

Superintendent Remarks

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Commissioner of Ed Visit, First Day of School

On Monday, August 31st, the Argenziano School in Somerville had the privilege of hosting both the MA Secretary of Education, Dr. Stephen Zrike, and the MA Commissioner of Education, Pedro Martinez.

Here's a snippet of the video clip captured by DESE.





Strategic Plan Data Dashboard

A Guide on Navigating the Dashboard
Monday, September 14, 2026

SPS Strategic Plan, Our North Star



Our strategic plan serves as both our North Star and our accountability measure in ensuring that we are serving every student equitably.

This year, one of our focus areas is increasing transparency and accountability. One of our tools will be updating our publicly available strategic plan dashboard.

The background image is a photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a complex facade of windows and balconies. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue overlay. In the foreground, there is a sidewalk with some people and bicycles, and a small tree on the left. The title 'Navigating the Dashboard' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered on the right side of the image.

Navigating the Dashboard

How to find the dashboard?

On the SPS website: somerville.k12.ma.us

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Somerville Public Schools website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a language selector, a Google Translate logo, and links for Calendar, Blog, and Search. Below this is a horizontal menu with links for SCHOOLS, PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS, DISTRICT LEADERSHIP, and ADULT LEARNING. A dropdown menu is open under DISTRICT LEADERSHIP, showing two options: SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE and CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION. The CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION option is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar is a large banner for the BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR, featuring a colorful logo with a backpack and books, and text announcing the event on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. At the bottom of the banner, there is a black section with white text describing the fair and a red button labeled LEARN MORE.

SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS PROGRAMS AND DEPARTMENTS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ADULT LEARNING

SOMERVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR

START THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH SOME FUN!

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
4:00 – 6:00 pm

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR: AUGUST 25

Start the new school year with some fun! Somerville Public Schools families - Prekindergarten to Grade 12 - invited! Kid-friendly activities, giveaways, frozen treats followed by a high school orientation event.

LEARN MORE

Under the “District Leadership” dropdown, click on “Central Administration.”

How to find the dashboard?

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When you scroll down the page, you'll find the dashboard linked in the text under "A Message to Our Community"

A MESSAGE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Students, Families and Staff,

It is an honor to serve as Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools—a culturally rich and diverse community, where students, families, and staff work together to cultivate inspired learners who are equipped to make a positive impact on the world.

In my first year as Superintendent, I embarked on an exciting journey to develop the district's first [Strategic Plan](#) in over a decade. This plan was shaped through the collaborative efforts of our students, staff, and families, and builds on our district's longstanding commitment to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to achieve academic excellence and experience the joy of learning in a safe, welcoming environment.

The plan focuses on progress in four key areas:

1. **Academic Excellence**
2. **Equity & Access**
3. **Wellness & Joy**
4. **Family & Community Engagement**

I encourage everyone in our community to read through the [Strategic Plan](#) and explore the first of its-kind [data dashboard](#). The dashboard will continually update and serve to celebrate our milestones while monitoring our progress as we strive toward the goals set out in the Strategic Plan.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the development of this plan!

Sincerely,

Dr. Rubén Carmona, Superintendent of Schools



Home Page

Once you open the dashboard, you'll see the homepage.

On the home page, there are **text boxes** that you can click on that allow you to navigate to data relevant to the strategic plan.



District Strategic Plan Outcomes Dashboard

Vision

We envision a student-centered learning community where every student – honoring their unique strengths and background – is empowered to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally through tailored supports and equitable access to opportunity.

Mission

Our primary mission is to cultivate inspired learners who are equipped to make a positive impact on the world. We achieve this by fostering rigorous and joyful learning environments where students, families, staff and community partners collaborate with a shared commitment to academic excellence and well-being.

The SPS Strategic Plan is divided into four key areas:

- (1) [Academic Excellence](#)
- (2) [Equity and Access](#)
- (3) [Wellness and Joy](#)
- (4) [Family and Community Engagement](#)

Click on the links to the right to explore the data that will inform our progress towards our goals in each of the priority areas.

Literacy

Mathematics

ACCESS for Multilingual Learners

Chronic Absenteeism

Graduation Rates

Glossary of Terms

Conditions for Learning – Students

Conditions for Learning – Families

Conditions for Learning – Staff

Out-of-School Time

Workforce Diversity

Navigation Tip To the left of each page's title is a "Return to Home Page" button which will bring you back to this page.

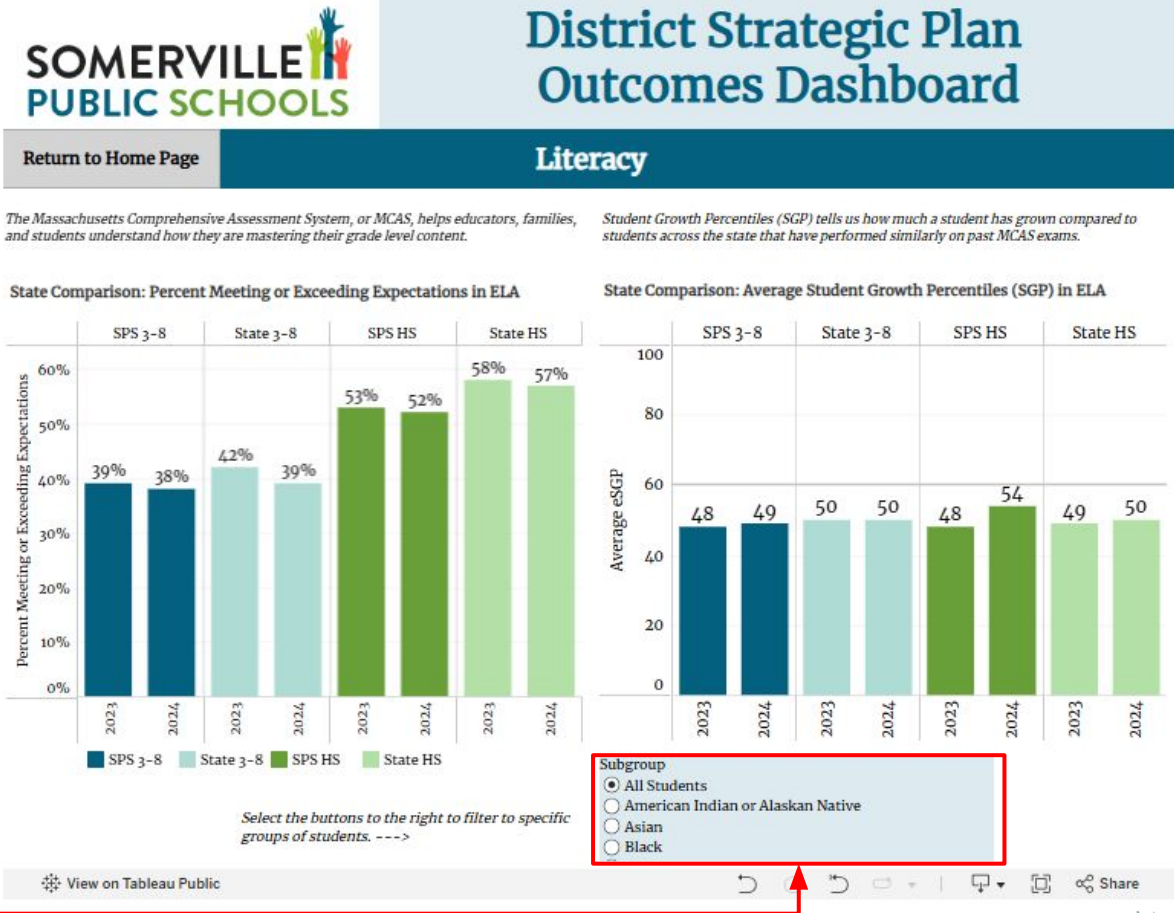
Click this [link](#) to view the full strategic plan on the Somerville Public Schools website.

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Literacy Example

If you click on the “Literacy” text box on the Home Page, it takes you to this view where you can see ELA MCAS achievement and growth data.

Note that most pages have a “Subgroup” filter allowing you to select and dig into data results for specific populations of students.



Upcoming Changes to the Dashboard

This year, we will be:

Updating all of the data currently in the dashboard

Adding DIBELS (early literacy) data to the dashboard

Updating the dashboard three times per year after each assessment period

Incorporating relevant information and resources with the data

