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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The second month of school is drawing to a close, and we recently had an exciting [visit by US Senator Maggie Hassan](#) and Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel of the Federal Communications Commission. Please see our [school website](#) for regular updates, celebrations of student and faculty achievements, and announcements of upcoming events.

First Quarter Ends

Our first quarter will end on November 3rd. Teachers will complete grading and enter narratives in PowerSchool. These reports on student progress will address achievements in subject courses as well as school-wide 21st century skills. To facilitate completion of this work, the PowerSchool parent portal will be closed between November 3rd and November 12th. On the morning of November 13th, PowerSchool will again provide parent access.

School Community Conversations

Beginning on November 9th, 2017, we will initiate a series of school community conversations. The purpose of these conversations will be to share information about the work we are engaged in with our students, what we can do better to meet their needs, and what changes are being discussed for the future. These meetings will be open to all parents and staff. The focus of the first meeting will be to update you on our three goals for the year: 1:1 blended learning, the use of common assessments, and the building of a more comprehensive intervention system through TASC. We hope to see you at our first meeting on November 9th in the ConVal Library Learning Commons at 6:30 pm.

Current Issues of Interest

One of the additions we would like to offer to our parent and guardian communications are current articles about issues that impact students. These articles are meant to inform and promote conversations. They will cover such issues as grading, teaching practices, the personal and social well-being of our students, as well as other topics. This time, I am sharing an article about smartphones, written by Nicholas Carr in the October 6th edition of the [Wall Street Journal](#), entitled "[How Smartphones are Hijacking our Minds](#)" (please follow the link or see attached).

Upcoming events

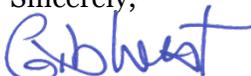
November 6, 2017 - Beginning of the second quarter

November 9, 2017 - School Community Conversation (6:30 pm, ConVal Library Learning Commons)

November 10, 2017 - No school in honor of Veterans Day

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,



Gib West