



Superintendent's Newsletter

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Superintendent

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DECA

Last week 28 GHS DECA students participated in the DECA state-wide competition. DECA is a high school association focused on the development of business skills. Several students were recognized for their achievements:

- Kaushal Kasina and Sri Gomattam finished third in their first marketing role play.
 - Amruth Seetharaman and Esha Batchu finished in the Top 10 in the Financial Literacy Project category.
 - Tyler Concaugh finished in the Top 10 in the Career Development Project category.
 - Our Quiz Bowl Team, composed of Christian Le, Jake McCue, Arnav Kapoor and Vedant Naik, was the first GHS Quiz Bowl team to advance to the third round after knocking out two Goliaths, Taunton and Westford Academy.
 - Aayush Patel finished fifth overall in the Business Solutions Project category.
- Congratulations to all for their hard work and dedication!



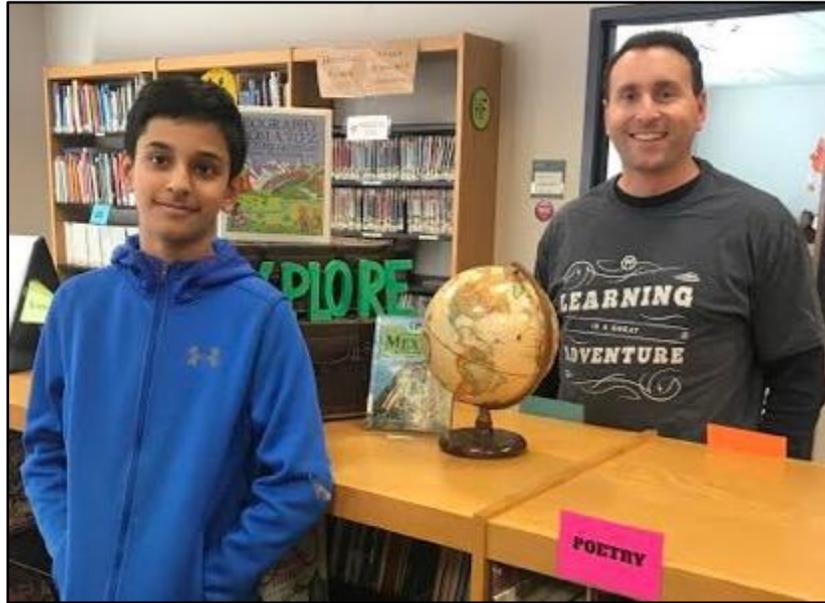
Student Opportunity Act – Draft Plan

The recent passage of the [Student Opportunity Act \(SOA\)](#) is infusing approximately \$1.5 billion dollars into public education in Massachusetts over the next seven years. Grafton does not qualify for any SOA monies in 2020-2021, but is mandated to complete a three-year plan in connection with the Student Opportunity Act. Our draft plan can be accessed [here](#). Please provide any feedback you may have to Tracey Calo at

calot@grafton.k12.ma.us. We will be finalizing the plan over the next week for School Committee approval on March 24. The finalized plan must be submitted to the state by April 1.

Geography Bee

The National Geographic Society named Amogh Venkat Swayampakula, a student at Millbury Street School, as one of the semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2020 National Geographic GeoBee State Competition. The contest will be held at Elms College on Friday, March 27, 2020.



This is the second level of the National Geographic GeoBee competition, which is now in its 32nd year. To determine each school champion, GeoBee competitions were held in schools throughout the state with students in the fourth through eighth grades. This year, an estimated 2.4 million students competed in the GeoBee, with 8,661 students becoming school champions. School champions also took an online qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. Up to 100 of the top-scoring students in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories were invited to compete in the State GeoBees.

Superintendent Feedback Survey

Below is a link to a survey about my performance as superintendent. It is designed to help me identify what I am doing that is working well, what isn't, and what you believe I could do to be more effective as your superintendent. I appreciate you taking the time to provide me with feedback.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5TVjLXvmIgdzwr4OLL86cXW7dMSdG7S6QDyQNe6DDfhHXTg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Bowling Club

Congratulations to the Grafton High School Bowling Team! The team qualified to compete at the Massachusetts State High School Club Bowling Championship.



Bowling Team members are Eric Dussault; Evan Dussault; Matthew Lambert; Thomas O'Neil; Dante O'Neill; Nicolo Pampalone; AJ Reinhardt; Josh Roberts; Sarah Remillard; Jon Urella and Zane Waters. The GHS Bowling Team advisor is Cecelia Thurber, school nurse, and the coach is Jon Scheinbart.

Sincerely,
-Jay