



# WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Good afternoon! I hope this letter finds you well! It was nice to see families during this year's Open Houses at SMK & WMS. I look forward to seeing families at the JS High School Open House on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. and the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

At this point in time, the district has practiced their Fire & Lock Down Drills for all buildings. Students and staff did a great job in exiting all buildings in a timely and orderly fashion during our quarterly Fire Drill. In addition, the Lock Down Drill also yielded a similar result of students and faculty implementing the protocols of the exercise.

This week third grade students were visited by Senator Anne Gobi and Representative Todd Smola who provided each student a copy of the Massachusetts Constitution.

The Strategic Planning Task Force met for the first time this week. The committee is made up of Parents, Students, Teachers, Administrators, Town Manager, and a School Committee Member. The goal is to build a roadmap to the future for Ware Public Schools. We will be reaching out shortly to obtain feedback from all stakeholders. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to take part in the process. It takes a community to raise a child.

Although we feel that COVID is in our rearview mirror, it continues to have an adverse effect on our district with several students, teachers, and staff out for five sick days. With the absence of teachers comes a need for substitute teachers. If you are interested in becoming a substitute for Ware Public Schools, you can find the information to apply [here](#).

This evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Pep Rally at Veteran's Field in anticipation of the annual Ware vs. Palmer football game. The game takes place on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Legion Field in Palmer. I hope to see you there! GO WARE!

Have a good weekend,

*Dr. Marlene A. DiLeo*  
Superintendent