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November 9, 2015 School Board Superintendent's Report

1. DHS Band and Color Guard

The Dover High School Marching Band and Color Guard earned 5 stars and a gold medal at the Marching Band Finals in Saco, ME on 10/31/15. This is the 9th consecutive year for this achievement. Well done!

2. Classroom Visits

I had the pleasure of visiting quite a few DHS classrooms this past week and saw a lot of exciting learning taking place. There was an Honors Spanish IV class learning about literature, culture, history and politics while speaking only in the target language (Spanish); a Chorus class transitioned from entry to warm-up quickly and was highly engaged in the positive, productive learning environment; a Keyboard class was practicing independently and then as a whole class; a Latin class was translating in teams; a Health class was learning about foods from different regions. I saw many classrooms with essential questions, unit objectives and lesson objectives posted as a visual guide for students' learning. Many teachers and students were able to talk about what they were learning and how they are building programs. It was a fantastic visit!

3. JBC

DHS Principal Peter Driscoll and I visited the Nottingham School Board meeting on 10/21/15 to talk about the most recent project designs and the influence of the project on the overall budget. They asked many great questions and look forward to hearing more as the project progresses.

We have received questions about the use of athletic fields during construction, as well. We are scheduled to begin construction on Dunaway Field and Track this spring while school is still in session. DHS and DMS track practices will be impacted, but Athletic Director Peter Wotton is working to identify additional spaces for practice and competition. We plan to begin breaking ground on the school in early summer, at which point the softball field will be impacted. Again, AD Wotton is working with the Recreation Department and other local and regional organizations to secure practice and competition space during construction.

Go to <http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-education/high-school-project/index.html> for more information on the project.

Dover School District Mission Statement

Strengthening our community by educating every child, every day!

4. **Smarter Balanced**

The results of the spring 2015 state assessment, Smarter Balanced, will be released on November 13, 2015. Schools will send the reports home with elementary students on November 13th, and score reports will be mailed home for middle and high school students on November 12th.

The district will hold an informational session for families to answer any questions about how to read the reports or Smarter Balanced in general. This is for all families with students in grades 4-8 and 11. Any other families are welcome to come and learn more. Please join us in the DHS Auditorium on November 16th at 6:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

5. **Citizen Leadership Academy**

I had the pleasure of presenting at the final CLA class on 11/5/15. We talked about the building project, school demographics, programs, and any other question participants had. It was a wonderful experience to connect with community members and leaders in this series hosted by the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce.