Chelsea Public Schools
School Committee

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PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on

Thursday, November 18, 2021

At 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is **closed** to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be live streamed for the public at:

Chelsea Cable TV, and

https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/

Agenda is available online at the Chelsea Public Schools website:

https://www.chelseaschools.com/

Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period can email superintendent@chelseaschools.com to receive the Zoom Link and instructions. You can also choose to have your comment read by sending your comment to the same email. Public Comments can in addition be telephoned in and will be read into the record at 617-466-4456.

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School Committee

There will be a regular meeting of the Chelsea School Committee on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss and take action on the items in the following agenda. The meeting is **closed** in order to observe social distancing guidelines. The meeting will be livestreamed for the public at Chelsea cable TV and, https://www.facebook.com/ChelseaPublicSchools/

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **School Committee Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meetings on October 7, 2021. (Enclosure A)

4. **Presentations:** Citation from State Representative Jessica A. Giannino and Dan Ryan

5. **Public Comment:** Anyone wishing to speak during the public comment period can email superintendent@chelseaschools.com to receive the Zoom Link and instructions. You can choose to have your comment read by sending your comment to the same email. Public Comments can also be telephoned in and will be read into the record at 617-466-4456.

6. **Report of the Superintendent of Schools:**

   Student Achievement: Indicators of Success to be emailed the day of the meeting.

   Covid Update: Update on ESSER III

   Student Representative Update:

   Personnel Update: (Enclosure B)

   Enrollment Reports: (Enclosure C)

   Committee Reports: Curriculum & Instruction (Enclosure D)
   Policy & Procedures (Enclosure E)
   Budget & Finance (Enclosure F)
   Human Resources (Enclosure G)

7. **Unfinished Business:** None

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8. **New Business:**

- Consideration and Action to vote on the Memorandum of Agreement between the Chelsea School Committee and the United Steel Workers Union Local 9427-1 (School Nurses & Nurse Aides Unit) for the period of July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. *Item* #: 22SC19 (Enclosure H)

Explanation: The agreement between the Chelsea School Committee and the United Steel Workers Union Local 9427-1 (School Nurse & Nurse Aides Unit) was ratified on November 4, 2021.

- Consideration and action to accept $32,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Systems for Student Success Initiative grant. *Item* #: 22SC20 (Enclosure I)

Explanation: The continuation grant supports districts that want strengthen systems and core practices to help students thrive in and outside of school. The funds will be used for stipends, consultants for professional development, and other expenses in support of the program.

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- Consideration and action to accept $120,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Targeted Assistance grant (TAG). *Item* #: 22SC21 (Enclosure J)

Explanation: This targeted assistance grant provides funding to schools/districts to support the development and implementation of Sustainable Improvement Plan renewals. The funds will be used for stipends, contractual services, supplies and materials, conferences, indirect costs and other expenses to support the implementation of key improvement plan strategies at the three middle schools and Chelsea High School.

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- Consideration and action to accept up to $240,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Teacher Diversification Pilot Program grant. *Item* #: 22SC22 (Enclosure K)

Explanation: The competitive Teacher Diversification Pilot Program is designed to support local school and district efforts to strengthen and diversify existing teacher recruitment and retention programs. This is the third year that Chelsea Public Schools is receiving these funds. The funds will be used to provide tuition assistance for up to 20 participants ($12,000 each), and other expenses in support of the program for SY2021-2022.

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- Consideration and action to accept up to $95,000 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the MassGrad Promising Practices grant. *Item* #: 22SC23 (Enclosure L)

Explanation: This federally funded grant provides supplementary support to school districts with high concentrations of students at-risk for not graduating from high school. The funds will be used for stipends

to for Dropout Prevention Specialists who work with Chelsea Opportunity Academy students and families, and for costs associated with the REACH Program such as Graduation Coaches, Tutors, ESL Group Leader, Grant Consultant, and transportation costs, and other expenses in support of the programs.

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- Consideration and action to accept $20,732,065 from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the ESSER III grant (American Rescue Plan Act: Elementary and Secondary Education Emergency Relief). *Item* #: 22SC24 (Enclosure M)

Explanation: The education portion of the American Rescue Plan Act, known as ESSER III, is intended to help schools and districts safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools. Expenditures must respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will be used to continue staff positions begun on ESSER II funds through the end of SY2024; purchase new reading and math curriculum for all grades; relocate the Chelsea Opportunity Academy and the Intergenerational Literacy Program; continue COVID testing, temporary nursing services, and temporary cleaning services as needed; design and install new HVAC systems at the Early Learning Center, Mary C. Burke Elementary Complex, and Chelsea High School; continue expanded summer school offerings and increase afterschool programming, and provide funding for outside counseling services for students, and purchasing technology such as hot spots for students, among other expenses.

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- Consideration and action to accept a gift of up to $79,828 from Harvard University for the placement of Teaching Fellows at Chelsea schools during SY2021-2022. *Item* #: 22SC25 (Enclosure N)

Explanation: Chelsea Public Schools has had a multi-year partnership with the Harvard Graduate School of Education to place teaching fellows in Chelsea Schools while they complete their residency program. For SY2022, Harvard University has agreed to fund two fellows during the school year, 10 mentor teachers to work with the entire group of fellows, and is providing funding for 10 mentor teachers who worked with Harvard University students this past summer.

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- Consideration and action to accept a gift of seven desks and seven bookshelves from Re-Stream, Inc. with an estimated value of $2,450. *Item* #: 22SC26 (Enclosure O)

Explanation: Re-Stream, Inc., a technology firm in Waltham Massachusetts, has generously donated seven desks and seven bookshelves to Chelsea Public Schools. According to the company, the furniture has a combined value of $2,450 because it is used.

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter71, Section 37A provides for the acceptance of gifts for educational purposes only with the approval of the Chelsea School Committee.

- Consideration and action to approve a homeschooling petition for 2 Chelsea Families, 2 students total. *Item* #: 22SC27 (Enclosure P)

Explanation: The Curriculum & Instruction subcommittee has reviewed the proposals and has determined that the petitions have met the requirements of the Chelsea Public Schools Homeschooling policy. All homeschooling petitions must be approved by the Chelsea School Committee.

9. Communications: None

10. Announcements:

11. Adjournment:

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