Salem School Committee Newsletter

October 2026

October VOTES

Approved:

- Band and additional off-campus field trips.



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2026-2027 Calendars

School Building Committee

November AGENDA TOPICS

November 9th

- Discussion re: School Resource Officers (SROs)
- Follow-up bus camera discussion

November 23

- AI and student technology use presentation

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WELCOME!

In October, the School Committee received a breakdown and analysis of the district's most recent MCAS results, discussed taking a vote to approve the implementation of bus camera technology, and came one week closer to approving the district's new strategic plan.

Most importantly, all members arrived to meetings on time, despite Halloween traffic!

UPDATES

MCAS results are out, and while there are some encouraging data points, the district has serious student achievement gaps to address. The district leadership team presented detailed strategies they will use to improve student growth and metrics against which to measure success over the next year. The School Committee will expect regular data-informed reports in the coming months.

Member Stott presented an overview of bus camera technology for School Committee consideration. The Committee had a productive conversation about benefits of and concerns around the technology. Follow-up discussions will focus on vendor information, the effectiveness of ticketing as a tool for reducing traffic offenses, surveillance concerns, and potential alternative strategies.

Student representative, Finn Billings, gave the Committee an overview of efforts to recruit more students to the Superintendent's Advisory Council to ensure broad input. He also summarized student discussions around the Standards-Based Grading system in use at Salem High School, reporting concerns about inconsistencies across classes and between Collins Middle School and Salem High School.