

Malden Public Schools

Newsletter

February 2025

Message from the Superintendent



Dear Malden Public Schools Parents and Caregivers, In light of the many statements being shared in the news that are affecting members of our community, I want to emphasize Malden's commitment to our core values: include and collaborate, embrace growth, and do right by all kids. These values are critical to supporting our diverse community, and we will continue to uphold them. Under Massachusetts

General Law, *"No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin or sexual orientation."* State and federal laws also require that school districts enroll all school-aged children who are residents without regard to immigration status. We will continue to support all of our students

and ensure that our schools are safe places for students to learn and grow each day. If there is any way we can better support your child's success or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school principal or reach out to the district office at (781) 397-6100. Have a great rest of February and go Malden!

Sincerely,
Timothy Sippel, Ed.L.D.
Superintendent of Schools

District Happenings



When do we have snow days? More snowy conditions are expected next week, so here is a refresher on the snow day decision process. Malden Public Schools believes that our students are best served academically and socially by being in school. However, our top priority is always the safety of our students and staff. When winter storms are forecast, the district leadership closely monitors conditions and consults with City Hall and the Department of Public Works to determine whether canceling school is necessary to ensure everyone's safety.

Closing school is a last resort, but when a decision is made to cancel school, the district will make an official announcement and circulate it as widely as possible. Families, students and staff should *always assume that school will be open unless they receive a message from the Mayor and/or the Superintendent* announcing the closing of school. Please remember, any day that is cancelled due to inclement weather has to made up as an additional school day at the end of the school year in June.

Superintendent's Entry Plan: Superintendent Sippel invites you to provide input on his Entry Plan Findings at one of two upcoming feedback sessions. The sessions will be held Thursday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Ferryway and on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at Malden High School. Stay up to date on entry plan updates at maldenps.org/superintendent-2024-entry-plan/.

MCAS Testing: As reviewed in our last newsletter, MCAS testing is required for students in grades 3-8 and grade 10. With its alignment to standards, MCAS continues to be an extremely important measure of students' achievement and readiness for the future. In the coming weeks, principals at each school will be sharing the individual test dates for your student's school and grade level. To set your student up for success on these tests, please make sure they get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive on time or early to school on the day of the test. We thank parents and caregivers in advance for encouraging and helping our students succeed on these tests!

Kindergarten Registration: It's almost time to register for Kindergarten! Malden Public Schools' Kindergarten registration will open for new and returning students on March 3. Any child living in Malden who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2025 should register as soon as possible. Following registration, school assignments will be available to incoming kindergarteners in the spring. To learn about the registration process and what documents you will need, please visit maldenps.org/registration or view our [Kindergarten Registration Flyer](#).

Community Resource Spotlight



Each month we are highlighting a local Malden resource that can help students and families. This month we are spotlighting the Malden Community Refrigerators.

Malden's Community Refrigerators program allows Malden community members to access free food 24/7, 365 days a year. The program is community-run with refrigerators being filled by the program Sunday, Wednesday, and Fridays and being filled by residents on other days.

Click here for a [map of the refrigerators](#) and join the [Facebook group](#) for updates on refrigerator fillings as well as information on how to donate. You can find more local resources at cityofmalden.org.

Upcoming Important Dates (February and March)



- Feb. 6: Report Cards released for Term 2
- Feb. 10: SEPAC Presentation: ABA at School, 6:30 p.m. in the Salemwood 5-8 Cafeteria
- Feb. 10 - Feb. 14: ELC Caregiver/Teacher Conferences 2:30-5:30 (please check with your classroom teacher about which specific days and times they will be available)
- Feb. 11: Ferryway Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 12: Forestdale Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

- Feb. 13: Superintendent Feedback Session, 6:00 p.m., Ferrway
- Feb. 13: MHS Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Feb. 17 - Feb. 21: No School - February Break
- Feb. 24: School is Back in Session
- Feb. 25: Superintendent Entry Feedback Session, 6:00 p.m., MHS
- Feb. 27: School Committee and MEA Negotiations Session, 3:30-5:30 p.m., City Hall
- March and April: MCAS Testing, schedule TBA
- Mar. 3: Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Mar. 3: MOST Summer Program Registration Opens
- Mar. 3: School Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- Mar. 5: Early Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. for all grades
- Mar. 10: School Committee and MEA Negotiation Session, 5:30-7:30 p.m., City Hall
- Mar. 18: Salemwood Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 19: Beebe Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 19: Linden Caregiver/Teacher Conferences, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Important Links

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[Calendars](#)

- [Report Card Schedule](#)
- [Caregiver/Teacher Conferences](#)
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