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MCAS is a key exam for districts to see how they are doing in comparison to other districts across the state. Therefore, schools will still need to take this exam so they can ensure that their teaching is comparable to other districts in the state.

However, now that MCAS is not required for schools, Hoffman plans to work to ensure that AHS students truly feel prepared for their futures.

"We are going to have accountability systems in place with the results of the testing to show us where we are doing really well and where we could use some improvement in our instructions," Hoffman said.

According to Hoffman Agawam High School has a set graduation requirements based on credits.

However, these requirements are not consistent across districts across the state, so Hoffman plans for Agawam to look at their high school requirements to ensure that students will truly have what they need when they graduate based on those requirements.

"We will make sure that with those requirements we are getting students college and career ready," Hoffman said.

Hoffman believes that some of the work this may come with is ensuring there is standardization across AHS and the state.

"Every kid's diploma should have the same set of expectations in order to receive it," Hoffman said.

MCAS was helpful in ensuring that every student needed to have the same basic skills in order to graduate. Now, the state will have to do some additional work to ensure that remains to be the case.

"We don't really have that course to course and class to class at the district level and the state level," Hoffman said.

Hoffman feels that Agawam has already made some progress in this field due to the work they have done over the past several years. They have already added common assessments, pacing guides and practicals.

"We have a lot of it in place so if you're in algebra one then you should be around the same topics in every algebra one class," Hoffman said. "So we have things in place but I think we need to set that up more to make sure that there is consistency across all courses."

Before beginning additional work, however, Hoffman plans to first wait and see if schools receive any guidance from the state on what their next steps should be.

"There is still a lot unknown and we are going to continue the work that we know is important regardless of any guidelines," Hoffman said.

For now the plan is to continue work in ensuring that there is consistency across classes and that the requirements work for all students and are updated to reflect the current students in AHS.

Hoffman also promises that any updates to curriculum and plans will be shared with students and families so they know what each student's diploma will look like.

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Therrian, Dawood Anatane and Serenity McMahon, have attended workshops and they have worked on community service initiatives.

They have also learned about diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives across the state in order to collaborate and try to bring ideas back to Agawam.

"It's great that our students at Agawam get to collaborate with these bigger schools all the way across the bay state," Gomez said.

On top of this student leadership work, this year there have also been leadership lessons for captains. Gomez hopes this allows students to learn about leadership.

She also hopes to have these high school students go to Doering and the JR High and lead leadership lessons there.

"It will not only help grow their leadership but also help to grow the fanbase," Gomez said.

Moving forward Gomez hopes to continue work in increasing the turnout at games, specifically the student turnout.

She has found that in recent years the student turnout at games has been low and she wants to see that improve moving forward.

"I'm working with a group of students to try to figure out how we can develop that pride...how we can help the students enjoy these games, be more involved and cheer on their fellow athletes," Gomez said.

Through working with this group she hopes to come up with a variety of strategies to encourage more people to come out for games, such as creating sister teams or bringing pep bands to more games.

Public Notices

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PUBLIC HEARING
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CITY COUNCIL**

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954 Main Street, Agawam, MA to consider TR-2024-62 which is the adoption of a Residential Tax Factor pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 as submitted to the City Council by the Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on November 6, 2024.

TR-2024-62 is available for public inspection by emailing the office of the City Clerk for an electronic copy at vgioscia@agawam.ma.us

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Rosemary Sandlin
President of the City Council
11/21, 11/28/2024

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Thursday, November 21 at 2 PM for November 28 Issue

- Barre Gazette • Country Journal
- The Journal Register • Quaboag Current • Ware River News

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