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To: Members of the School Committee

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April is one of my favorite months when working in a school system! Students have a sense of excitement as we head into the last stretch of the school year. Warmer weather and Spring sports is upon us which allows for students to spend more time outdoors. Academically, it is so exciting to watch the skills we have been teaching all year begin to transfer and make sense to students, seeing connections and applications to new learning. Maturity is demonstrated with many of our students!

By the time we meet we will be two weeks into the state assessment, MEA, for our students in grades 3-8. This assessment tests for approximately 7 hours over the course of 4 weeks. Parents have been diligent about calling in when appointments happen, giving us time to rearrange testing schedules. If you'll recall, with this test, once it has started, it cannot be re-started, thus skewing the results for the students. I again, would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Mugnai for the amount of work he has put into this testing, creating and maintaining the rosters, troubleshooting computer testing issues and testing students with accommodations and needing make ups. I would never have been able to undertake this with evaluations and my other duties. This testing has taken up a great deal of his time with tasks that are beyond what the teacher or technology coordinator can do.

Teachers had a productive inservice on the 23rd. I am sitting here writing this letter in my quiet building after everyone has left for the day. Our teachers and ed techs had the opportunity to start the day with more active shooter training. I would like to thank our local sheriff department for how responsive they have been to our needs and questions during all of this. The Math Committee shared the work they have done to date on the selection of the two programs to pilot and the beginning stages of the piloting. Mrs. Karen Wood continued her professional development with teachers on Science and assessment, then we spent the afternoon working within our grade level and content level on our yearlong identified professional development specific to their classroom needs. You have a group of teachers dedicated to this profession and the students they teach. I feel very fortunate.

Enjoy the warmer weather everyone!