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# Superintendent's Update

## June 7, 2023

Laura S. Chesson, Superintendent

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# Review of End of Year Calendar

- June 12 - Retirement and Milestone Celebration
  - June 15 - Half day students/full day teachers all schools. BUSES FOR ALL SCHOOLS.
  - June 16 - Half day students/half day teachers all schools. BUSES FOR ALL SCHOOLS.
  - June 20 - Half day students/ last day teachers FLO RO ONLY! ONLY FLO RO BUSES WILL BE RUNNING!
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# School Culture and Climate Survey

- Measures responses regarding physical appearance of school, student interactions, discipline, instruction and assessment, and attitude and culture.
  - Chosen by working group as this instrument has psychometric properties. Two choices were presented by parent/SEPAC representative from meta-analysis review.
  - Elementary school - 3 option survey - survey for grade 3 & 4 - complete
  - Middle school - similar in design to parent survey - grades 5 - 8 - 502 completed.
  - High school - similar in design to parent survey - 429 completed.
  - Staff - similar in design to parent survey - 143 completed- OPEN UNTIL 6/16.
  - Parents - 323 completed WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 6/16. Looking at back-end tracking for Hotmail, AOL and Yahoo customers.
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# Graduation - Class of 2023!

- Senior night held on June 1, 2023. This is night where community has opportunity to participate in recognition of graduating seniors. Over \$400K in scholarships were generously awarded to seniors on the behalf of many community organization. Thank you so much!
  - Graduation held on June 2, 2023. We continue to move towards a ceremony that puts students at the forefront.
  - Three of our amazing seniors spoke at graduation and did us proud.
  - Class officers, the valedictorian, and the salutatorian provided a special moment as they announced the names of all their fellow graduates.
  - Diplomas were presented by Stephen Sierpina, high school principal.
  - We will continue to work towards a graduation which focuses on students and the high school community as it their night to shine!
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# Teacher High Fives

Ms. Nessco

This is our first year at GDRMS and this school year Ms. Nessco has been invaluable in helping our student acclimate to a new school in addition to advising us and our student's teachers on interventions we can utilize at home. She is always available, patient, and compassionate. I am confident we are fortunate that she is moving to the north building next year with our student.

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# Teacher High Fives

Mrs. Hart

I would like to share my appreciation of the wonderful Ms. Hart for everything she has done this school year to support my child.

Kindergarten is a huge transition and I am so pleased with how she helped our student acclimate to school and grow this school year. It can be very tricky to keep our student engaged, and Ms. Hart effortlessly tailored her approaches to keep our student interested and to coax our student to take risks in learning.

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# Closing concert for Art Quest

- Outstanding performances by high school musicians to close out Art Quest
  - All our ensembles have previously be awarded major recognitions at a recent competition.
  - Varied repertoire, much of which was selected by the students, entertained the nearly full auditorium.
  - Highlights of the evening included a performance of percussionists using trash barrels and other rubber home items instead of drums and the jazz band featuring a senior vocalist.
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## FUNDRAISER - CHAMBER CHOIR

- Sunday, June 11th 4:30 pm
  - Court St. Theater - Nashua, NH
  - Proceeds to support Chamber Choir's performance this fall at Carnegie Hall
  - Invited to participate in a World Premier performance.
  - All are welcome to attend.
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