



## CAMBRIDGE STREET UPPER SCHOOL

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### Joint School Site Council Meeting Wed. Nov. 15 - 6:00-7:30pm – King Open School (Note: corrected time)

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### **SCHOOL SITE COUNCILS**

Please join caregivers and educators from Cambridgeport, Fletcher Maynard Academy, King Open School and CSUS tomorrow night from 6:00-7:30 pm at King Open for the first of several joint meetings this year. The agenda will include 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition planning to middle school and collaborative activities among all four schools. We need your insights and your voice; we hope you can join us!

#### **BOOK FAIR**

The CSUS / K-Lo Book Fair is open Nov. 14- 16. Encourage your child to visit the library over the next 3 days to browse and shop each day before school until 3:15 today and tomorrow. Online purchases may also be made by going to <http://bit.ly/CSUSbookfair>. The book fair will also be selling pencils, notebooks, and more! Contact Ms. Connolly ([nconnolly@cpsd.us](mailto:nconnolly@cpsd.us)) if you have any questions!

#### **MCAS SCORES, PROGRESS REPORTS AND SCHOLAR REFLECTION**

This week you should receive your child's first quarter progress report and the 2017 MCAS scores. If you have any questions or concerns about the progress report, please contact your child's teacher. If you do not receive the MCAS scores by Friday, please feel free to contact Ms. Robinson at [trobinson@cpsd.us](mailto:trobinson@cpsd.us) or [617-349-3050](tel:617-349-3050). Over the next two weeks all scholars will meet with an advisor to review their progress report and reflect on how the progress report aligns with the September goals that each scholar set for success. The reflection process will use the "Challenge the Opportunity Gap" resource as the primary guideline. (See attached) We view this reflection process as good preparation for the Scholar-Led conferences that will occur in the near future. Dates for conferences will be shared soon.

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## **SCHOOLTALK**

In October TEAM CSUS resumed its Cultural Proficiency Seminars in cohorts of 8-12 staff members to formally engage in weekly discussions about race and culture and its impact on teaching and learning and community engagement. This year we begin with a “deep dive” into the book *Schooltalk* by Mica Pollock. (*An essential guide to transforming the ... communications that feed inequality in our schools.*) Our exploration into how we communicate with scholars and our ensuing actions for improvement are having a significant and steady impact on school climate and culture. We look forward to sharing more details with you as we progress. I have attached a brief article about *Schooltalk*. Enjoy!

Thank you for your continued support. We understand that you have choices and we appreciate you choosing CSUS!

Peace,

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