

Winter's Marathon

Those of us who enjoy warm weather activities may feel like winter will never leave, but we all know it will! Winter reminds us to be patient. Patience is necessary to achieve goals. Patience combined with passion creates success. Angela Duckworth, in her bestseller GRIT reminds readers:

Success is a marathon not a sprint.

The school year's marathon continues as the second semester starts at the secondary level and our elementary schools celebrate the 100th day of school.

We ask students to put forth effort on their marathon and show GRIT by monitoring their time on task, availing themselves of extra help, and feeling proud of their progress towards goals.

As district leaders our determination remains to use data to support learners in meeting the academic rigor of their grade and enhancing the school environments, evidenced by:

- Opening our newly renovated bathrooms at LHS
- Seeing the final touches on the cupola
- Enjoying the renovated HS auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria
- Getting ready to play in the newly modified 195 Gym
- Renovating the 195 auditorium
- Increasing security measures at all buildings

As we prepare the budget for 18-19 our goal remains to provide educational opportunities in a safe and secure environment.

We will do this by:

- Increasing access to technology
- Enhancing graduation opportunities
- Providing safety enhancements to our schools
- Remaining mindful of the impact each decision has

We are Lawrence and our marathon leads to success for each and every learner.

Be patient, be persistent and most importantly, be proud.

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