



Superintendent's Update

April 25, 2018

Dear Shrewsbury Families & Community Members,

With April Vacation in the books, we have begun the "sprint to the finish line" as we enter our busiest part of the school year. There is a lot happening among the more than 6,200 students across our nine schools, and we appreciate your ongoing support as we work hard to ensure we complete this school year successfully.

Please read on for information about some of our recent student successes, important School Committee topics, and recognition of our administrative professionals.

SHS Speech & Debate state champions: Congratulations to the SHS Speech & Debate team, who finished 2nd in the recent state speech tournament, and to the following students who were individual state champions in various speech competition categories!

Sherraina Song - Prose Reading

Prisha Singh - Children's Literature

Ahana Mukhopadhyah - Radio Broadcasting

Will Stewich, Sophia Peng, Leah deHaemer, Megan German & Max Evers - Multiple Reading

SHS Robotics team wins prestigious award: Kudos to the SHS Robotics team, who won the most prestigious award given by the FIRST Robotics organization, the Chairman's Award, at both the local and New England competitions! This award recognizes the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST. Good luck to the team at the World Championships in Detroit this week!

School Committee topics: Tonight's School Committee meeting will include the following agenda items:

1. Accepting additional major gifts to the Campaign for Shrewsbury Athletic

Fields

2. A presentation regarding possible locations, design options, and initial cost estimates for the new Beal School, in advance of the Beal Building Committee choosing its preferred option to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority
3. Voting to approve a [the district's proposed goals](#) for 2018-2020
4. Voting to recommend a final Fiscal Year 2019 School Department budget plan to Town Meeting

The School Committee meeting begins at 7:00pm in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall and will be broadcast live on SELCO channels 29/329 and streamed live on the Shrewsbury Media Connection website.

Recognizing our administrative professionals: As today is Administrative Professionals Day, I want to recognize the extraordinary efforts of our secretaries and other office professionals who make our school system run effectively day after day. I am very grateful for their hard work to ensure that students, staff, and parents get the support they need. Please join me in expressing appreciation and thanking them for their invaluable contributions to our school district!

Thanks for your continued support of our community's public schools.

Respectfully,

Joe Sawyer
Superintendent of Schools