



Friends of KIPP Massachusetts,

Can you believe it's already October? Our teachers across the region have been working tirelessly to ensure students at all grade levels and across all content areas are experiencing **joyfully rigorous learning** day in and day out. As I shared in my last update, part of that commitment has involved adopting three new curricula in grades K-8 this year:

- **Illustrative Mathematics:** A problem-based math curriculum for grades K-8 that allows students to actively learn and explore mathematical concepts through problem solving. Students spend the majority of the instructional time completing carefully crafted problems.



- **Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA):** An early literacy curriculum used in word study in grades K-2. The word study block is where our students learn the

code of the English language, which supports every student in becoming an independent and confident reader and writer.



- **Fishtank:** A text-first ELA curriculum for grades K-8 focused on knowledge building and ensuring that students have regular practice with complex texts and academic language. With an emphasis on reading and discussion, it allows students to take full ownership of their own learning.



I'm also proud to share an update and celebration for the Class of 2024: 83% of students initially shared plans to enroll in a 4-year postsecondary program, and **78% are currently enrolled**. We continue to recognize our Match and Persistence work as a key part of the KIPP MA difference.

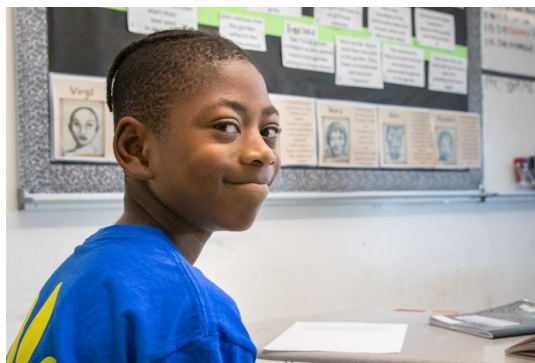


I look forward to sharing our annual video with you in November, which I believe will

give you even further insight into the KIPP MA K-12 experience.

Thank you for your continued support of KIPP Massachusetts.

In partnership,
Rhonda "Nikki" Barnes



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