



SOUTH HADLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER



October 2, 2026

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The Town of South Hadley is gathering resident input through an anonymous, 15-minute Community Needs Assessment survey. Feedback will help highlight community strengths and identify challenges and opportunities related to health and well-being. Click [HERE](#) to share your perspective and help inform future community efforts.



This week, South Hadley High School Boys Soccer hosted the South Hadley U13 Boys Soccer team for a youth clinic. The clinics provide a fun, positive opportunity for younger players to learn from high school athletes and build connections across our soccer community.

Caring for Our Schools, Every Day

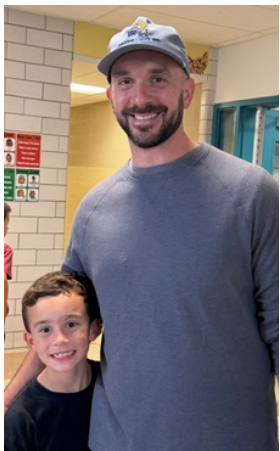
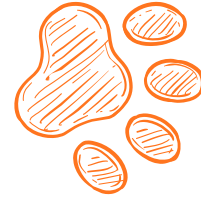
We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our custodial staff, whose efforts help keep our schools clean, safe, welcoming, and ready for learning each day. From early mornings to busy school days, their attention to detail, and commitment to our buildings make a meaningful difference for students, staff, and families. Thank you for all you do to care for our schools and our school community, Justin, Joe, Eli, Homer, Dan, Theresa, Josh, Michael, Steve, Justin, Mark, Ian, & Paul!

Congratulations!!!

**The Environmental Club
got an award from
Keep Massachusetts Beautiful!**

**Litter Buster:
Laura Ketteringham**

Mosier Open House



MCAS Family Portal

Families are now able to log into the MCAS Family Portal to view their student's individual MCAS results. The portal is a helpful resource for reviewing your student's scores and learning more about what the results mean.

DESE has also provided parent resources and step-by-step information to help families access and understand the portal. We encourage families to take some time to review their student's results and celebrate their progress while also identifying areas for continued growth.

You can access the MCAS Family Portal and parent help information [HERE](#).

Share Your Feedback on District Policies

The School Committee will hear a second reading of [Policy ECA – Buildings and Grounds Security](#) and [Policy ECAF – Security Cameras in Schools](#).

Community members are invited to review the proposed policies and share feedback before the meeting by emailing policies@shschools.com. Community input helps inform the policy process and is greatly appreciated.

Tigers in Tune at The Big E



Family Resources

Explore materials from Operation Parent's *The Brain We're Building* webinar, including recordings in English and Spanish, additional family resources, and the Healthy Minds App.

- [Watch in English](#)
- [Watch in Spanish](#)
- [Explore the Healthy Minds App](#)

English and Spanish resource materials are also available, and the South Hadley Health Department distributed Operation Parent Handbooks at school open houses.

Upcoming Dates

October 7:

School Committee Meeting
7pm (Hybrid) SH COA & Zoom

October 12:

No School/Indigenous People's Day

October 21:

School Committee Meeting
7pm (Hybrid) SH COA & Zoom

October 21-23:

Parent Conferences PreK-8th/Half days

October 29:

Community Conversations

November 3:

No School - Election/Teacher PD

November 11:

Veterans Day/No School/Offices Closed

November 25:

½ Day/Thanksgiving Recess Begins

November 26:

Thanksgiving/No School

November 27:

Thanksgiving Recess/No School



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of Immigrant Students
to Enroll in School.**

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