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January 11, 2016 School Board Superintendent's Report

1. Motivational speaker Ed Gerety spoke to all students today at Dover Middle School on the subject of positivity and self-esteem. This is his third visit to DMS in the past 12 years. Ask your student about his dynamic presentation!
2. Winter Concerts for the elementary schools will take place this week with Garrison School's on Tuesday, Woodman Park School on Wednesday and Horne Street School's on Thursday. All concerts begin at 7:00 pm. Please try and join us for one of these evenings of musical entertainment. You won't be disappointed.
3. The annual book fair that occurred at Dover Middle School in the fall was a great success. Books for the library will be purchased with the over \$3,000 that was raised at the book fair. Thank you to all of the volunteers and patrons of the event.
4. The Young Inventors Program Celebration will once again happen at Horne Street School on Thursday, February 18. Winners will participate in the state celebration in Manchester at the end of March. This is a great event to stimulate inventive thinking and encourage practical ingenuity through hands-on discovery in a creative and collaborative environment.
5. This Wednesday, the area manager for NJROTC will be conducting an inspection of the program in the DHS gym. The inspection is from 9:45-10:15 and will include presentations of awards and some marching demos. School Board members are invited to attend.
6. Thank you to the Dover Middle School Chamber singers under the direction of Rob Finch for the beautiful music at the School Board and City Council inauguration that was held on January 4. I received many compliments on their performance and agreed that they are a talented group!
7. Good news! I just was notified today that Dover was awarded a grant by Nellie Mae to work with Great Schools Partnership to work on a multi-year school-community engagement project. We will receive some grant resources and technical assistance to help engage the community in positive and productive ways. The \$10,000 per year grant will be used to pay for events, technical assistance and supplies associated with engagement events. The kick-off for this is January 21.
8. I want to remind you that there is no school next Monday, January 18 due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

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9. The Joint Building Committee for Dover High School and Career & Technical Center continues to hold public meetings about the design and scope of the project. Information about the project can be found on the City's website at <http://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/public-education/high-school-project/index.html>. Thank you for all you do to live our mission to *educate every child, every day*. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments (e.arbour@dover.k12.nh.us).

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