

# From the Desk of the Superintendent

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Freshmen Activities Fair drew a crowd on first day of school at Malden High School. *More, Page 9*

## Malden Public Schools Mission Statement

Malden Public Schools is a place where students are encouraged to follow their dreams and become well rounded members of our community. The Malden Public Schools prepare students to be independent thinkers and enthusiastic learners who: Work hard; Respect others; Cherish our diversity; Seek challenges; Discover and Develop their individual talents; Strive for academic excellence; and look to Demonstrate personal and social responsibility. Malden Public Schools graduates are prepared to be active participants in our economy and democracy.



Superintendent John Oteri

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

### Greetings to all,

As we begin our 161st year in Malden, I would like to take this moment to thank all Malden Public Schools faculty and administrators for being the dedicated educators that you are. The energy and positive attitudes that filled Jenkins Auditorium during our recent district-wide meeting made me proud and gave me a great deal of confidence going into this year. You have chosen, or in many cases, were called to this field. We have the best profession in the world. We help shape the future. We are surrounded with the optimism of students that foretells a great future. *See Page 3*

## LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE: Dr. Darnisa Amante of Disruptive Equity Education Product visits Malden Public Schools

Acclaimed public speaker and acknowledged expert on race, equity and strategies on working toward eliminating systemic racism & oppression. *Story, P.3*



Dr. Darnisa Amante addressed the fully assembled Malden Public Schools staff, faculty and administration on August 27 in the Jenkins Auditorium at a district-wide meeting held just before classes began.

## **WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE... from SUPERINTENDENT OTERI & his TEAM:**

**Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year! We are excited to begin another year with our amazing students and terrific staff. We have many new administrators and educators here who will make this the best year for everyone. We are building this year around the tenets of safety, communication, documentation, transparency and continuous student improvement. We foster appropriate relationships and communication for all students and staff predicated on mutual respect, kindness, dignity and appropriate language. Students, adults and guests at all activities and events are expected to speak respectfully to everyone and positively cheer for all participants. With these beliefs, we know Malden Public Schools will continue on a positive and productive trajectory. Thank you!**



### **New MPS Educator Orientation Session Helps Kick off School Year**



Malden High administrators and school officials at orientation session.



Mayor Christenson speaks.



School Committee members Mr. Froio, at right and Mr. Iovino at left, were on hand for the educator orientation.



Over 50 new educators in Malden Public Schools this year.



Above a full house was on hand for a Malden Public Schools district-wide staff meeting with keynote speaker Dr. Darnisa Amante. Steve Freker Photos/MPS

# Raising the curtain on racial equity

*Renowned expert Dr. Darnisa Amante opens school year on high note*

By **STEPHEN FREKER**  
For the Malden Public Schools

A full house of Malden Public Schools educators opened the 2018-2019 school year on a high note, thanks to the words of acclaimed racial equity expert Dr. Darnisa Amante, Ed.L.D. Dr. Amante graced the stage of Malden High School's Jenkins Auditorium and delivered the keynote address at a district-wide assembly hosted by Malden Superintendent of Schools John Oteri and his MPS leadership team. Using a collection of personal anecdotes combined with some hard-hitting empirical data, Dr. Amante delivered an eye-opening and at times, stunning, glimpse into the her world.

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## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

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We have a major impact on tomorrow with the most precious resource on earth, our children. Whether you are at the ELC with our three year olds or Malden High School with older students, never doubt the impact of our positivity, encouragement and love on a child. This is why many of you became educators, to be sure, and it is what fuels us daily.

I want to wish you a safe, healthy and productive year with our kids. I am so proud to work with you and be your superintendent. Have a wonderful year!

*With pride and respect, John*

**—Superintendent John Oteri**

# Doors swing open for 2018-2019 as Malden Public Schools students arrive!

Parents, staff and students are excited to start the new school year at the Linden S.T.E.A.M. Academy on the first day of school. Courtesy Photo/ MPS



Everyone is ready to go to start off the new school year at the Salemwood School on 'Opening Day'. Lots of excitement and anticipation as there was in all schools across the city. Courtesy Photo/MPS

# Malden Public Schools 2019-19 Calendar

## MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST 2018				
(2 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
27*	28*	29	30	X

8/27\* First Day for Teachers  
8/28\* Prof Dev Day - All Grds  
8/29 First Day of School for Grades PreK, 1-12  
8/29-9/4 Kindergarten Orientation/Screening  
8/31 No School

SEPTEMBER 2018				
(19 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
X	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

9/3 Labor Day  
9/5 First Day of School for Kindergarten

OCTOBER 2018				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
X	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

10/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
10/8 Columbus Day  
10/15 Late Entry Day MHS

NOVEMBER 2018				
(18 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6*	7	8	9
X	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	X	X
26	27	28	29	30

11/5 Late Day Entry MHS  
11/6\* Prof Dev Day-All Grds  
11/12 Veterans Day  
11/21 11:00 Dismissal  
11/22-23 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2018				
(15 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
X	X	X	X	X
X				

12/10 Late Entry MHS  
12/21 11:00 Dismissal  
12/24-1/1 Winter Vacation

JANUARY 2019				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
	X	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
X	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

1/2 School Resumes  
1/11 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
1/7 Late Entry MHS  
1/21 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2019				
(14 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15*
X	X	X	X	X
25	26	27	28	

2/4 Late Entry MHS  
2/15\* Prof Dev Day-All Grds  
2/18-22 February Vacation

MARCH 2019				
(21 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

3/4 Late Entry MHS  
3/8 Early Dismissal PreK-12

APRIL 2019				
(17 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
X	X	X	X	X
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

4/1 Late Entry MHS  
4/5 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
4/15-19 Spring Vacation

MAY 2019				
(22 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
X	28	29	30	31

5/3 Early Dismissal PreK-12  
5/6 Late Entry MHS  
5/27 Memorial Day

JUNE 2019				
(9 Days)				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	

6/13 Last day w/o snow days - 11:00 Dismissal  
6/20 Last day w/five snow days - 11:00 Dismissal

**First Day for Teachers – Monday, August 27, 2018**

**Please note that five (5) additional days are built into the calendar in case of inclement weather**

○ Early Release PreK-8

□ Late Entry Dates for High School

# No better way to say 'Welcome Back' than a generous donation of school supplies by Cambridge Health Alliance

*CHA steps up to brighten 'Back to School' for Malden students*



Superintendent Oteri, at right and Assistant Superintendent Chase, second from left, joined Malden Public Schools staff member Ms. Magras, at left, and others to thank representatives of Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) for CHA's generous donation of some much-needed school supplies for Malden students. Students in need really appreciate the boost... as do all of the MPS educators who will be traveling the path alongside them! *Courtesy Photo/MPS*

Every student you pass in the halls has a story that needs to be heard. Maybe you are the one meant to hear it. —Bethany Hill

# Racial equity expert opens school year with address to MPS staff



Over 700 teachers that make up the Malden Public Schools complement of educators were on hand to hear Dr. Darnisa Amante speak on racial equity and today's culture. Steve Freker Photo/ MPS

## DR. AMANTE from Page 3

Dr. Amante delved into topics such as financial equity as well, making the connection between success in life to a generational wage gap between those of different genders and those of different races. "It had not changed at all in over 100 years and has not changed much in the past 20 years, despite how much we talk about it," Dr. Amante said of the wage gap, which she said contributes directly to racial and gender equity and inherent disparities that arise. Dr. Amante also used direct numerical research to make her point including when she pointed out the fact that 88 percent of the world's population is non-white and 12 percent is white/Caucasian.



"You have to really start thinking about that word 'minority' again," she said. Dr. Amante encouraged all in attendance to strive to expand their knowledge and be willing to change, "no matter what age or background," to improve their understanding of racial equity as it pertains to education.

# The Malden Public Schools: 'Our Diversity is Our Strength'

The Malden district is near the top as one of the most diverse in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with Malden High School rated the #1 most diverse secondary education school statewide. Throughout the district, we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one!



Malden High Athletic Director Charlie Conefrey and School Resource Officer Phil Halloran, at right joined Sgt. Kelley and Officer "Gus" at left in coaching Malden High boys to the Shannon Grant Basketball Title.

## A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMON LANGUAGE  
USED, EXEMPLIFYING THE BELIEFS, VALUES,  
STRENGTH IN RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPECT FOR  
DIVERSITY IN THE COMMUNITY.



# MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES CLASS of 2022: The LARGEST Freshman Class in Many Years... 515 Strong!!



Superintendent Oteri gives a rousing welcome to the largest Malden High School incoming Freshman Class in many years. The Class of 2022 is 515 strong this year! Steve Freker Photo/ MPS



Superintendent Oteri speaks



Members of the Malden High School Badminton Club were on hand looking to recruit new students from the Class of 2022 at the Annual Freshman Class Activities Fair Steve Freker Photo/MPS

