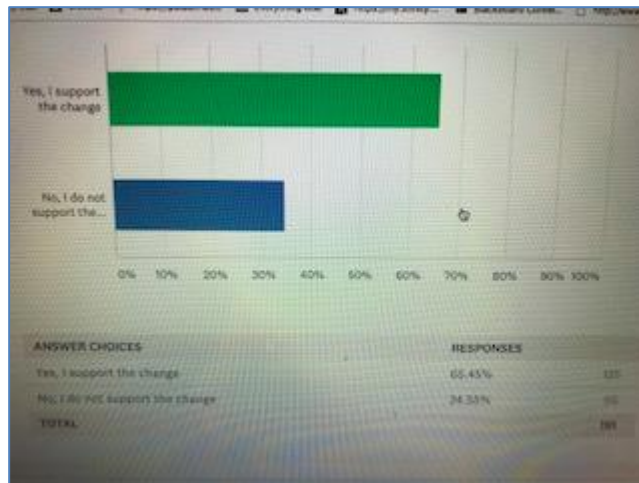


Good evening LHS family,

I hope you all enjoyed our three-day weekend and had some time to contemplate the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday! Soon you will be hearing about our school spirit days and the upcoming pep rally. I encourage staff to participate in spirit days - our students love to see spirited staff (we all do)!

Thank you to everyone who completed his or her TeachPoint Self-Assessment Summary and Educator Plan. I recognize we are all busy but I did notice a few were missing, so if you did not finish please make sure you are done within the next week. Let's meet our school goal of 100% completion!

The results of the dress code survey proposal are in! I am happy to report 191 staff members responded to the question of whether or not you supported the change. Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the question and add his or her comments. One comment that came up a lot was concerning the reason for allowing head wraps and scarves but not do rags. Simply put, the head wraps and scarves have to do with culture and expression for some of our young women. Others requested to be able to wear accessory headbands, etc. which are not necessarily for cultural reasons. The goal of high school is to help prepare students for careers and college - it is not uncommon to see women in the workplace with these items on their head. We are also mindful of the ability to identify students in videos. Do rags are not acceptable dress in the workplace (unless they work in kitchens where they have to cover their hair for sanitation reasons), and it is difficult to identify students with them on in videos, hence do rags are not included in the proposed acceptable dress policy. I plan to meet with Superintendent Durkin this week to bring this proposal forward based on the results from staff and students.



### COME OUT AND JOIN THE FUN!

As a reminder, this Friday is the Freshman Academy PBIS trivia night beginning at 2:45pm at Dudley's.

### HI-LIGHTS OF LAST WEEK

A big thank you goes out to our AFJROTC cadets for a spectacular Salute to our Veteran's event last Friday. Our Chorus performed beautifully as well as our student speaker and staff speaker! Some of our cadets even purchased and delivered Veteran's Day gift baskets for our staff member Veterans, which was so thoughtful and kind!



**Life Center**

After school on Friday seven of our senior cadets volunteered their time at the Life Center nursing house, the cadets performed a flag folding ceremony and presented the flag to the oldest Veteran at the Life Center. It was a very special moment for the cadets and seniors.



Latin Lyceum Open House for Parents and Students - we had a solid group of interested students and parents attend on Thursday evening. Thanks to Robert DeLossa, Darrin Berard, Elena Apostolos and our current Lyceum students for sharing their knowledge and answering questions throughout the evening.



**Hamilton** - special thanks to Robert DeLossa and his team of teachers/chaperones for making this extraordinary field trip a reality for approximately 100 very lucky students. Making this happen was a yeoman's amount of work that started back in May, and we are grateful to everyone involved. See Robert's previous email for pictures from the event.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Amanda Ernst has been selected to serve on the Bias and Sensitivity Grade 8 and High School Assessment Development Committee (ADC) for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) received over 300 applications from qualified candidates, and we are pleased to have a group of educators with strong credentials to serve on the committee. This will be a two-year membership term beginning on January 1, 2019. Congrats Amanda!

### LOOK AHEAD

Date	Day	Description	Time	Location
11/8-11/15	Thurs- Thurs	MCAS ELA and Math Retests		(Thurs, Fri, Tues, Weds, Thurs)
Nov. 13	Tues.	Unified Basketball Jamboree (9 teams playing)	3:45-6:30pm	Andover HS
Nov. 13	Tues.	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	6:00 – 7:00pm	L.T.
Nov. 13	Tues.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L.T.
Nov. 14	Weds.	Student Voice Meeting	7:30-8:45am	L.T.
Nov. 15	Thurs.	LHS Hall of Fame Event	6:00-8:00pm	Lenzi's
Nov. 16	Fri.	Fresh Academy PBIS Team Trivia Night	2:45pm	Dudley's
Nov. 16	Fri.	Harvest Dance (Juniors)	6:30pm	UML Conf. Center
Nov. 16	Fri.	Report Cards Distributed		

Nov. 17	Sat.	Latin Lyceum Entrance Exam #1	8:00am – 12:00pm	L.T.
Nov. 21	Wed.	Early Dismissal – Thanksgiving Recess	10:50am	
Nov. 21	Wed.	Pep Rally	10:00am	Gym
Nov. 24	Sat.	City of Lights Parade	4:00pm	Downtown Lowell
Nov. 22-23	Thurs./Fri.	No School - Thanksgiving Recess		
Dec. 1	Sat.	Latin Lyceum Entrance Exam #2	8:00am – 12:00pm	L.T.
Dec. 3	Mon.	Fall Sports Awards	6:30pm	LHS Aud.
Dec. 3-21	3 wks.	Sun Santa Collections		
Dec. 5	Wed.	Early Release – Students	11:45am	
Dec. 7, 8, 14 & 15	Fri. & Sat. 2 weekends	LHS Student. Theatre Fall Productions	7:00pm	Burgoyne Theatre
Dec. 8	Sat.	MIE study session for AP Math Students		TBD
Dec. 10	Mon.	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	6:00pm – 7:00pm	L.T.
Dec. 10	Mon.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L.T.
Dec. 14	Fri.	Q2 Progress Reports Distributed		
Dec. 20	Thurs.	Staff Holiday Luncheon	10:45am – 1:30pm	SSS Lobby
Dec. 20	Thurs.	LHS Winter Concert	2:30pm-5:30pm	LHS Aud.
Dec. 21	Fri.	Latin Lyceum Applications due in Main Office		
Dec. 24- Jan. 1	Mon.-Tues.	No School - Christmas Holiday Break		

Have a terrific week everyone!

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