

Together We Will Heal

Dear Faculty, Citizens, and Friends,

November was a tough month for the Peabody school district and the city. We lost three beautiful people: Superintendent Cara Murtagh, high school assistant principal Judy Maniatis, and eighth-grader Jackson Frechette. Each of them had their unique personalities that touch so many people. They were gentle, kind, and loving individuals. Their sudden passing has impacted all of us. And, I am so sorry for the loss.

Their emotional passing has caused us grief and sorrow like the loss of a family member. We may become incredibly sad, upset, or withdrawn. We will miss them: their laughter, their favorite sayings, and their encouragement. We will remember them by recounting humorous stories or significant events.

We all grieve differently: some people reflect in silence while others share with friends. Some focus on projects and rarely reveal their feelings. Others talk with a professional, take walks, or write letters.

So, as a community, what do we do? How do we help each other to heal and move on? Let us start with what we can do together as a city. As we continue to heal, let us be extra kind to one another. Let us be supportive and compassionate.

Over the next six months, I will be working with a collective group of people to implement a caring and healing plan for the district. We will need each other as we recover together. But I know, and I promise that in the end, everything will be okay. Peabody Strong!

Yours,

Marc Kerble
Interim Superintendent

Save This Date
Wednesday, May 13, 2020



Peabody Heals - A Welcomed Well Being
Higgins Middle School Auditorium 4-6 pm

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 27, 2020

March 5, 2020

March 26, 2020

3:30-5:30 p.m.

HIGGINS MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

A District Wide Professional Development Committee has been established! The goal of this committee is to develop a multi-year Professional Development Plan. If any staff member is interested in joining this committee please notify JoAnne Brothers at brothersj@peabody.k12.ma.us.