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Somerville Community Members Invited to Participate in Somerville High School Accreditation Process

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Somerville, MA -- Somerville High School principals Alicia Kersten and Sebastian LaGambina invite parents and guardians of students, and other interested community residents to assist in a Self-Reflection which is currently being conducted by the school's professional staff as part of the Accreditation process for SHS.

The Self-Reflection is a significant component in the Accreditation process of the Commission on Public Schools by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). Principals Kersten and LaGambina noted that all aspects of the school will be assessed during the Self-Reflection. Volunteers are needed to serve on the Self-Reflection committee, which will assess the school's alignment to the Standards for Accreditation.

The NEASC is a voluntary membership organization of more than 2,000 public schools, colleges and universities, independent schools, and vocational/technical and career institutions. Approximately 725 public schools throughout New England are currently accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Schools. The Commission works with individual schools to improve the quality of their programs at all levels through a process of Self-Reflection, peer review, and ongoing monitoring.

Anyone interested in volunteering time or in learning more about the Self-Reflection should contact Lisa Brewster-Cook at <u>LBrewster@k12.somerville.ma.us</u> by November 30, 2022 to find out ways to get involved.

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