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## SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Week ending 11/6/15

- K-12 Educational Task Force Survey - As a Task force we had decided we wanted this school survey mailed home to every resident. After giving this much more thought and with input from other committees I decided that would not be best. To date we have sent home the survey via email to every school aged family, it is posted on the website, I will be visiting the Senior Center explaining and distributing it next Tuesday, I have reached out to *For the Love of Swampscott*, and we will hope to distribute at the Special Town Meeting on November 23rd. Our next K-12 Educational Task Force meeting is schedule for Thursday, November 12th at 8:30.
- This week I had the privilege of visiting Hadley School and a co-taught first grade classroom. It was a Reader's Workshop lesson (all part of TLA - Teachers' Learning Alliance and our Balanced Literacy Program) where students were learning to retell the story as a way of checking for understanding. This co-taught classroom is the model of what the district would like to move forward to in the future. Two MASTER teachers, one regular education and one special education, and if I were an outsider walking in to observe I wouldn't have known which teacher was which. This collaborative model is something the district has begun to implement in the high school classes with much success in the last two years. We are continuing to explore the expansion of this model across the district levels.

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