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Superintendent John Oteri

HISTORIC NIGHT: Malden HS senior will attend State of the Union address Malden Public Schools student will be guest of Congresswoman Clark

FIRST MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT EVER TO BE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT AT THIS EVENT in D.C.

Malden High School senior Angela Tejada-Soliz, shown at right with Superintendent Oteri, left and MHS Principal Mastrangelo, right, will attend the State of the Union Address by President Trump at the U.S. Capitol in Washington Tuesday. She will be there as the personal guest of Congresswoman Clark, D-5th Middlesex, who met Angela when the local student requested a nomination to West Point. She is the first MHS student to ever attend this event. *Courtesy Photo/Malden Public*



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all,

We are half way through the school year already. We continue to work on goals of inclusion and equity on various levels. We are dedicated to training our staff to be the best educators possible. I am also pleased to announce that Mr. Michael Wood will be joining Malden Public Schools as Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Student Services starting February 15. He now serves as Director of Student Services/Interim Director of Curriculum, Instruction **See Page 3**



CELTICS STAR PROMOTES S.T.E.M. @ BEEBE SCHOOL

Boston Celtics star Al Horford appeared at the Beebe School in January as part of a GE-sponsored initiative promoting technology.

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The entire student body of Beebe K-8 School got to meet Boston Celtics star Al Horford (center with microphone) during a General Electric-sponsored visit where he helped promote S.T.E.M. education in our public schools. *Courtesy/GE/Boston Celtics*

General Electric hosts visit by Boston Celtics star Al Horford to Beebe School

Celts center helps students & staff celebrate S.T.E.M. learning

The students were not the ONLY ones having fun during Celtics star Al Horford's visit to the Beebe School. At right, Malden Supt. Oteri goes down the "Low Five Line" of Beebe kids as he enters the gym during the presentation in the school. *Courtesy/General Electric/ Boston Celtics*



Malden High School senior attending State of the Union Address in D.C.

Malden Public Schools student Angela Tejada-Soliz believed to be first-ever to be at event

**By Steve Freker
For the Malden Public Schools**

Angela Tejada-Soliz may be fairly new to the political scene, having voted in her very first election this past November, but she will be front-and-center for the biggest national event of the year to date. Tejada-Soliz, an 18-year-old Malden High School senior, learned Wednesday she was receiving a major individual honor when she was informed that U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark, D-5th Middlesex, was taking her to Washington, D.C. Tuesday, Feb. 5 as her guest at the 2019 State of the Union Address by President Donald Trump.

The MHS senior is the first Malden resident in recent memory and the first Malden High student in history to be invited to the State of the Union by a local Congressman or Congresswoman.



The State of the Union Address will be delivered by President Trump in the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. **Courtesy Photo**

"I was so excited when I got the news," said Tejada-Soliz, who is a top student-athlete at the local high school. "My family is thrilled for me and everyone at Malden High said they were happy for me." MHS Principal Chris Mastrangelo said that the Congresswoman had picked the

right person. "Angela is one of our top students and athletes and she has recently become active in civic affairs as have many of our students," Mastrangelo said. "We are so proud she will represent our school and city at the State of the Union." Cont. on Page 10

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and Assessment for Leicester Public Schools. Previously, he was a Superintendent of Schools in Massachusetts and Maine, as well as a Director of Special Education, a PK-8 Principal, an Assistant Principal and Teacher in Maine. He earned his CAGS in Special Education at Boston University and his Master's in Education Leadership from the University of Southern Maine. He was a member of the Foundation Budget Review Commission that is spearheading the effort, along with school and civic leaders to address the inequity in funding for economically disadvantaged students and students with special needs. He has experience building programs and services for students with special needs to be fully included in the school and the broader school community which will be a great asset to our school district. Please note that February 15 is Professional Development day and there will be no school for students on that day.

—Superintendent John Oteri

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LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Coordinated by the Chinese Culture Connection and Malden Reads



The annual Lunar New Year event was held at Malden High School on Jan. 26. Superintendent Oteri was on hand along with hundreds who attended and were thrilled by many exciting performances. Also, Mayor Christenson, below left, officially unveiled the USPS "Year of the Boar 2019" stamp along with Mei Hung of Chinese Culture Connection and Boston Postmaster Nick Francescucci. **Malden Public Schools Photos**



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. We continue to dedicate ourselves to becoming more culturally proficient and understanding of our students background. Throughout the district, we embrace our diversity and strive to progress as one!

The Malden High School Junior Class of 2020, led by President Tenzin Shakya (seated, far left) is extremely active in its planning & fundraising efforts as it looks ahead to the soon-to-arrive Junior Varieties show and Senior Prom 2020.

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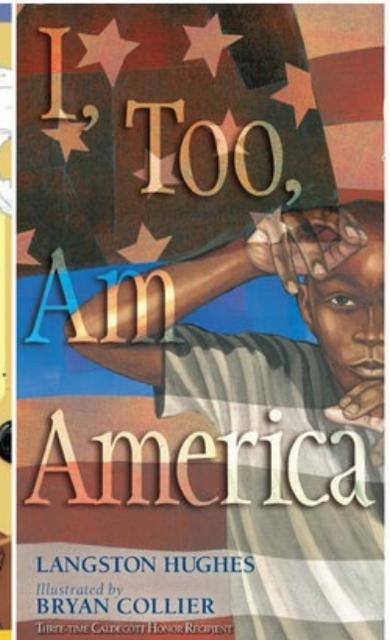
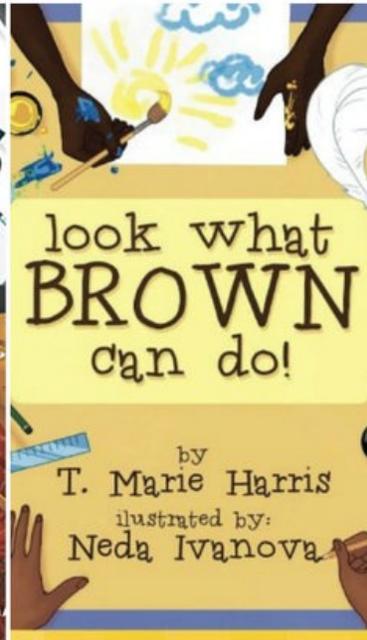
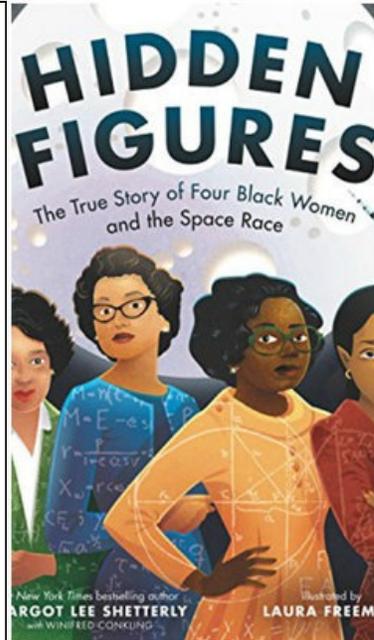
Malden Public Schools Mission Statement

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.

Malden Public Schools Embrace and Celebrate Black History Month in February

It is the perfect time to gain knowledge and perspective by reading some good books

February is Black History Month and the Mass. Teachers Assn. recommends visiting the following website: huffpost.com to check out 24 Children's Books. These are seems as worthwhile to read to gain knowledge and perspective during Black History Month.



Salemwood WinterFest a Success



Over 200 were in attendance at the Salemwood School Winterfest where students and their parents took part in many informational sessions and fun activities that brought out the spirit of the season. *Courtesy Photos/ MPS*



Malden Youth Civics Council

Teen civics leaders meet with Local & State elected officials



The newly-formed Malden Youth Civics Council recently met with local and state elected officials, including Mayor Gary Christenson, center and state Sen. Jason Lewis, D-5th Middlesex, back row, at left, at the Malden Teen Enrichment Center (MTEC). Other events are being planned. *Courtesy/City of Malden*

A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

IS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMON LANGUAGE USED, EXEMPLIFYING THE BELIEFS, VALUES, AND STRENGTHS IN RELATIONSHIPS

Project Equity: Superintendents call for educational funding equity for all students

Community Forum held @ Malden High School



The Malden Public Schools hosted one of four Regional Forums held by superintendents across the state who are calling for funding equity for our public school students. Below, Supt. Oteri prepares to speak. At left and below, some of the panelists. *Steve Freker Photos/MPS*



Members of the Project Equity panel speak out at Malden High School during a regional forum held January 8. *Steve Freker Photo/Malden Public Schools*

Ferryway School shows community spirit with 'Super' food drive collection response

Generosity by students, staff on 'Patriots Spirit Day'



Students and staff at the Ferryway K-8 School showed their generosity recently by filling the room on a food collection drive which coincided with "Patriots Spirit Day" where the whole school showed their support for the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LIII. *Malden Public Schools Photo*



MALDEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ADVANCES TO NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPICS CHAMPIONSHIPS!!

Congratulations to Malden High School's Gabriel Matnog on winning the Gold Medal for Sport Pistol and Bronze Medal for Air Pistol at the State Junior Olympic Qualifiers Championship at MIT recently. Gabriel will now represent Massachusetts and the city of Malden at the National Junior Olympic Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado in April. GO, GABRIEL!

Forestdale School's amazing artwork from Holiday event on display @ Texas Roadhouse



This amazing and inspiring artwork honoring military who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families. The students and staff from the Forestdale School won FIRST PLACE in the local Holiday Parade . It was preserved and is now on display at the Texas Roadhouse restaurant at the Gateway shopping center off Route 16 at the Malden-Medford-Everett line. *Courtesy Photo/Office of the Mayor*

MALDEN STUDENT TO STATE of the UNION

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The MHS student was also congratulated by Superintendent of Schools John Oteri when she visited his office Thursday morning with Mr. Mastrangelo. Tejada-Soliz did not know the particulars of travel Tuesday, but said she was looking forward to the trip. She added that she first met Rep. Clark briefly four years ago as a Malden middle schooler in the eighth grade. The MHS senior said she was seeking an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and needed a recommendation from her Representative in Congress, hence the most recent meeting with Rep. Clark. Tejada-Soliz is a member of the Malden High's National Honor Society and an honors student. She served as captain of the girls soccer team in its successful 14-4 season this past fall. She is also a member of newly-formed Malden Youth Civics Council and president of the MHS Red Cross Club and Robotics Club.