

# *District officials encourage parents to consider school choice*

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SPENCER – As local families begin to make their education plans for next year, Spencer-East Brookfield Regional School District leaders invite parents to consider school choice.

For the 2021-22 academic year, the SEBRSD school choice program has openings for students at all three levels: elementary school, middle school, and high school. Before parents make their choices for the upcoming year, district officials wanted to introduce them to several new offerings in the SEBRSD.

“As a gateway community, we are excited to open our doors to those from surrounding communities that are seeking a new opportunity, and welcome new students to our district through the school choice program,” read a statement released by SEBRSD Superintendent Paul Haughey.

Most local students attend school in their home districts, but the school choice program allows parents to enroll their kids in public schools outside of their districts.

Operating schools in both Spencer and East Brookfield, the SEBRSD is currently accepting applications for students in preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1-12. The close-knit school community is always eager to welcome students from surrounding towns who can augment the learning environment.

“At SEBRSD, the positive relationships between parents, students, and teachers are the foundation of our learning environment, and we encourage ongoing communi-

cation to ensure your child’s success,” read Superintendent Haughey’s statement. “We constantly strive and are committed to creating an environment in which every student is supported to achieve the highest levels of success. Our educators are focused on the consistent individual growth of the students so that they are college, career, and life ready.”

At all grade levels, the SEBRSD offers a curriculum designed to meet the following objectives: focus on comprehensive literacy, content literacy, and information literacy; teach basic communication, cognitive, and computational skills; promote mathematical and scientific awareness; cultivate an awareness of history, geography, government, and the humanities; foster creativity; instill an appreciation for the arts; develop occupational competency; and encourage an understanding of multicultural values.

“We provide an extensive network of caring and supportive staff, as well as the resources needed to deliver outstanding educational instruction and opportunities for all of our students,” Haughey said. “We nurture, encourage, and challenge each student to reach their full potential by offering the resources and support needed in a diverse and ever-changing environment.”

At David Prouty High School, career readiness isn’t merely a vision but a mission. Whether students have college, military, or career ambitions out of high school, the DPHS

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staff is committed to preparing them for immediate success.

DPHS currently offers the following course levels: non-weighted, applied learning, standard college prep, honors, and advanced placement. Additionally, Prouty's seniors can take advantage of the school's Dual Enrollment Program and the 12th Year Program, which collaborate with Quinsigamond Community College (QCC) to offer an opportunity to complete high school graduation requirements through concurrent enrollment in college-level courses at QCC. Moreover, the DPHS Work-Study Internship allows students to receive course credits for gainful employment that offers work experience related to their career choices.

The district also offers a Life Skills program for students with intellectual disabilities. The program provides opportunities for students to develop academic, daily living, occupational, and interpersonal skills.

Athletically, Prouty offers the following sports: football, basketball,

baseball, softball, soccer, field hockey, golf, tennis, cross country, track and field, indoor track, and cheer. Extracurricular activities include the Marching Panther Band, Drama Club, and several other clubs and groups that engage students outside of the classroom.

"We also create personalized programs to support students with learning difficulties, and for students who are new to the English language," Haughey added.

New this year, DPHS unveiled several vocational opportunities for interested students. In addition to the district's standard curricular offerings, such electives as Environmental Science; Marketing; Early Education and Care; and Law and Public Safety were introduced as vocational options. These programs are designed to prepare students to enter the workforce directly out of high school.

For more information about school choice opportunities, contact the District Registrar, Susana Sadusky, at 508-885-8515 (extension 1). You can also send an email to [saduskys@sebrsd.org](mailto:saduskys@sebrsd.org).

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