rainfall.
- There is a Marginal risk for excessive rainfall.

TIME	• Noon to 8 pm
HAZARDS & IMPACTS	• Strong to locally damaging wind gusts. Small hail is also possible. • Localized urban/poor drainage street flooding from heavy rainfall. • Greatest risk of storms west of I-95 corridor
FORECAST CHALLENGES	• Areal coverage of strong storms. • Will storms get strong enough to produce strong to locally damaging wind gusts.
POSTEVENT OUTLOOK	• Much cooler Sat with gusty NE Winds • Continued cool and unsettled Sunday
NEXT BROADCAST	• As needed

ISSUED 06/02/2023 4:30 AM www.weather.gov/bos

Weather Prediction Center
National Weather Service
Friday, June 02, 2023

Map 1
View the forecast graph
View the radar graph



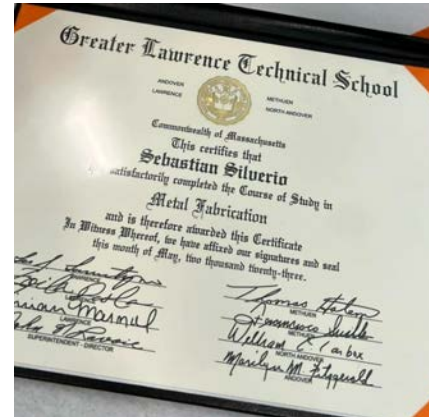
THANK YOU!!!!!!!

- Facilities team was able to set up two graduation venues, working continuously from Wednesday afternoon through Friday night
- Partnership with Department of Public Works in stadium setup
- Partnership with Lawrence Police Department: 20 officers on campus and directing traffic
- Partnership with Lawrence Fire Department: firefighters on watch, ensuring safety of our many guests inside the Fieldhouse



State Seal of Biliteracy & After Dark Graduates

- 69 graduates attained the State Seal of Biliteracy
- This recognizes high school graduates who attain high functional and academic levels of proficiency in English and a world language
- 27 graduates attained vocational credentials along with their LHS Diploma through the After Dark program, our partnership with Greater Lawrence Technical School
- Current CTE offerings through After Dark include HVAC, Automotive Technology, Advanced Manufacturing and Welding/Metal Fabrication





- Congratulation to the Class of 2023
- There certainly is beauty in the struggle



- All of our graduates continued to show up and the goals we ask them to achieve should be challenging

