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SUPERINTENDENT'S WEEKLY UPDATE – 27-Feb-2015

- I met with parents who wanted to discuss next steps in any new elementary school building project. It was a very productive meeting and my next steps in this process were articulated:
 1. Form a Community Task Force
 2. Revisit and Revise existing Master Plan
 3. Develop a survey to the community about the failed vote
 4. Begin outreach to Town Committees and Commissions
- The Joint Facilities Consolidation Task Force met on Tuesday, February 24th. A DRAFT chart of duplicate tasks completed both on the general government and school dept sides was completed. This Task Force meets again on Tuesday, March 17th.
- There were three firms who submitted proposals for the Design and Planning of the ADA Compliance Project at Clarke School. These firms presented their proposals during a meeting last week. The Committee unanimously selected Raymond Design Associates, Inc., from Rockland, MA. The total cost of this work is not to exceed \$18,500. Please be reminded that this will be coming from Capital Funds that were appropriated last year and additional funds which were appropriated at the Special Town Meeting last October. They have proposed an aggressive timeline. I am looking forward to partnering with this experienced firm.
- Our new School Business Administrator, Mr. Evan Katz, is scheduled to begin with us on Monday, March 23rd. We begin transition meetings this upcoming week.
- Swampscott students impressed us again with an outstanding showing of intriguing science and engineering at this year's Science and Engineering Fair. Fifty six students representing 44 projects from Pre-AP Chemistry and STEM Biology waited patiently and anxiously to be judged. We applaud everyone's hard work on their projects. This year's top winners will move on to the Massachusetts State Science and Engineering Fair Region IV at Somerville High School on March 14th.
 - 1st Place: Joe Turcotte
- Project: *Ending Diabetes*
 - 2nd Place: Owen Pearce
- Project: *The Effects on a Ball's Bounce Caused by Different Air Pressures*
 - 3rd Place: Gabby Lariviere
- Project: *Vitamin C in Juices*
 - 4th Place: Andrew McLaughlin

- Project: *The Effect of pH on seed germination rates*
- 5th Place: Marine Dreeben
 - Project: *Behavior of Water droplets on a vertical surface that has been treated with different with different substances*
 - Alternates:
 - Dan Muller
 - Project: *The Heat of Hand Warmers*
 - Karol Wabno and Jeff Montes
 - Project: *Finding viscosities between wet and dry lubricants*
 - Arthur Kautz
 - Project: *An Inexpensive Teleoperated Glovebox*
- Thank you to the Swampscott Education Foundation (SEF) for being our partner and sponsor for this event AND – MANY, MANY thanks to our amazing judges!!